



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Nicole Wheelwright, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: November 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Consideration of Re-Authorizing the Use of Teleconferencing to Conduct Public Meetings

Description To continue the use of teleconferencing for a 30-day period through December 15, 2022.

Background and Analysis:

On October 18, 2022, City Council adopted a resolution re-ratifying that certain conditions exist that necessitate the need to implement the Ralph M. Brown Act provisions provided by Government Code Section 54953.

As of September 13, 2022, Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill 2449 to provide adopted provisions of teleconferencing usage for legislative bodies. Government Code Section 54953 and 54954.2 have been amended to provide provisions to facilitate teleconferenced meetings during a declared state of emergency. These provisions can only be used in an active gubernatorial state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. On October 17, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end February 28, 2023.

In the meantime, if the above conditions and measures still exists, teleconferencing can be used if the legislative body, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:

- A. The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
- B. Any of the following circumstances exist:
 - i. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
 - ii. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Fiscal Impact:

City staff estimates the cost to prepare this staff report to be \$110.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Executive Order N-09-21, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Beaumont for the Period of November 15, 2022, through December 15, 2022, Pursuant to Provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act."

Attachments:

- A. Resolution