

**CALL AND NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING
AT 6:00 PM
OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2020**

Council Chambers
555 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VALLEJO CITY COUNCIL:

You are hereby notified that I do hereby call the Vallejo City Council in special session to consider only the matters stated on the agenda listed below.

NOTICE: Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the City Council concerning any item listed on the agenda *before or during consideration of that item. No other items may be discussed at this special meeting.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ACTION CALENDAR**

- A. REQUEST BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS.**

Recommendation: Receive the staff report and adopt A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vallejo, California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency

Contact: Randy J. Risner, City Attorney (707) 648-4548

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- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

Dated: Friday, March 13, 2020



Bob Sampayan, Mayor

I, Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Vallejo City Council, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020.



Dated: Friday, March 13, 2020

Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk



DATE: March 16, 2020
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Randy J. Risner
SUBJECT: **REQUEST BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS.**

RECOMMENDATION

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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The emergency proclamation is needed to allow the city to access funding, equipment and supplies from CalOES and FEMA to assist the City in the battle against the Coronavirus. In addition, the emergency proclamation will allow the Director of Emergency Services to exercise the emergency powers set forth in Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.50.070.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Since January 2020 and perhaps earlier, the novel coronavirus began infecting Americans. On February 26, 2020, the first case of community spread of the coronavirus in the United States was reported in Solano County. Since then, the infection rate in the United States has increased to 1,074 reported cases with 41 deaths as of the writing of this staff report. Many more cases likely exist that have not been reported.

As of the date of this staff report, California has reported 198 confirmed cases of the virus and four deaths. In an effort to control the spread of the virus, the County of Solano issued an emergency proclamation on February 27, 2020, one day after the first community spread Coronavirus case was confirmed in the County. Since then, Governor Newsome declared a state emergency on March 5, 2020 and President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020.

In order for the City of Vallejo to take advantage of funding, equipment and supplies likely needed to confront the spread of the virus, the City must declare a local emergency. Such a declaration will allow the City to request funding, equipment and supplies from both CalOES and FEMA. Further, the declaration will allow the Director of Emergency Services to exercise the emergency powers set forth in Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.50.070. Such powers will allow the City to continue providing vital services during the duration of the emergency and to limit the impact of the Coronavirus on the community and on the City's employees who are on the frontlines of combating the coronavirus and serving the public need.

FISCAL IMPACT

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Depending upon the severity of the spread of the Coronavirus, there may or may not be a fiscal impact on the City. If the virus continues to spread and there is a widespread impact upon the national, state and local economy, sales taxes could be greatly reduced. Such a reduction would reduce revenues to the City. Further, depending upon the severity of the emergency, the City may have to expend funds in its General Fund, and potentially its reserves, to combat the virus and to continue operations during the emergency.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

ATTACHMENTS

1.	Coronavirus Emergency Resolution
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CONTACT

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, commonly known as the novel Coronavirus, has spread throughout the United States and sometimes causes severe illness and death among the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency as a result of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has declared a state emergency as a result of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the County of Solano has declared a county-wide emergency as a result of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, in order to access needed funding, equipment and supplies from CalOES and from FEMA, a local agency must declare a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.50.060 of the City of Vallejo Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to request that the City Council proclaim a local emergency when the City of Vallejo is affected or is likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has been requested by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Vallejo to proclaim the existence of a local emergency as a result of the Coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of potentially extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Vallejo because of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the extreme peril commenced on or about March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Vallejo that it hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Vallejo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the

Emergency Organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this City and by the City of Vallejo Emergency Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Vallejo.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Vallejo at a special meeting held on the 16th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Mayor Bob Sampayan

ATTEST:

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Randy J. Risner, Interim City Attorney