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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: G. Chris Brown, City Attorney
DATE: 2/15/2022
RE: Resolution Ending Local Emergency Due to COVID-19

Summary: A resolution ending the Local Emergency Declaration issued by the City Manager on January 11, 2022.

Background: On January 11, 2022, the City Manager issued a Declaration of Local Emergency due to the sudden and dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases as a result of the highly transmissible Omicron variant. This Declaration of Local Emergency was ratified by City Council on January 11, 2022. The City's Deputy Emergency Coordinator has advised that the spike in COVID-19 cases experienced in the City and surrounding areas in January of this year, while far from completely over, has dramatically subsided. Based on data and models from the Virginia Department of Health, the Deputy Emergency Coordinator advises that as of March 1, 2022, the spike in cases should have subsided to the extent that it no longer constitutes a threat to the residents of Harrisonburg necessary to continue the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Key Issues: Ending the Declaration of Local Emergency.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: None

Prior Actions: Resolution Confirming the City Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency issued on January 11, 2022, and ratified by Council resolution on that same date.

Alternatives: (a) Adopt the Resolution;

- (b) or adopt a modified resolution;
- (c) or do not adopt a resolution at this time

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution

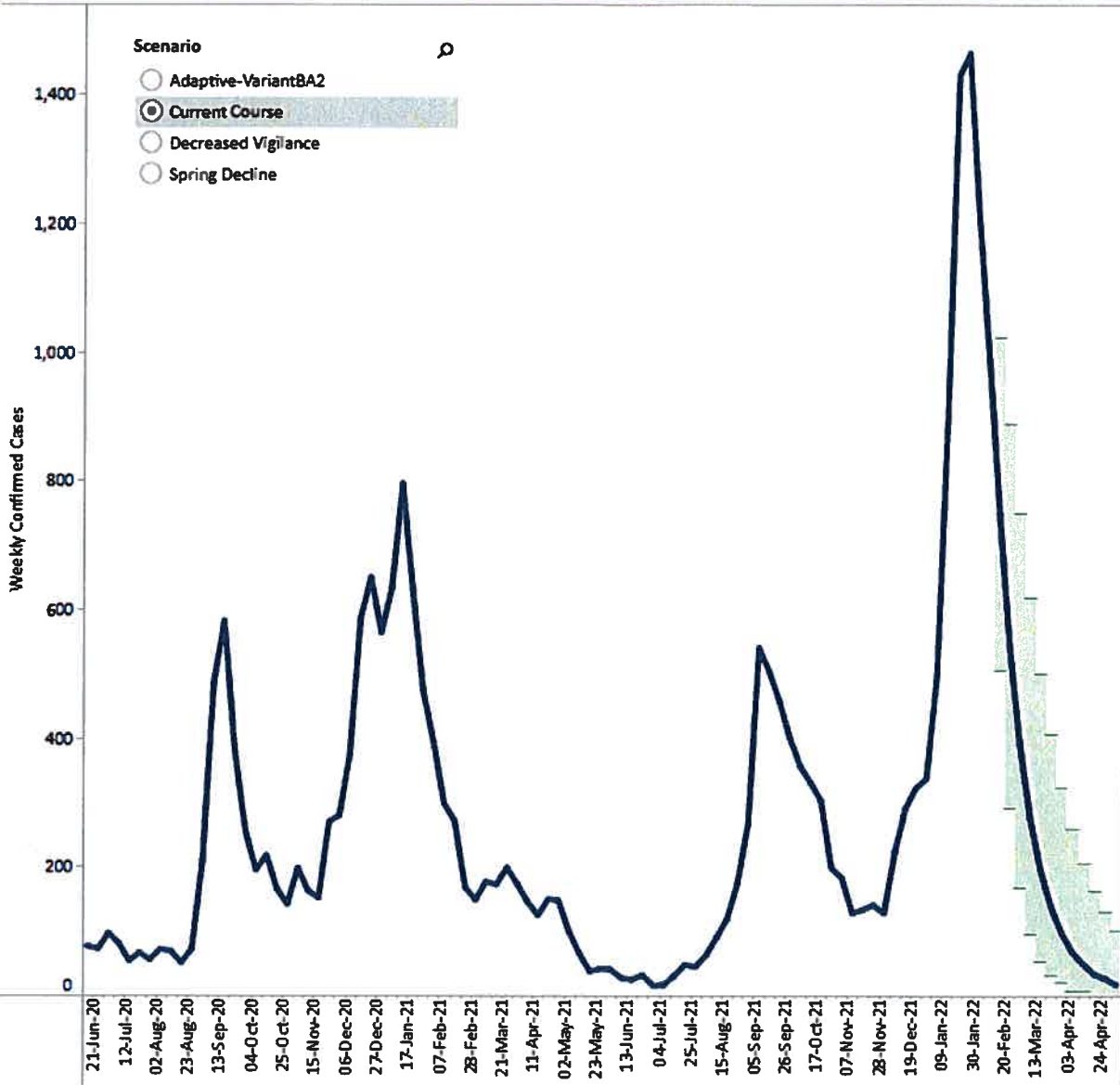
Attachments: Resolution, VDH chart and transmission levels

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

VDH Model

Metro Area: Harrisonburg, VA
Scenario: Current Course



Community Transmission Level Trends

Week Ending Date	Cases	Percent Positivity
1/8/2022	1383	42.3
1/15/2022	1536	36.1
1/22/2022	1453	27.7
1/29/2022	1241	24.8
2/5/2022	936	21.8
2/12/2022	530	14.4
2/19/2022	245	10.5
2/26/2022	82	7.4
3/5/2022	17	5.0
3/12/2022	1	3.2

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3/5/2022	-125	-1.3
3/12/2022	-378	-6.6