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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager
FROM: Wesley Russ
DATE: February 16, 2021
RE: Ordinance confirming, readopting, and continuing the Emergency Ordinance adopted on April 6, 2020

Summary: Consider confirming, readopting, and continuing the Emergency Ordinance adopted on April 6, 2020 and the associated temporary changes in deadlines and modifications to public meeting and public hearing practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with COVID-19.

Background: On April 6, 2020, City Council adopted an emergency ordinance that addressed changes to deadlines, modifications to public meetings and public hearings, and other city practices. City Council confirmed, readopted, and continued the emergency ordinance on September 8, 2020. State Code requires that such emergency ordinances expire if not renewed from time to time by the governing body.

Key Issues: If not confirmed, readopted, and continued, the Emergency Ordinance will expire March 8, 2021.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions:

Alternatives: (a) Confirm, readopt, and continue the Emergency Ordinance adopted on April 6, 2020;
(b); or Decline to confirm, readopt, and continue the Emergency Ordinance.
(c)

Community Engagement: None

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the ordinance as presented.

Attachments: Draft Ordinance

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.

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