

MARCH 17, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20:005

“A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DUE TO THE SPREAD OF A SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CAUSED BY A NOVEL (NEW) CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)

- A. MOTION TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20:005 TO THE MARCH 17, 2020 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AS THE FIRST MATTER OF BUSINESS.

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- B. MOTION IN ORDER:  
READ BY TITLE ONLY AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 20:005.

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**To:** Honorable City Council  
**From:** John Moreno, City Manager  
**By:** John Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
**Date:** March 17, 2020

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**Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 20:005  
RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR  
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DUE TO THE SPREAD OF A SEVERE  
ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CAUSED BY CORONAVIRUS A NOVEL  
(NEW) CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)**

### **Current Situation and Effects**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 and Paramount Municipal Code Chapter 13, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, Proclaimed an Emergency due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City because of the global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”). In response to novel coronavirus activity the County has declared a local health emergency.

This item requests the Mayor and City Council to review and ratify a Resolution declaring the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued on March 13, 2020, which empowered the Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such local emergency.

### **Background**

On March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Department declared a local health emergency due to the spread of COVID-19. To date, there have been 144 confirmed cases, including 1 death as a result of this virus.

### **Rationale for Recommendation**

The Resolution would enable the Director of Emergency Services to efficiently allocate resources due to the ongoing and imminent threat to public safety.

Staff will continue to update the City Council and the Public.

**Fiscal Impact**

The estimated costs in responding to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently unknown but are being assessed by staff. For the City of Paramount, at present, the primary costs are for supplies and personnel costs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the City Council read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 20:005.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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WHEREAS, Chapter 13 of the Paramount Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager to proclaim a local emergency if the City Council is not in session and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronav1rus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Los Angeles County declared an emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, thus enabling Los Angeles County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County announced that the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County is approximately 144 with 1 death; and the CDC and Governor of the State of California issued recommendations to cancel or postpone gatherings of more than 20 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the City; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 therefore has and will continue to cause conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Paramount; and

WHEREAS, preparing for, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19 requires the City to divert resources from normal day-to-day operations, and has and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements on and expenses to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the above described conditions related to the COVID-19 outbreak did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City of Paramount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitations are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.**

1. A Local Emergency now exists throughout City;
2. During the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances and resolutions of City, as approved by the City Council;
3. During the existence of said Local Emergency, City shall follow and impose all directives, mandates, Executive Orders and any other emergency related restrictions issued by the State of California and/or the County of Los Angeles, including any and all social distancing recommendation;
4. The City Manager is authorized to direct the immediate closure of City facilities (including City Hall) during normal business hours should he deem it necessary;
5. The City Manager's purchasing authority is hereby increased to meet the needs of addressing this emergency;
6. The normal City goods and service procurement requests and purchase practices, including bidding requirements, are stayed during this period of emergency;
7. Purchases of items that are not budgeted are authorized to be purchased in order to respond during this period of emergency;
8. Authorizes all City officers and employees to take steps requested by the City Manager to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency;
9. Other actions deemed necessary by the City Manager to reasonably respond to the emergency and to effectively serve the community within the City;
10. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Paramount.

11. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every thirty (30) days until this Resolution is terminated.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paramount this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

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Tom Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Heidi Luce, City Clerk