



Agenda Report

City Council

Date: March 24, 2020

To: Brian Saeki, City Manager

From: Shannon DeLong, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Ratification of Declaration of Local Emergency due to COVID19

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify the emergency declaration and continue the resolution for another 21 days by adopting Resolution No. 2020-15 confirming existence of a local emergency.

BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2020, the City Manager declared a local state of emergency due to the state and nationwide impacts of the novel coronavirus COVID19. The City's Emergency Powers were enacted through Ordinance No. 2309 and contained in Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 2.44. The code requires the City Council's ratification of a declaration of emergency within 7 days of the City Manager's declaration.

DISCUSSION

The attached resolution ratifies the City Manager's declaration of emergency and extends that declaration for the maximum 21 days per extension. It also increases the City Manager's signature authority from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the general operation of City contracts and services not covered under Section 2450.5(a)(6) of Ordinance No. 2309.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the extension of the emergency proclamation, which may allow the City to submit for reimbursement expenses for costs related to the response to the emergency.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. City Manager Declaration
- B. Resolution No. 2020-15