



# Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and the Honorable Members of the City Council

Approved by: Steve McClary, Interim City Manager

Date prepared: October 5, 2021 Meeting date: November 8, 2021

Subject: Consideration of the Resumption of In-Person Meetings

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Receive an update on the current State and County public health regulations; and 2) Consider options for the resumption of in-person public meetings, and give direction to staff as needed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact for this recommended action. Depending on what direction Council provides on the resumption of in-person meetings, additional funding may be necessary to fund staff overtime costs needed to facilitate public meetings in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 that was not previously included in the Adopted Budget.

**WORK PLAN:** This item was included as item 1a in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**DISCUSSION:** As of October 1, 2021, AB 361 allows for virtual meetings to continue to be held “without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency.” The provisions of AB 361 remain in effect until January 1, 2024.

The Los Angeles County revised Health Officer Order issued September 28, 2021, required masking by all in indoor public settings and businesses, regardless of vaccination status. Specifically, Section 4.B.vii of the Order states masks must be worn “in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and public and private businesses,” citing examples including meetings and state and local government offices serving the public.

Staff recommends that the City continue to hold all meetings virtually until the order requiring masks for indoor meetings is lifted by the County. Once that occurs, it is recommended the Council then consider returning to in-person meetings following any further requirements of the County and State Health Officer Orders.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.