Date: May 26, 2020

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Chenin Dow, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: Adopt Resolution No. 20-17, Re-Adopting Certain Regulatory and Procedural Measures Related to the COVID-19 Local Emergency

Recommendations:
Adopt Resolution No. 20-17 Re-Adopting Certain Regulatory and Procedural Measures Related to the COVID-19 Local Emergency.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Background:
On March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a number of measures related to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Among these was Resolution No. 20-10, which established protocols addressing a variety of items including the extension of deadlines for non-critical City functions. These include:

- Deadlines for non-critical City functions extended by 30 calendar days for the duration of the emergency
- All City classes, courses, and sports at City facilities and other City events serving more than 10 people cancelled for the duration of the emergency
- A 90-day stay on the payment of application fees for all new or renewed business licenses
- A 90-day stay on the issuance of code enforcement administrative citations and parking citations, and all collection activities associated with such citations (with the exception of citations related to public health and safety issues)
- Limitation of meetings to 10 or fewer people
- Authorization of the reprioritization of FY 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant funding to respond to COVID-19
- Directed grocery stores to set aside two (2) hours each day during which access to the store is limited to persons 60 years of age and older
- Directed local to waive any per-household limits on food items, cleaning goods and sanitary supplies for service providers who serve community members in need
- Established COVID-19 screening protocols for group homes, senior residential and day care facilities, and other group living facilities
The proposed resolution reaffirms each of these measures, extending those without a specified duration throughout the duration of the local state of emergency. The resolution also extends the stay on collections for business licenses, issuance of code enforcement administrative citations and parking citations, and all collection activities associated with such citations for an additional 60 days through August 17, 2020.

In addition, the proposed resolution introduces a new measure: the Stand Strong & Stay Active Program. Through this program, businesses or individuals who wish to conduct fitness or exercise classes at a City of Lancaster park may do so through park rentals, provided they utilize all mandated social distancing measures. All park facility rental fees would be waived under the program. Stand Strong & Stay Active would remain in place until fitness businesses are permitted to open their facilities by the State of California and the County of Los Angeles. This program aims to help residents stay fit and healthy throughout the duration of the pandemic, while also providing much-needed support to local businesses.

Each of these measures will aid the Lancaster community as we continue to strive to “Be Well, Stay Informed, Stand Strong.”