

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5955

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS THAT PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 THAT THE PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE ABILITY TO MEET SAFELY IN PERSON AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE CITY OF PERRIS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 29, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 28, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Perris is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of its legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the City of Perris's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, such conditions now exist in the City of Perris, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor of the State of California on March 4, 2020 in response to the global outbreak of the novel Coronavirus disease ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 the City Council of the City of Perris ratified the proclamation of a Local Emergency proclaimed on March 24, 2020 by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, meeting in person would present a risk of imminent danger to the health and safety of attendees due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Resolution Number 5863 on October 12, 2021, finding that the requisite conditions exist for the legislative bodies of the City to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Resolution Number 5871 on November 9, 2021, Resolution Number 5886 on November 30, 2021, Resolution Number 5891 on December 14, 2021, Resolution Number 5896 on January 11, 2022, Resolution Number 5929 on February 8, 2022 and Resolution Number 5939 on March 8, 2022 finding that the requisite conditions continued to exist for the legislative bodies of the City to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the remote teleconference meeting procedures provided in Government Code section 54953(e), the City Council must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency, and as of the date of this Resolution, the City Council has done so; and

WHEREAS, a state of emergency persists, as initially identified and described by the Governor in the proclamation of the existence of a state of emergency for the State of California issued as a result of the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the contagious nature of COVID-19 has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the City of Perris that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Perris, and thereby reaffirms, reauthorizes, and continues the existence of a local emergency and re-ratifies the proclamation of a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the local emergency, the City Council of the City of Perris does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the City of Perris shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

WHEREAS, the City of Perris offers the option of teleconferencing to ensure access for the public to attend meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. On March 31, 2020 the City Council of the City of Perris ratified the proclamation of a Local Emergency proclaimed on March 24, 2020 by the Director of Emergency Services.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The City Council hereby re-ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.

Section 4. Circumstances of Proclaimed State of Emergency. The City Council has hereby reconsidered the circumstances of the Proclaimed State of Emergency and finds that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Section 5. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The staff, City Manager, and legislative bodies of the City of Perris are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 6. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect on March 29, 2022 and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) April 28, 2022, which is 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time as the City Council adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the City of Perris may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and ***APPROVED*** this 29th day of March, 2022.

Mayor, Michael M. Vargas

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Nancy Salazar, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 5955 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting of said Council on the 29th day of March 2022, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: NAVA, CORONA, RABB, ROGERS, VARGAS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

City Clerk, Nancy Salazar