

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Sara Lillevand, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Proclaiming the Continuing Need to Meet by Teleconference in Accordance with Government Code Section 54953

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached resolution proclaiming the continuing need to meet by teleconference in accordance with Government Code Section 54953.

BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2021, the City Council, in accordance with the provisions of Government Code 54953(e)(1)(B), the City Council passed a resolution proclaiming the continuing need to meet by teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This section requires that the Council make the same proclamation every thirty days to continue using the streamlined notice requirements for teleconference meetings (which includes hybrid meetings) which are allowed under this section.

This resolution also allows each of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees to rely upon the Council's findings to continue to use streamlined notice requirements without further action on their part.

The attached resolution was drafted by the City Clerk in conjunction with the City Attorney's office and satisfies the requirements of AB 361, as codified in California Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B). It allows for the continued use of the streamlined notice requirements for teleconference meetings (which includes hybrid meetings).

By: John O. Tulloch, City Clerk

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE CONTINUING NEED TO MEET BY TELECONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021, pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), the City Council passed Resolution 77-2021, which made the required findings to authorize the use of streamlined notice requirements for teleconference meetings for the City Council and all Commissions, Committees, or advisory bodies of the City of Piedmont; and

WHEREAS, the gubernatorial declaration of a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic remains in place, and COVID-19 continues to threaten the health and lives of Piedmont residents and there is scientific consensus that variants of COVID-19 are highly transmissible in indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 requires that every thirty (30) days, the City to reconsider the circumstances of the emergency and review whether it continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person, and the circumstances described in Resolution 77-2021 continue to persist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont does hereby resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are correct and are material to this Resolution and are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. The City Council desires to continue to meet by teleconference in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e).

SECTION 3. The City Council has reconsidered the findings made in Resolution 77-2021, and finds that: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

SECTION 4. The City Council reconfirms and incorporates the findings made in Resolution 77-2021 regarding the need for the Council and all Commissions, Committees, or advisory bodies of the City of Piedmont to meet by teleconference.

[END OF RESOLUTION]