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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

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RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Council adopt the Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2020-035 to revise the security procedures for City employees entering City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BACKGROUND

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In anticipation of the Governor lifting the State of Emergency at some point in the future, the City Manager wishes to modify the screening procedures for City Employees so that ALL City employees are exempted from the metal detector and bag screening process. Instead, City Employees will be required to present their badges for confirmation by lobby security. Security confirms that the badge photo matches the employee who has presented it.

If an employee does not possess his/her badge, the employee will be subjected to the metal detector and bag screening process.

In order to alleviate any overcrowding at points of entry, and as allowed in Resolution 2020-035, Employees who park in the City Hall south lot will be able to access City Hall through the South stainless-steel door and the pedestrian gate, once the Charter Officials security fence/gate is installed.

Those employees who park in the Promenade Lot or lots other than the South Lot, will be required to enter through the P Street entrance.

The proposed amendments to Resolution 2020-035 do not modify any of the weapons provisions of the Ordinance adopted on February 13, 2020. All weapons will continue to be prohibited at City Hall (with certain exceptions provided in FMC section 9-2601, i.e., law enforcement).

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

This is not a project for the purpose of CEQA.

LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local Preference does not apply.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as badge screening equipment is already installed.

Attachment: Resolution