

February 4, 2020

AGENDA ITEM 3.F

REQUEST

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the January 21, 2020 City Council meeting, Council Member Arriola asked that the Council Homelessness Ad Hoc Subcommittee discuss an urgency ordinance at its January 29, 2020 meeting given community comments regarding the health and safety needs of the homeless community during cold weather. Council Member Arriola with the support of Council Member Ransom wish to present a report to Council for their discussion and consideration.

DISCUSSION

Based on the discussions arising out of the subcommittee meeting, Ad Hoc Subcommittee members Council Member Arriola and Council Member Ransom requested to have an item placed on the February 4, 2020 agenda to discuss emergency measures that the City may take to address health and safety issues related to homelessness, including but not limited to adopting an urgency ordinance, establishing warming centers and authorizing safe parking sites. The Council Members evoked Section 4.3.1 of the Council Protocols, which allows two Council Members to place a time-sensitive item on the agenda outside of a Council meeting. While it was noted that the protocols policy does not clearly define what is meant by time-sensitive, the Council Members believe that this item should be considered urgent given impending health and safety needs affecting the homeless population in Tracy.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STRATEGIC PLAN

This agenda item is a routine operational item that does not relate to the Council's Strategic Plans.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide direction on the adoption of emergency measures regarding health and safety concerns related to homelessness.

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