



DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council President and Members of the Estero Municipal Improvement District (EMID) Board of Directors

VIA: Stefan Chatwin, City/District Manager

FROM: Stefan Chatwin, City/District Manager

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING THE JUNE 19, 2023 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING AFTER JUNE 19, 2023 AND BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council/EMID Board of Directors (City Council) provide direction on whether to cancel the June 19, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting, and schedule a Special Meeting after June 19, 2023 and before June 30, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Juneteenth, observed on June 19, was made a federal holiday in the United States in 2021 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. To acknowledge and honor this important date and event in U.S. history, the City Council may choose to cancel the June 19, 2023 City Council Regular meeting and call a Special meeting on another date after June 19, 2023 and before June 30, 2023. A Special Meeting held before June 30, 2023 is necessary to adopt the Foster City/Estero Municipal Improvement District FY 2023-24 Budget prior to the start of the fiscal year.

BACKGROUND

Juneteenth is a combination of the words June and nineteenth. It commemorates the day, more than two months after the end of the Civil War – and more than two years

after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation – when enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom. President Joe Biden signed the legislation that made Juneteenth a federal holiday in June 2021.

California Assembly Bill 1655 was approved on September 29, 2022, allowing state employees to take paid time off on June 19th or the nearest Friday or Monday if it falls on a weekend. Currently, Juneteenth is not an official holiday in Foster City, however the day is commemorated via ceremonial functions, and the City Council may choose to cancel the June 19, 2023 City Council Regular meeting in observation of Juneteenth.

In accordance with the budget adoption process, the City Council must adopt the Foster City/Estero Municipal Improvement District Budget before June 30, 2023, prior to the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2023. To adopt the budget, the City Council may choose to hold the June 19, 2023 Regular City Council meeting, or cancel the meeting in honor of Juneteenth, and hold a Special meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 or Monday, June 26, 2023 or on another preferred day prior to June 30, 2023.

California Environmental Quality Act

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CITY COUNCIL VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE/PRIORITY AREA

City Council Operations and Improved Community Engagement