

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution ratifying and confirming Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew of June 3, 2020 and Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order imposing Curfew of June 4, 2020.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bellevue City Mayor signed the Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew of June 3, 2020 imposing a curfew in a designated area in the City commencing at 7:00 pm on June 3, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 am June 4, 2020 and commencing again each evening thereafter at 5:00 pm on June 4, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 am the following morning, ending on June 6, 2020 at 5:00 am. At 2:00 p.m. on June 4, 2020 the Mayor signed Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew. Per Bellevue City Code (BCC) 9.22.020, these Orders must be presented to the City Council for ratification and confirmation. If not so ratified and confirmed, the Orders shall be void.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9766.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020 has generated anger, outrage, protests, and demonstrations across the United States. In other cities, including Seattle, Portland, Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Minneapolis, demonstrations over the killing of George Floyd have turned violent and led to other killings, property destruction, injuries to demonstrators and police officers, and use of force by police officers. Other cities, including Seattle, Portland, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Denver, as well as other cities in the region, declared states of civil emergency and established mandatory curfews as a result. On the evening of May 31, 2020, looting and property damage, assaults on police officers, and other acts of violence had been occurring in the City of Bellevue, as well as refusals to obey dispersal orders.

On May 31, 2020, the Mayor, pursuant to the authority granted by BCC 9.22.010, determined that extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the City's residents and therefore proclaimed that a civil emergency exists within the City of Bellevue. BCC 9.22.020.A authorizes the Mayor, during the existence of such proclaimed emergency, to make and proclaim an order imposing a curfew. In the exercise of such authority, on May 31, 2020, the Mayor issued a general curfew in the downtown area of Bellevue specifically described in Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew, and issued similar curfews on June 1 and June 2, through Second and Third Civil Emergency Orders Imposing Curfews. On June 3, 2020, the Bellevue Police Department continued to have reason to believe additional violent public disturbances were likely to occur the evenings of June 3 through June 5, 2020 within the City of Bellevue and within other cities in the region. Therefore, on June 3, the Mayor issued a Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew in the same

designated downtown area in the City commencing at 7:00 pm on June 3, 2020 and continuing until 5:00 am June 4, 2020 and commencing again each evening thereafter at 5:00 pm on June 4, 2020 until 5:00 am the following morning, ending on June 6, 2020 at 5:00 am. The Bellevue Police Department continued to monitor the situation, as it rapidly evolved. As of June 4, the Police Department had reason to believe that the immanency of the threat of damage to persons and property had changed in nature. Therefore, at 2:00 p.m. on June 4, the Mayor issued a Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew.

Pursuant to BCC 9.22.020, the Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew and Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew are being presented to the City Council for ratification and confirmation.

This Resolution, if adopted, would ratify and confirm the Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew of June 3, 2020 and the Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order of June 4, 2020.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew of June 3, 2020 was issued for the purpose of protecting life and property.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution ratifying and confirming Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew of June 3, 2020 and Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order imposing Curfew of June 4, 2020.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution, which will result in the Fourth Civil Emergency Order Imposing Curfew and the Termination of Fourth Civil Emergency Order being void.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 9766

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N/A