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DISASTER COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Meeting: August 15, 2019

Subject

Discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 2.40 (Disaster Council) of the Cupertino Municipal Code

Recommended Action

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Background

The Disaster Council provides for the preparation of plans for the protection of persons and property within the City in the event of an emergency, the direction of the emergency organization, and the coordination of the emergency functions of this City with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations and affected private persons.

The purpose of the Disaster Council is to:

- Oversee the City's Citizen Corps programs, including but not limited to: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and Cupertino Amateur Radio Emergency Services (CARES).
- Assist with threat assessments, identify local resources, and facilitate multi-agency/inter-agency coordination within its membership and other local governments and special districts.

Discussion

Updates to the Disaster Council Chapter 2.40 of the Municipal Code are being developed to ensure the most effective and efficient use of this Council. The recommended changes are summarized as follows:

Change	Reason
Changed name from Disaster Council to Emergency Organization	The scope of the ordinance covers the Emergency Organization of which the Disaster Council is a component.

Removed first paragraph (asterisked) of ordinance	Research of other Disaster Councils show there is no such similar verbiage.
Updated definition of “emergency”	Changed definition of “emergency” based on research of the California Office of Emergence Services’ model ordinance as well as other ordinances within Santa Clara County.
Changed designated chair from Mayor to City Manager; changed designated vice chair from City Manager to Mayor	As the Mayor’s term is only one year and to keep consistency in the Disaster Council, it is recommended to have the City Manager as Chair and the Mayor as Vice Chair.
Modified remaining designated members as follows: -Emergency Services Coordinator -Department Heads -Citizen Corps Coordinator -Such representatives of civic, business, labor, veterans, professional, or other organizations having an official emergency responsibility, as may be appointed by the chair with the advice and consent of the governing body.	This modification more clearly defines those members that have an essential function during a disaster.
Various edits	Minimal other corrections or additions have been made to the verbiage without impact on the content of this ordinance.

Sustainability Impact

None anticipated.

Fiscal Impact

None anticipated.

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Attachments:

A – Draft Municipal Code Amendments for Chapter 2.40