



government for emergency related expenses. At this point it is not known what aid may become available to localities, but having a Declaration put in place is in the City's interest for financial as well as emergency management reasons.

The City Code and State Law regarding declarations of local emergency require that the Declaration of Local Emergency be made by the Director of Emergency Services with the consent of the City Council. Such consent can be in the form of confirmation after the fact if the City Council cannot convene due to the emergency. The confirmation must be at the next regularly scheduled meeting, or a special meeting scheduled within 14 days of the declaration. Since the City Council legislative meeting is within 14 days of the declaration, we scheduled the confirmation for Council's September 14 meeting rather than scheduling a special meeting. Given that the City experienced no material damage as a result of Hurricane Ida, it is now proposed that the declaration which was signed pre-Ida expire on September 15, 2021, at 12:00 pm.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Local Emergency Declaration

Attachment 2: Governor Northam's Executive Order 81 (August 31, 2021)

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