

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2021 @ 11:00 A.M.**

Attendance and Public Comment Changes Due to COVID-19

The Greenfield City Council will be conducting its special meeting on October 9, 2021. Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering Monterey County and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the City is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment.

The City Council meeting to be held on October 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. will **only be accessible online**. The meeting may be viewed through the following options:

- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenfieldCA/>

- Join Zoom Meeting
- Please click the link below to join the webinar:
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82822391644>
- Or One tap mobile: US +16699006833,,82822391644# or +12532158782,,82822391644#
- Or Telephone: US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799
- Meeting ID: 828 2239 1644

The City will also provide links to these streaming options on the City's website and on its Facebook page. Unfortunately, physical attendance by the public cannot be accommodated given the current circumstances and the need to ensure the health and safety of the City Council, City staff, and the public as a whole.

If you wish to make a public comment on an item on the agenda, **you can submit your public comments by e-mail to:** cityclerk@ci.greenfield.ca.us In the subject line of the e-mail, please state your name and the item you are commenting on. You may also raise your hand during the public comment section of the agenda and voice your comment during the meeting. Please be aware that written public comments, including your name, may become public information. Additional requirements for submitting public comments by e-mail are provided below.

General Public Comments & Comments on City Council Business Items

For comments regarding specific City Council Business Items (Item D1), all public comments must be received by e-mail no later than 9:00 a.m. on October 9, 2021. Comments received by this time will be read aloud by a staff member during the applicable agenda item, provided that such comments may be read within the normal three (3) minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your comment extending past three (3) minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions. If a comment on a business item is received after 9:00 a.m., efforts will be made to read your comment into the record. However, staff cannot guarantee that written comments received after 9:00 a.m. will be read. All written comments that are not read into the record will be made part of the meeting minutes, provided that such comments are received prior to the end of the City Council meeting. You may also raise your hand during the public comment section of the agenda and voice your comment during the meeting.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED THAT DO NOT SPECIFY A PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM WILL BE READ ALOUD DURING THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE AGENDA.

The City thanks you for your cooperation in advance. Our community's health and safety is our highest priority.



City of Greenfield

599 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927

City Council Special Agenda October 9, 2021 11:00 A.M.

Mayor Lance Walker

Mayor Pro-Tem, Angela M. Untalon

Councilmembers

Yanely Martinez

Andrew Tipton

Robert White

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PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **ROLL CALL – CITY COUNCIL**
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**City Council Special Meeting Agenda
October 9, 2021**

PLEASE NOTE: Please be aware that public comments made by email must be submitted by 9:00 a.m. via email to the following email address:
cityclerk@ci.greenfield.ca.us.

D. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

**D-1. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Greenfield
Authorizing Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions (AB 361)**

- a. Staff Report
- b. Public Comments
- c. City Council Comments / Review

Staff Recommended Action/ Adopt Resolution #2021-73

E. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the American With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (831) 674-5591. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

This agenda is duly posted outside City Hall and on the City of Greenfield web site.



City Council Memorandum

599 El Camino Real Greenfield CA 93937 831-674-5591
www.ci.greenfield.ca.us

MEETING DATE: October 9, 2021

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

PREPARED BY: City Attorney's Office

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD TO AUTHORIZE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO AB 361 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953**

BACKGROUND

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law on September 16, 2021, which amends Government Code section 54953 and permits a local agency to use teleconferencing to conduct its meetings in any of the following circumstances: (A) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (B) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (C) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

In order for the City Council to use teleconferencing as allowed by AB 361 after October 1, 2021, the City must make a finding that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953. Upon making the requisite findings, the City will be permitted to conduct teleconferenced, subject to the requirements of Government Code section 54953 meetings for a period of thirty (30) days.

On September 22, 2021, the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued that certain "Recommendation Regarding Social Distancing Including Remote Meetings of Legislative Bodies", which recommends that physical and social distancing strategies be practiced in Monterey County, which includes remote meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies, to the extent possible.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Implement Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

PROPOSED MOTION

I MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD TO AUTHORIZE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCING PURSUANT TO AB 361 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 43953.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Number 2021-73
2. Monterey County Health Officer Recommendation, dated September 21, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD
AUTHORIZING USE OF REMOTE
TELECONFERENCING PROVISIONS (AB 361)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenfield (“City Council”) is committed to open and transparent government, and full compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act generally requires that a public agency take certain actions in order to use teleconferencing to attend a public meeting virtually; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that a local emergency persists due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has recognized the ongoing state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has responded by creating an additional means for public meetings to be held via teleconference (inclusive of internet-based virtual meetings); and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill (“AB”) 361, which amends Government Code, section 54953 and permits a local agency to use teleconferencing to conduct its meetings in any of the following circumstances: (A) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (B) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (C) the legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City Council to use teleconferencing as allowed by AB 361 after October 1, 2021, it must first adopt findings in a resolution, allowing the City Council to conduct teleconferenced meetings for a period of thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency for the State of California due to the COVID-19 pandemic in his order entitled “Proclamation of a State of Emergency,” signed March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey continues to require and/or recommend certain social distancing requirements of people within Monterey County, as described in detail in the “Recommendation Regarding Social Distancing Including Remote Meetings of Legislative Bodies,” issued by the Monterey County Health Department on September 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is conducting its meetings through the use of telephonic and internet-based services so that members of the public may observe and participate in meetings and offer public comment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and fully incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council is conducting meetings during a state of emergency and the Monterey County Health Department recommends measures to promote social distancing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions taken by the City Council through this resolution shall be applied to all City of Greenfield commissions and committees governed by the Brown Act unless otherwise desired by that committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council authorizes the City Manager or their designee(s) to take all actions necessary to conduct City Council meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and all other applicable provisions of the Brown Act, using teleconferencing for a period of thirty (30) days from the adoption of this Resolution after which the City Council will reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Greenfield City Council on this 9th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES, and all in favor, thereof, Councilmembers:

NOES, Councilmembers:

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

Lance Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Rathbun, City Clerk



COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Elsa Mendoza Jimenez, Director of Health

Administration Animal Services Behavioral Health Clinic Services
Emergency Medical Services Environmental Health Public Administrator/Public Guardian Public Health

Recommendation Regarding Social Distancing Including Remote Meetings of Legislative Bodies

Issued: September 22, 2021

The Monterey County Health Department continues to recommend that physical and social distancing strategies be practiced in Monterey County, which includes remote meetings of legislative bodies of local agencies, to the extent possible.

Monterey County continues to experience transmission of COVID-19 locally. Physical and social distancing is still an effective measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially when combined with use of face coverings, frequent hand washing, staying home when ill, testing, and vaccination with U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

Remote meetings of legislative bodies allow for the virtual participation of agency staff, presenters, and community members in safer environments, with less risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Monterey County Health Officer will continue to monitor local metrics and the necessity of this recommendation.