



**City Council Agenda Item
Staff Report**

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: February 8, 2011
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Connie Jackson, City Manager
SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Termination of Local Emergency
Related to the Glenview Fire

BACKGROUND:

On September 9, 2010, the City experienced a disastrous event when the 30-inch PG&E high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline exploded near the intersection of Glenview Drive and Earl Avenue. On September 9, 2010, pursuant to Chapter 2.48 of the Municipal Code and Government Code section 8630, the City Manager was authorized as the Director of Emergency Services for the City and issued an initial Resolution Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency. The resolution authorized the City Manager to expend City funds needed to respond to the emergency and allowed the City Manager to have damaged or destroyed public facilities such as water, sewer, storm water, streets, and other facilities repaired or replaced without the necessity of using the public bid process.

Subsequently, the City Manager issued a Second Resolution Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency, in which financial assistance from Federal and state agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Emergency Management Agency (CalFEMA) was requested.

These resolutions were ratified by the City Council on September 16, 2010, and the declaration was continued by actions on October 5, 2010, October 16, 2010, November 23, 2010, and December 14, 2010. A Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Emergency was last approved by the City Council on January 11, 2011.

It is appropriate at this time for the City Council to terminate the declared local emergency since the need for emergency response personnel and assistance from other local, state, and Federal jurisdictions and agencies no longer exists and the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property

DISCUSSION:

The explosion and resultant fire knocked out a city water main line, ignited flames causing fire to sweep through the Glenview. In total, 35 homes were destroyed in the

blast, 3 more are now being demolished, and another 57 were damaged, 18 of which had significant damage. Eight persons lost their lives and 66 were injured.

A summary of emergency response and recovery actions during the local emergency included:

- Commanding 400 police and fire personnel from throughout San Mateo County and the Bay Area who fought the fire and evacuated neighborhoods on both sides of the Crestmoor Canyon,
- Providing water supplies to fire crews by City Water Services staff who dragged fire hoses from active hydrants over 3,000 feet away from the fire,
- Opening an overnight emergency evacuation center,
- Establishing a local assistance center where residents could get information and resources to sustain themselves,
- Maintaining security at the site,
- Accepting food, clothing, money and other donations,
- Facilitating a number of town hall resident meetings,
- Completing inspections of 377 homes in the Glenview neighborhood within less than 72 hours after the initial incident,
- Establishing a resident re-entry program 3-days following evacuation,
- Completing demolition of the destroyed homes and removal of all debris within weeks of the incident so that the area could be made ready for rebuilding and restoration of the neighborhood,
- Coordinating assistance from many different organizations and agencies from the Red Cross and other non-profits to the State Insurance Commissioner's Office to our State and Federal legislators,
- Establishing on-going direct outreach, support and assistance program for residents most directly impacted through a team of City staff persons who act as staff liaisons to the displaced families,
- Waiving fees normally applied to the planning and building permit process;
- Implementing a streamlined and expedited planning and building permit review process,
- Commencing repairs to damaged City infrastructure including retaining walls on public and private property adjacent to the City's open space canyon,
- Commencing planning activities associated with repair of damaged City streets and sidewalks, restoration of the neighborhood park and playground, and replanting of the trees and landscape.

The purpose for declaring the local emergency has been fulfilled and the conditions requiring the local emergency no longer exist. Emergency response personnel and assistance from other local, state, and Federal jurisdictions and agencies are no longer needed.

Termination of the local emergency does not end the significant challenges ahead for the neighborhood nor the City. Long-term recovery efforts will continue for the foreseeable future, including:

- Actively participating in the National Transportation Safety Board investigation of the cause of the pipeline failure and the resulting explosion to help strengthen the safety and security of residents in San Bruno and in communities like ours throughout the nation,
- Completing repairs to the City's damaged infrastructure,
- Completing repairs to damaged City streets and sidewalks, restoration of the neighborhood park and playground, and replanting of the trees and landscape;
- Assisting residents through the planning and building processes associated with rebuilding their homes,
- Leading long-term recovery effort including participation on Long-Term Recovery Committee and opening a Resource and Recovery Center.
- Continuing liaison support to the affected residents,
- Continuing distribution of donated funds for extraordinary circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Terminating the local emergency has no fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt resolution continuing the local emergency related to the Glenview Fire.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution proclaiming the termination of local emergency related to the Glenview Fire.

DISTRIBUTION:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

DATE PREPARED:

January 28, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-_____

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE TERMINATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
RELATED TO THE GLENVIEW FIRE**

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2010, the City of San Bruno experienced a calamitous event when a 30-inch high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline exploded near the intersection of Glenview Drive and Earl Avenue, and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2010, pursuant to Chapter 2.48 of the Code and Government Code Section 8630, the City Manager was authorized as the Director of Emergency Services for the City and issued an initial Resolution Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency, and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2010, the City Manager issued a Second Resolution Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency, and

WHEREAS, these resolutions were ratified by the City Council on September 16, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the local emergency declaration was continued by City Council actions on October 5, 2010, October 16, 2010, November 23, 2010, and December 14, 2010. A Resolution Continuing Declaration of Local Emergency was last approved by the City Council on January 11, 2011. and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate at this time to terminate the declared State of Emergency in San Bruno since the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons or property and the need for emergency response personnel and assistance from other local, State, and Federal jurisdictions and agencies no longer exist.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of San Bruno hereby resolves to terminate the local emergency related to the Glenview Fire.

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I hereby certify that foregoing Resolution No. 2011-____ was introduced and adopted by the City Council of San Bruno at a regular meeting on February 8, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

City Clerk