

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FROM THE MEETING HELD APRIL 2, 2020

For the Council meeting of April 2, 2020, the Committee recommends the following:

D.1 Council Member Motion: Scaling Up Growing in the City for Community Resilience

That Council authorize the scaling up of the Growing in the City initiative with the following actions, to increase community resilience and food security in response to Covid-19:

1. Temporarily reprioritize the focus of some Parks Department capacity as outlined in Option 2 to grow food plants from seed in the municipal nursery and greenhouses for planting in the 2020 growing season, harnessing expertise on appropriate plant selection from stakeholders in the Urban Food Table.
2. Work with stakeholder organizations in the Urban Food Table, School District 61 and local farmers to develop a distribution plan for food plants, soil and educational resources to scale up food production and increase community resilience and food security.
3. Adhere strictly to workplace safety and public health guidelines during the implementation of this program.

Motion Arising:

That staff report back on options for reallocating funds within the food systems budget to expand the distribution of gardening materials to neighborhoods.

E.1 Development Application Processes - Considerations to Address COVID-19 Pandemic

That Council direct staff to report back on modifications to development application processes, as detailed in this report and including consideration of electronic participation of the public, in order to continue to process applications through the COVID-19 pandemic, while complying with public health orders and meeting the transparency and accountability of land use processes:

- the Community Association Land Use Committee (CALUC) Procedures for Processing Rezoning and Variance Applications, particularly regarding the pre-submission requirement for CALUC Community Meetings
- processes and referrals to advisory committees
- processes related to the requirement for an Opportunity for Public Comment (OPC) that is linked with variance applications
- opportunities to expand delegated authority to staff to deal with minor variances and some subsets of development, particularly in relation to affordable housing
- opportunities to reconsider the requirement for public hearings associated with rezoning applications both in terms of the form they take and when they are required.

F.1 COVID-19 Update (Verbal)

That Council receive this report for information and allocate up to \$200,000 from the 2020 Contingency, to the City Manager and Fire Chief, to provide adequate supports to vulnerable populations without any further delay and mitigate risks to city facilities, with the City working to recover all costs from upper levels of government.