

## MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #IV.E

DATE: JUNE 22, 2020

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: STAFF

SUBJECT: SOUTH FLORIDA VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS EXTENSION REQUEST

Legal Counsel has prepared a letter to Governor DeSantis requesting that he authorize South Florida local governments to continue conducting virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic given the severity of the impact in South Florida. This authority was first granted in Executive Order 20-69 to all local governments and was recently extended pursuant to Executive Order 20-139. The opportunity to hold such public meetings is currently set to expire on June 30, 2020.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Authorize Legal Counsel to proceed with the letter to Governor DeSantis.

