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## Item 5 CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-105 CLARIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EMERGENCY POWERS AND EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

On March 3, 2020, I came to the City Council and asked about a rumor that was going around that our city had a multimillion dollar budget deficit and that staff was <u>not</u> disclosing that deficit to the City Council until after the March 3<sup>rd</sup> election.

The City Manager responded that night that there was no deficit. I believed then as I believe today that was disingenuous response.

Since the March election, the City has experienced a pandemic lockdown and revenues are understandably down.

The City Manager is making policy decisions that the City Council should be approving, not ratifying after the fact.

It is a concern that the City Manager, an unelected bureaucrat, is making decisions that appear to go way beyond addressing issues associated with the pandemic.

Residents elected you, not the City Manager, to represent them. Please restrict or stop the emergency declaration.

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