



City Council Agenda Item Staff Report

CITY OF SAN BRUNO

DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jovan D. Grogan, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Dianos, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Display of the Ukrainian Flag at a Designated City Facility to Express Solidarity With Ukraine

BACKGROUND:

In 2020, the City Council adopted a flag policy. A summary of the policy includes:

1. The United States Flag and the State of California flag shall be displayed in accordance with Federal and State laws and regulations.
2. The City Manager is authorized to order that the United States Flag, California State Flag and any commemorative and ceremonial flags or banners on display be lowered to half-staff by the order of the President of the United States, or by the Governor of the State of California.
3. Commemorative or Ceremonial Flags and Banners:
 - a. May only be displayed on a designated City Flag flagpole located at a San Bruno city facility.
 - b. Commemorative flags shall be displayed for a period of time authorized by resolution of the City Council.
 - c. The City will not display a commemorative or ceremonial flag or banner based on a request from a third party, unless approved by a City Council resolution.

On March 8, 2022, Vice Mayor Linda Mason requested that the City Council consider the authorization of raising the Ukrainian flag to demonstrate the City of San Bruno's support and solidarity with the people of Ukraine following Russia's attack on Ukraine. The majority of the City Council agreed, and directed staff to purchase a Ukrainian flag for display on the City Hall flagpole for 30 days.

At the July 26, 2022 regular City Council meeting, Councilmember Michael Salazar requested that the City Council again consider the raising of the Ukrainian flag to express the City's continued solidarity to Ukraine and the Ukrainian community. At the meeting three Councilmembers agreed to the request, which initiates the process of staff preparing a resolution for City Council's formal consideration and action.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with the City of San Bruno flag policy, the City Council must approve a resolution authorizing the display of a commemorative or ceremonial flag or banner, and the duration of the display. City Councilmember Michael Salazar requested City Council's formal consideration of raising the Ukrainian flag to express the City of San Bruno's continued solidarity with Ukraine and the Ukrainian community.

Should City Council approve the display of the Ukrainian flag on August 3, 2022, City staff will be prepared to raise the flag on the morning of August 4 and have the flag on display at San Bruno City Hall for approximately 60 days. The flag will be removed on October 4, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. The City of San Bruno previously purchased the Ukrainian flag and has it available for display.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Consider raising the Ukrainian flag for a different period of time, other than the proposed 60 days.
2. Do not raise the Ukrainian flag in solidarity.
3. Consider alternative methods of expressing solidarity to Ukraine and the Ukrainian community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Display of the Ukrainian Flag at a Designated City Facility to Express Solidarity With Ukraine

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

DISTRIBUTION:

None