09-16-2020 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #1: Update on Town Efforts to Respond to the COVID-19 Crisis

Council Question:

Any updates on lack of lease renewals?

Staff Response:

Non-renewal of a lease is not legally considered an eviction. Therefore a tenant in this situation would not be protected under the eviction moratorium.

Council Question:

How has the latest push for mask distribution been going?

Staff Response:

To date we have distributed 20,373 masks. In May, we developed a 3-phased approach to distribute masks to the community focus on providing masks to those most in need. Masks were distributed to meet the immediate need of vulnerable populations. Masks were provided to residents of our public housing communities and food bank clients. In Phase 2 cloth masks were distributed through the Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools Food for Students program and our community partners including human services agencies and faith communities. In Phase 3, masks were provided to anyone in need and also distributed through contact-less pick up at two of the Town's Fire Stations. Masks will be distributed at this week's Food Bank and also to public housing residents. We have approximately 3,500 masks remaining for distribution as needed and can purchase additional masks if necessary.