CITY COUNCIL MEETING RE-CAP – JULY 12TH, 2022

Below is a brief re-cap of the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting. To read the full agenda and/or watch the video recording of the meeting: http://www.stocktongov.com/government/oMeetings/councilMeetings.html

PROCLAMATION/COMMENDATION:

• City Council proclaimed July 2022 as Parks and Recreation Month.

CONSENT ITEMS: City Council approved all 15 consent items, including:

• 12.6: City Council adopted a Memoranda of Understanding between the City of Stockton, the Stockton Police Management Association, Stockton Firefighters’ Local 456 Fire Unit, and Stockton Firefighters’ Local 456 Fire Management Unit.

The City of Stockton employs approximately 1,537 full-time employees, most represented by the 10 bargaining unions. The City Manager’s Office or designee negotiates on behalf of the City with representatives of those bargaining units regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. Council approved new 3-year contracts (MOUs) with three bargaining units –representing 211 positions: the Stockton Police Management Association (SPMA), the Stockton Firefighters’ Local 456 Fire Unit, and Stockton Firefighters’ Local 456 Fire Management.

Contracts can be viewed below:
SPMA MOU
Fire Unit MOU
Fire Management MOU

• **12.10:** City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program – Traffic Circles Project. Through the city’s Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), two traffic circles were approved for installation in the Mosswood Park Area (at the intersections of Harvey Avenue/Wait Avenue) and the Sierra Meadows Area (at El Camino Avenue/El Cajon Avenue). NTMP helps improve safety and the quality of life for neighborhood residents by reducing the impacts from speeding vehicles and cut-through traffic. Neighborhoods have the choice of using the Expedited Speed Hump Program or the Full Traffic Calming.

• **12.11:** City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Safe Routes to School Priority Safety Project. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Priority Safety project will construct crossing improvements, including new raised medians, pedestrian refuge islands at crossings, vehicle lane reductions, curb and gutter, curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, and other signing and striping to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians at 10 locations near six schools throughout the city:
  - Lever Blvd
  - Eighth St
  - Main St / Broadway Ave
  - Fred Russo Dr
  - Park St / American St
  - Park St / Grant St
  - Oak St / Grant St
  - Fremont St / Grant St
  - Lever Blvd / Hawaii Ave
  - Lever Blvd / Dry Creek Wy

• **12.12:** City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Bear Creek and Pixley Slough Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Project. This project will enhance the existing bicycle and pedestrian path along Bear Creek and Pixley Slough between Thornton Road and Davis Road. The project also includes installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons at four roadway crossings; upgrading bicycle and pedestrian pavement signage and markings; upgrading wheelchair ramps to
meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards; and widening the roadway shoulders along Eight Mile Road between Lower Sacramento Road and Thornton Road, and Lower Sacramento Road between Bear Creek and Eight Mile Road, to accommodate bicyclists.

- **12.13**: City Council awarded a professional services contract to carry out the design of the South Stockton Pedestrian HAWK Improvements Project, which will install High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signals at eight locations in South Stockton:
  1. Pershing Ave and Rose St
  2. MLK Blvd and Stanislaus St
  3. Main St and Searchlight Ave
  4. Airport Way and Ninth St
  5. Airport Way and Anderson St
  6. Airport Way and Washington St
  7. El Dorado St and Seventh St
  8. Center St and Jefferson St

  It is anticipated that project design will be completed by June 2023.

  The improvements will also include high visibility crosswalks, signage, striping, intersection safety lighting, curb, gutter, drainage, sidewalk, and curb ramps. The project will increase visibility and pedestrian safety within the crossing locations.

**NEW BUSINESS**: City Council received informational updates and/or acted on 4 new business items including:

- **15.1**: City Council received an informational update on the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan (EDSAP). Economic Development Program Manager Jordan Peterson provided a presentation, PowerPoint can be reviewed [here](#), which highlighted the investment areas of the EDSAP, milestones reached thus far, and what is to come with the launch of programming and plans.

- **15.3**: City Council adopted an ordinance amending the Municipal Code and approved a resolution declaring a Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency. To meet state requirements, Council amended the city’s water conservation measures. In addition, Council declared a Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency in response to
the Governor’s Drought Emergency Declaration.

The new water conservation measures require a 20% reduction of potable water use for residential, multi-family residential, non-residential, and commercial/industrial process-water. Further, watering days are determined based on addresses --with even addresses watering on Wednesday & Sunday and odd addresses watering on Tuesday & Saturday. Lastly, watering is prohibited between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **15.4:** Council approved a resolution declaring racism and inequity as a Human Rights and Public Health Crisis. In addition to condemning racism and inequities, the resolution affirms the City’s commitment to diversity; commits to the creation of a committee to conduct and implement an internal evaluation of the City’s charter, policies, and procedures to prioritize equity; and commits to seek funding to help reverse and repair harm to disadvantaged communities.

  “I’d like to thank the Legislative Committee and the City Attorney’s office for their work on this. This is a great step in the right direction, and we know there is a lot more work to be done. As the most diverse city in the nation, we should be leading not only this county, this state, but we should be leading the nation when it comes to matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Through this resolution it is evident that this is the stance we want to take as a city.” – Mayor Lincoln

The full resolution can be read [here](#).

**HEARINGS:** One public hearing was held, **16.1**, adopting a resolution approving changes to land use and zoning documents which guide city policy for how the City will develop.

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