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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RE-CAP – JANUARY 24TH, 2023

Below is a brief recap of the January 24th, 2023, 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>

CONSENT ITEMS: City Council approved nine Consent Agenda Items, including:

- **12.1:** City Council approved new appointments to the following City Committees and Commissions:

Community Development Committee:

- District 1: Rajan M. Nathaniel
- District 3: Staci Braga
- District 5: Gurneel Boparai

The Community Development Committee act as an advisory body to the City Council; studies Housing Department data to determine recommended ongoing project funding levels; reviews Department of Housing and Urban Development applications for Community Development funds; and meets with area residents to analyze activities, needs, and community support for newly designated areas.

Measure A Citizens Advisory Committee:

- District 3: Anthony Mannor

The Measure A Citizens' Advisory Committee performs the duties set forth in the City of Stockton Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance for the Citizens' Advisory Committee, including:

- At the close of each fiscal year, review the actual expenditures for Measure A to ensure tax proceeds are expended for the purposes set forth in the applicable ballot measure.
- Inform the public concerning the City's expenditures of the tax proceeds.
- Present an annual written report to the City Council each year in a public session to include: compliance, verification that amounts collected were expended for the purposes collected, progress implementing Marshall Plan on Crime and hiring 120 more police officers and other investments, and Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.
- Prepare and present a budget recommendation to the City Council in a public session each year.
- Review applicability and whether the City has supporting evidence and appropriate findings for the sunset or extension of the sunset of the tax.

Water Advisory Group:

- District 1: Rajan M. Nathaniel
- District 3: Kevin Kaufman

The Water Advisory Group advises the Council Water Committee on current and future water issues impacting water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities for the City of Stockton, including the review of the Department of Municipal Utilities monthly Operations and Maintenance Report.

- **12.2:** City Council ratified the following appointments to the **Planning Commission:**
 - Mayoral: Greg M. Thompson, First Term
 - District 1: Rajan M. Nathaniel, First Term
 - District 3: Wesley Hull, First Term
 - District 5: Gurneel S. Boparai, First Term

The Planning Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and makes recommendations to the City Council on the General Plan, zoning, code changes, specific plans for streets and highways, redevelopment plans, and conformity of capital improvements with the General Plan.

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

- **15.1:** City Council accepted the 2023 Van Buskirk Master Plan Design. Nine public meetings were held throughout the community to garner public input, feedback, and desired recreational uses for the park. The final Master Plan Design will enhance public space and create a regional facility that includes basketball courts, a skate park, bike trails, a BMX track, a community garden, improved parking, a splash pad/water play area, lawn and fields, disc golf, space for golf training and academy, pickle ball courts, a dog park, adventure playground, outdoor education center, and event lawn/area for group picnics.

To view the PowerPoint presentation, including **design renderings** and park layout plans, click [here](#).

The approved Master Plan Design will be used to finalize the necessary environmental documents. The final package will be prepared for City Council approval in Fall 2023.

“The amenities planned for the reuse of Van Buskirk Golf Course will not only benefit South Stockton neighborhoods but will be a recreational destination for all Stockton residents.” – Mayor Kevin Lincoln.

- **15.2:** City Council executed a Memorandum of Understanding related to funding for the Mossdale Tract Area Project and Issuance of the 2022 Annual Adequate Progress Report Update. Council action supports an update to a financing plan

for the Mossdale Tract Area Project, which is needed to increase flood protection and support continued development in the Weston Ranch / French Camp & I-5 area of the City of Stockton. The project is led by the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA), and Council action was needed to confirm that project progress is being made to achieve a 200-year urban level of protection (i.e., a level of protection that is necessary to withstand flooding that has a 1-in-200 chance of occurring in any given year).

HEARINGS: One public hearing was held:

- **16.1:** City Council adopted an ordinance amending Title 16 of the Stockton Municipal Code and a Resolution approving a Commission Use Permit for a Personal Mini-Storage Facility for property located at 530 E. Market Street.

Project plans can be viewed [here](#), and the PowerPoint presentation for this item can be viewed [here](#).

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Lincoln reported highlights from the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Winter Meeting in Washington D.C. that he and Senior Policy Advisor Marla Livengood attended last week. Due to a family emergency, Mayor Lincoln's trip was unfortunately cut short, and Marla stayed to take scheduled meetings and attend sessions on his behalf.

- The conference brought together Mayors throughout the nation and provided an opportunity to discuss federal priorities as well as City of Stockton specific priorities.
 - This year's Conference focused on mental health, public safety, technology and innovation, infrastructure, achieving functional zero homelessness, and jobs.
 - The conference provided direct engagement with many high-level White House and Department/Agency officials, Congressional leaders, and other policy and thought leaders.
 - The Office of the Mayor had the opportunity to:
 - Meet with staff of both Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla to discuss the City of Stockton's RAISE grant application.

- Join the Mayors of Bakersfield and Fresno for a meeting with Speaker McCarthy's staff to discuss priorities, including funding for homelessness.
- Attend Mayors and CEOs for Housing Investment's Winter Meeting, where their policy platform for the year was approved, and the group heard from officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Attended USCM forums on topics including America Rescue Act Program (ARPA) Best Practices, Strategies to Reduce Homelessness, Childhood Obesity Prevention, and more.

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