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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RE-CAP – MARCH 22nd, 2022

Below is a brief re-cap of the March 22nd, 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: City Council celebrated and recognized the 140th Anniversary of the Children’s Home of Stockton.

CONSENT ITEMS: City Council approved all 18 Consent Agenda Items, including:

- **12.2:** City Council appointed Lori M. Asuncion as Acting City Attorney for the City of Stockton, beginning April 1, 2022. The City Attorney's Office provides professional, quality legal services that protect the interests of the City of Stockton, its departments, the City Council, and the citizens of the community.
- **12.9:** City Council authorized and ratified City Manager’s submission of a grant application to the California State Library requesting an award of up to \$10 million for the Cesar Chavez Library renovation project. The Cesar Chavez Library is a 70,000 square foot facility originally dedicated in 1964 and partially remodeled in 2004. Chavez Library serves as the Central Library, or “hub” of the library system, housing a central library book collection, special historical collections, the Community Services administration department, technical services, and delivery staff who support library operations.

- **12.16:** City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the purchase of one fire engine. The purchase of this fire engine will support the re-opening of Fire Station No. 1 and will provide safe and reliable support for daily call volume.

NEW BUSINESS: City Council received informational updates, held discussion, and acted on 4 new business items, including:

- **15.1:** City Council received an annual update from the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). The Office of Violence Prevention works to significantly reduce gang/group gun violence within the city of Stockton, using data-driven partnership programs and strategies.

OVP outreach workers (Peacekeepers) work with those at the highest risk of becoming perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence, mentoring high-risk youth and young adults and providing positive alternatives for a healthier, non-violent lifestyle. Peacekeepers collaborate with government, community-based, and faith-based organizations, and provide outreach to the families of victims and neighborhoods where violent crimes have occurred. OVP Peacekeepers are street-wise men and women, trained in conflict resolution, mediation, mentoring, and case management.

Statistics from the presentation include:

- Ceasefire statistics for 2021:
 - 30% reduction in homicides
 - 16% increase in non-fatal shootings
 - 17% reduction in gang relates homicides
- Additional statistics for 2021:
 - 6,933 service hours provided under intensive life coaching services
 - Recidivism rate for 118 clients is less than 15% for violent crimes

The full presentation can be found in the agenda packet link above.

HEARINGS: Two public hearings were held, including:

16.1: City Council adopted the Annual Progress Reports for the Envision Stockton 2040 General Plan and the 2015-2023 Housing Element, and authorized City Manager to submit the reports to the State Housing Departments.

A few items noted in the Annual Progress Reports, the City:

- Issued building permits for 888 new housing units in 2021, including 86 very-low-income units, 102 low-income units, 6 moderate-income units, and 694 above moderate-income units.
- Issued an RFP for the Housing Element and Housing Action Plan
- Kicked off Development Code Overhaul, including updated design standards.
- Issued Certificates of Occupancy for 33 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

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