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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RE-CAP – JULY 26TH, 2022

Below is a brief re-cap of the July 26th, 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>

CONSENT ITEMS: City Council approved all 22 Consent Agenda Items, including:

- **12.4:** Council approved a \$2,019,656 California Violence Prevention (CalVIP) grant application and \$2,539,043 of in-kind matching City funds, to strengthen and enhance the Office of Violence Prevention's strategies and expand their focus to high-risk youth.

The City of Stockton seeks to reduce violence city-wide while also minimizing incarceration and promoting opportunity for young people at highest risk of violence. Stockton's Operation Ceasefire has produced a multi-year community-wide reduction in gun and gang violence. These reduction strategies utilize credible messengers, focused deterrence, intensive case management, and wrap-around services, all of which address the needs of those at highest risk of becoming a perpetrator or victim of gun violence. OVP proposes to build on these successes by:

- Expanding Ceasefire strategies to high-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 17.

- Strengthening and enhancing OVP strategies by creating an integrated city-wide youth prevention steering committee focused on addressing youth violence city-wide.
- Improving outcomes for all OVP clients through trauma-informed practices.

The City continues to work with community partners to develop a full application. Friends Outside, El Concilio, Choices, San Joaquin County Public Health, San Joaquin County Office of Education, Be Smooth Inc, Mora Learning Institute and UC Davis Crime would be sub-recipients of funds if awarded.

“We must make every effort to protect and provide opportunities for the future of our city, our young people. The strategies outlined in this expansion plan directly address the prevention and intervention needs of our at-risk youth.” - Mayor Lincoln

- **12.16:** Council awarded a 3-year service contract to Ready to Work for the Homeless Employment Litter Program (HELP). In partnership with Cal Trans District 10, HELP will employ homeless individuals for cleanup activities along our highways, freeways, and on and off ramps. Contracted services will begin September 1, 2022, and will expire August 31, 2025, with the option of one additional two-year extension.

“Our partnership with Ready to Work and CalTrans District 10 focuses on addressing blight, improving the quality of life in our city, and providing jobs for the most vulnerable population.” - Mayor Lincoln

- **12.17:** Council awarded 3 multi-year service contracts with local community partners for the Debris Removal and Pickup Program.
 - Stockton 209 Cares in the amount of \$403,000
 - Ready to Work in the amount of \$234,000
 - Greater Valley Conservation Corps in the amount of \$384,000

Litter and illegal dumping contribute to significant blight in Stockton. The Debris Removal and Pickup program is a [Clean City Initiative](#) effort to improve blight in Stockton by removing litter and illegally dumped material citywide. This program is focused on cleaning City public streets, alleys, and parks.

In 2021, Public Works oversaw the collective removal of over 1,700 tons of debris from public streets and approximately 1,500 tons of debris from Mormon Slough and other homeless encampments city-wide. Public Works' Community Enhancement crew and extended team of partners completed over 5,400 work orders last fiscal year for removal of illegal dumping.

“This program partnership is a crucial element to keeping Stockton clean. Our community partners are enhancing our Clean City Initiative efforts and making it possible for us to remove debris and trash city-wide. Together we can make a visible difference in cleaning up our city.” – Mayor Lincoln

NEW BUSINESS: City Council received informational updates and/or acted on 5 new business items including:

- **15.1:** City Council awarded a professional services contract to Open Counter Enterprises Inc. for an online customer service permitting portal.

Individuals starting a small business or renovating their home may find navigating the regulatory processes to be a daunting task. Customers must frequently obtain permits and/or licenses from multiple City departments, each with its own set of municipal code requirements and processes. To improve the customer's experience navigating this process, Council awarded a professional services contract to Open Counter to implement and maintain an online “decision tree”/“permit discovery” customer service portal. This new customer-friendly online portal will assist Stocktonians by simplifying and streamlining the research process and provide a layperson summary of all regulatory requirements tailored to their specific location and project. The portal will be available in both English and Spanish, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

“Supporting the efficiency of growth and development for the City is a top priority. This software program will enhance & streamline the customer permitting experience and is a positive advancement for Stockton entrepreneurs, business owners, and families.” - Mayor Lincoln

Power Point presentation for this program can be found [here](#).

- **15.3:** City Council awarded a \$5,760,000 Contract to Community Medical Centers (CMC) for establishment of a 3-year crisis intervention response pilot program through CMC's Care Link Community Response program. The pilot will provide an alternative dispatch response to non-violent and low-level 911 calls for behavioral health intervention.

The pilot will be a cost-effective and efficient response program for non-criminal, non-emergency, and non-life-threatening incidents, allowing Stockton Police, Fire and Medical units to improve the use of resources. The Care Link Community Response supports the well-being of all Stockton residents.

“Our City Council is committed to providing solutions that address the root cause of homelessness. 66% of our unsheltered residents are experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. This Care Link Response Program provides the appropriate response to non-emergency calls for service, supporting those impacted by our current behavioral health crisis.” - Mayor Lincoln

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HEARINGS: Two public hearings were held, and can be found here: [16.1](#) and [16.2](#)

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