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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RE-CAP – SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022

Below is a brief re-cap of the September 13th, 2022 City Council Meeting.

To read the full agenda and/or watch the video recording of the meeting:

<http://www.stocktongov.com/government/Meetings/councilMeetings.html>

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

- **12.2:** Council confirmed the appointment of Lori M. Asuncion as City Attorney for the City of Stockton. City Attorney Asuncion has practiced law for 17 years, 15 of which have been spent in the Stockton City Attorney's Office. She has successfully represented the city in court, drafted legal documents, and advised city officials on a variety of legal matters. She's experienced in all areas of municipal law including land use, economic development, public works, police, Brown Act, litigation, criminal prosecution, code enforcement, real property, and municipal utility. Most importantly, she is passionate about public service and believes in the important work of the City Attorney's Office.

“Lori has served the City of Stockton for 15 years and has demonstrated her qualifications in the incredible work she’s done for us thus far. She is the right fit for this position, and we are pleased to appoint Lori Asuncion as Stockton City Attorney. Lori’s appointment marks the first minority woman to serve as Stockton City Attorney.” - Mayor Lincoln

- **12.16:** City Council authorized the Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Repairs Program. This project will remove and replace sidewalks, curbs, and gutters damaged by City-maintained tree roots at approximately 109 locations citywide ([Attachment A](#) and [Attachment B](#)) and will reduce the City's current sidewalk repair backlog. This project was included in the 2021-26 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and construction is anticipated to be completed by December 2022.
- **12.21:** Council advanced the ADA Curb Ramp Installation, Project No. WD22004 which will install 44 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps at various intersections citywide. See [ADA Curb Ramp Installation Location List](#). The improvements will remove accessibility barriers for persons using wheelchairs or other personal assistance devices, improving intersection accessibility and safety for our residents.
- **12.22:** Council authorized the Local Street Resurfacing Program, which will resurface approximately 11 centerline miles of various residential roadways citywide ([Attachment A](#)). The project includes removing and replacing pavement striping and legends, removing and replacing failed pavement areas, applying micro-surfacing, and installing truncated domes at existing wheelchair ramps to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The list of roads for this project was developed from the City of Stockton Pavement Management System.

NEW BUSINESS: City Council received informational updates and/or acted on 8 new business items including:

- **15.1:** City Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) and the City of Stockton to provide SUSD with room to operate its Family Resource Program from the Micro Libraries at Arnold Rue and Stribley Community Centers. The district use of space is intended to: serve as an intermediary between schools and families; assist parents in district paperwork; provide translation services for parent calls to school; and host parents for in person meetings and zoom.

“Our families and students have needs that go beyond the classroom. Providing this shared space at Stribley and Arnold Rue Community Centers

removes barriers and increases access to a wide range of resources to support Stockton families and students. This collaborative partnership is an example of working together to meet the fundamental needs of our community.” - Mayor Lincoln

Memorandum of Understanding can be found [here](#).

- **15.4:** City Council unanimously voted to join the East Bay Community Energy Authority (EBCE) as a member, participating in its Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) - Joint Powers Agreement Program. This will result in EBCE delivering cleaner, more affordable electricity to residents and businesses. Additionally, the City will have a representative on the EBCE’s board of directors and there is the potential to site local energy projects. Electricity customers will be automatically enrolled, although customers may opt out if they do not wish to participate in the CCA.

Community Choice Aggregation programs allow local governments to procure power on behalf of residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from alternative suppliers while still receiving transmission and distribution service from the existing utility provider (i.e., PG&E). Rather than default to receiving energy from the incumbent utility, CCA programs can consciously choose where to source electricity using existing infrastructure.

“Clean, affordable energy is important to Stockton. As a Council, the decision to join a Community Choice Aggregation is something we’ve studied and discussed for quite some time. Council Member Dan Wright has championed this effort and I am grateful for his steadfast leadership to ensure Stockton is a clean, healthy, green city.” - Mayor Lincoln

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

- **15.7:** Jason Lee, Founder of Hollywood Cares Foundation, presented the “I Am Ready” Youth Pilot Program to City Council as an item for discussion. Jason was born and raised in Stockton and shared many of the experiences he faced in his youth that impacted his trajectory into adulthood. Currently working and residing in Hollywood, Jason remains deeply connected to and invested in the well-being of his hometown, particularly the youth of our city. The I Am Ready Initiative will leverage arts, pop culture, celebrity, and a community organizing model to inspire

and support at-risk youth in making positive changes in their academic, civic and social lives, all to help them live up to their full potential.

After hearing the presentation, City Council directed City Manager to connect further with the Hollywood Cares Foundation regarding the I Am Ready Youth Pilot Program, and to seek out any other similar Youth Pilot Programs that may be in existence. Council directed that City Manager bring something back before Council within 45 days for consideration.

“The youth are the future of our city and the most important investment we can make is in the health, well-being, and education of our youth. City Council prioritized Youth Programming as one of our legislative priorities this year. A Youth Pilot Program in the city of Stockton is something myself and Council are excited about, and we’re looking forward to the impact a program like this could have on the lives of young people across our city.”
– Mayor Lincoln

- **15.8:** City Council unanimously voted to rename “Brookview Court” as “FMF DOC GNEM Court” in honor of U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Christopher “Bobby” Gnem. In July 2020, Bobby was killed in one of the deadliest military training accidents in recent years. Renaming Brookview Court to FMF DOC GNEM Court is intended to honor his sacrifice.



“Bobby is our Hometown Hero. His friends and family remember him as a team player, loyal to those he loved, and always going above and beyond to serve others. May Bobby’s legacy of friendship, faithfulness, and sacrifice shine on at Nelson Park.” - Mayor Lincoln

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

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