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Stockton City Council Approves Annual Budget *Plans for Recovery American Rescue Plan*

STOCKTON, Calif. – The Stockton City Council took action at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2021, approving and adopting a balanced Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the largest budget in the history of the City of Stockton. In addition, the Council adopted a Fee Schedule and annual budgets for the Parking Authority and the Successor Agency to the Former Stockton Redevelopment Agency for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as well as a Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2026.

The City Council also approved recommendations for the use of \$78,052,072 in American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; federal and state funds provided directly to the City of Stockton, as the thirteenth largest city in the state, to assist households, businesses, the community, and the City to recover from the impacts of the pandemic. The first half of this funding was received by the City on June 1, 2021, and the second half will be received by June 1, 2022.

“In 2020, the City of Stockton received \$27 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding through the CARES Act that went directly to work in the community for rental and mortgage assistance, business relief, and other pandemic-related programs, services and community needs.” shared City Manager Harry Black. “American Rescue Plan funds will provide the

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community and the City with the funds necessary to accelerate our recovery, allowing us more latitude to address the specific needs of our community.”

City of Stockton American Rescue Plan funding uses will include:

- **COVID Mitigation & Prevention** – PPE and methods of monitoring public health and housing and homelessness through open data dashboards.
- **Community Well Being** – hotlines, warmlines, outreach and intervention support, and evidence-based community violence intervention programs.
- **Essential Support to Households** – addressing food insecurities, household support for utilities, medicine, childcare, and food pantry support.
- **Small Business Support/Economic Recovery** – planning for business attraction, expansion, job creation, and employment opportunities, business programs such as direct financial relief and business improvements (example: façade improvements and outdoor dining).
- **Homelessness/Housing** – safe camping and parking sites, shelter improvements and expansion of services (example: low-barrier emergency shelter beds, coordinated entry and navigation system), first-time homebuyer down payment assistance and to provide first and last month’s rental assistance.
- **Recovery of City Government** – replacement of General Fund lost revenue, one-time essential worker incentive payment for staff, and COVID-related paid leave for employees.
- **Digital Divide/Internet Connectivity** – focus on household connectivity and broadband access where possible, and distribution of supportive devices and access to services.

- **Other COVID-related equipment/support** – additional touchless restrooms to serve the community, fire engines and trucks, vehicles and equipment to support homeless encampments and community clean-up under the City’s [Clean City Initiative](#), animal shelter upgrades and equipment, HVAC needs in city buildings, and cost over-runs related to systems needed for City operations.

“We are committed to being open and transparent about City programs, services and use of funds, because we know that our community wants to know where and how these funds are being used,” continued City Manager Black. “In addition to providing information through the Open Data Portal that will roll out at the end of this month, we will have a dedicated webpage where you can monitor the progress and associated programs and services.”

To view City of Stockton Annual Budgets and all other associated documents, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/budget. For updates related to the American Rescue Plan, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/ARP, submit questions through Ask Stockton, or call (209) 937-8827.

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