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City of Suisun City

City Manager's Update – June 2019



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Introduction:

Hello citizens of Suisun City! I've been City Manager here in Suisun City now for two months and I'm starting to settle in and I'm getting to meet many community leaders. I've been privileged to meet the top officers of Travis Air Force Base; members of the Downtown Business Improvement District; Planning Commissioners; Parks and Recreation Commissioners; other City Managers from within Solano County; the Mayor and Councilmembers of Fairfield; Supervisor Jim Sperring; STA staff; Solano EDC staff; and many others. I am fortunate to be able to work with such excellent leaders and I look forward to continued cooperation and teamwork with everyone in the future.



Fairfield Suisun Unified School District 2019 Highest Honors Awards:

I was honored to be invited to attend the Fairfield Suisun Unified School District 2019 Highest Honors Awards Ceremony to highlight and honor the students who have achieved academic success. Mayor Lori Wilson, Councilmember Wanda Williams, and I attended the event and were able to participate in congratulating those high achievers.





Mother's Day Waterfront Event:

On Sunday, May 12th, the Downtown Suisun City Business Improvement District, along with the City of Suisun City, sponsored the Mother's Day Fair along the waterfront. It was a very well attended event with numerous booths and vendors. Many of the downtown restaurants had lines of customers who came down to enjoy a beautiful Mother's Day along the downtown waterfront.

ENGIE Project Kickoff Event:

On May 21st we had a kickoff event to celebrate the beginning of our energy efficiency project. This project will replace streetlights, lights at Lambrecht Park (and other city facilities), and heating and cooling units, and will install solar panels to help offset most of the city's monthly electrical costs. The contractor will be working most of the summer on this project.



Public Works Showcase Event:

The Suisun City Public Works Department had a “Showcase” event this month to show family, city staff, and elected officials what the Public Works Department works on every day. The event was well attended and informative.



Classic Car Waterfront Event:

On Saturday, May 18th, the 35th Annual Biggest Little Car Show took place at Harbor Plaza in downtown Suisun City.



Montebello Vista Park Meetings:

The City has been hosting a series of meetings to engage the community on a park enhancement plan for Montebello Vista Park that would be built utilizing grant funds if we are successful in receiving funding. There is another planning meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at 6pm at Montebello Vista Park. Come out and participate in the planning for this park grant application.

Four Council Meetings in May:

We had an extra busy May with four Council meetings rather than our normal two. Additional meetings were scheduled primarily to give enough time for Council to give input into the draft budget. The final budget will be coming back to Council on June 18th.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES:



Chief Vincent Swearing In:

Fire Chief Justin Vincent was ceremonially sworn in and had his badge pinned on by his daughter. Chief Vincent began his fire career as a volunteer with the Hughson Fire Protection District and began his paid firefighter career with the Meeks Bay Fire District in Lake Tahoe. Chief Vincent holds a Bachelor's Degree, a Master's Degree in Public Safety Leadership, and is working on a Doctorate Degree in Public Administration.



Officer Armosino Swearing In:

Officer Ryan Armosino was sworn in at the May 7th City Council meeting. Welcome Officer Armosino!

Solano County Peace Officers' Memorial:

On May 22, 2019, Suisun City Police participated in the annual memorial service of Solano County Police Officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Suisun City Constable Burdick was amongst the 20 Solano County personnel honored during the event. CHP Motor Officer Kirk Griess, who was killed in the line of duty on August 10, 2018 as a result of a traffic collision, was added to the Memorial. The 2018 SCPD Officer of the Year, Julia Lazaro,

represented the Department by standing on the memorial wall with the other officers of the year from throughout the County.



Police Department and Fire Department Annual Reports:

The Police Department and Fire Department completed their 2018 Annual Reports, which are available at City Hall.

Police Department Highlights include:

- Viper 9-1-1 System Upgrade completed.
- Dispatch Center Remodel completed.
- Code Enforcement handled over 1,800 cases.
- Suisun City had 787 Part 1 crimes, which is a small reduction from 2017 and right on the average for Suisun City.

Fire Department Highlights include:

- 2,465 total calls.
- 86 fire calls.
- 1,960 EMS and Rescue calls.
- Increased paid staffing to include a third Fire Captain.
- Took delivery of a new fire engine.
- Hired a new Fire Chief.

ORDINANCE UPDATES:

Proposed Front, Rear, and Side Yard Restriction Ordinance Amendment:

A proposed ordinance that would have increased restrictions on front, rear, and side yards has been discussed several times at Council. On May 14th the City Council decided to send the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission for discussion in June. The public is invited to attend and provide their views on this proposed ordinance.

Proposed Noise Ordinance:

If you're keen to get involved in community planning for Suisun City, you might want to join an upcoming workshop at the Joe Nelson Community Center on June 8, 2019 from 9-10AM. The workshop is hosted by the Suisun City Planning Division and the Suisun City Police Department — this workshop will identify concerns and opportunities for improvement in the noise ordinance, and organize community discussions and feedback.

Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance:

The Development Services Department is hosting an informational workshop about Accessory Dwelling Unit (aka granny units) standards and opportunities from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the Nelson Community Center. Bring your questions about this expanded opportunity to add small units on single-family lots.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Gas Station/Fatburger Project:

The first new significant commercial project of the year has broken ground at the southeast corner of East Tabor Avenue and Walters Road. It is a gas station with 12 fueling stations; a 4,250 sf convenience store, which will include a Fatburger restaurant; and a 3,870 sf retail building. Completion is expected in early 2020.



Marina Fuel System Upgrade Project Update:

The Marina Fuel System Upgrade project is underway and expected to be completed near the end of June. The Suisun City Marina provides fuel service to boaters and is a revenue generator for the City. This project replaces the fuel dispenser and upgrades the pay station so an attendant is not necessary; replaces fuel lines and secondary containment lines; and provides a number of other upgrades to make the fueling system easier for the customer, as well as safer and more reliable.

Dredging Project Update:

Every 5 to 8 years the channels are required to be dredged to make sure they remain accessible to boaters. Work is beginning on the dredging project to get it ready to begin the actual dredging in August. There is an endangered mouse that needs to be kept out of the area where dredging materials will be deposited. A contract has been awarded and that part of the project will begin in June.

SSWA Water Meter Replacement Project Update:

The Suisun-Solano Water Authority (SSWA) started replacing residential water meters on Monday, May 20, 2019. The project is a step toward a more modernized water metering system that will help to manage scarce water resources. The new meters will help SSWA

identify high water usage and leaks and will allow SSWA to implement an automated meter reading process that will provide better customer service, greater data accuracy, and reduced operational costs.

Professional Meters, Inc. (PMI) is the contractor performing the work. The installer will have identification that shows he/she is a representative of PMI, the City, or SSWA. You are not required to be present during the upgrade if your meter is outside and accessible. The work will require a brief water service interruption while the meter is being upgraded, which should be no longer than 30 minutes. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Lawler Ranch Mexican Fan Palm Tree Trimming and Removal Project Update:

The project is substantially complete. This work included the trimming and removal of palms and trimming of non-palm trees along the Highway 12 Corridor and trimming of 124 trees along Potrero Circle.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

June 4th – City Council Meeting

June 18th – City Council Meeting
(Annual budget adoption)

June looks to be another busy month as we try to wrap up our fiscal year. I look forward to the next update in July.

Regards,

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