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City of Suisun City

City Manager's Update – September 2019



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Introduction:

Hello citizens of Suisun City! I hope you all enjoyed your summer! I strongly believe that “Failing to plan is planning to fail” and you will get updates over the next few months as Council and staff work to put a number of plans together to help ensure the continued success of our city. These plans include our Strategic Plan (along with goals and objectives), our Long-Range Fiscal Plan (to ensure the City’s fiscal health), and our Emergency Operations Plan (to plan for future emergencies or disasters). Otherwise, we tried to keep Council meetings pretty light in August due to summer break and vacation schedules, but we did manage to have one Regular Council Meeting and one Special Council Meeting in August. We will be back to normal meeting dates in September.



PLANS

Strategic Plan:

The Strategic Planning process for Suisun City has begun. The object of the Strategic Plan is to identify priorities, focus our limited resources in specific areas, and ensure that everyone is working on goals and objectives that will help to move the City forward.

A public workshop was held on August 27th with approximately 30 people attending. Residents who were unable to make it can still have their voices heard through the online survey, which can be found on our website at www.suisun.com or at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SuisunCity2019>

The consultant met with City Councilmembers and City staff individually prior to the Strategic Plan workshop and there is a strategic planning retreat scheduled for October 3rd. The Strategic Plan will become the guiding document for identifying the future “Vision” for Suisun City and how we set the path toward achieving that vision.

Long-Range Fiscal Plan:

Staff has been working with our fiscal model consultant in providing the data necessary to build a fiscal model that can look years ahead to the future based on our historic revenues and expenses and our expected revenues and expenses. This model will help to better inform staff, Councilmembers, and citizens of the current and future fiscal position of the city and help us to put together our plan for ensuring the fiscal health of the City. We will be having a presentation of the model at the September 17th Council meeting. Once we have a Strategic Plan in place and a working fiscal model, we can better prepare our budgets to reflect our priorities and make sure that we are planning for long-term sustainability.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):

Public Safety staff are working on updating the Emergency Operations Plan. The EOP has not been updated since January 2002. The EOP provides the structure and processes that an organization utilizes to respond to and initially recover from an event. The EOP identifies guidelines for managing a disaster in an effective, efficient, and timely manner. Staff will be reviewing this soon with the Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee before presenting to the City Council.

Fire Department Needs Assessment:

The City Council approved a contract with Fitch and Associates to conduct a Standards of Cover Service Assessment for the Suisun City Fire Department. As the consultant was collecting information, it became clear that the overall needs of the department made a normal “Standards of Cover Service Assessment” irrelevant and that a “Needs Assessment” was more in line with providing the City with the data and information needed to make decisions about the Fire Department moving forward. The consultants have completed their on-site reviews and will be working on putting that information together and completing their report over the next few months.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Measure S Oversight Committee:

The Measure S Oversight Committee met this month to go over the approved City budget for 2019/20 and discuss some of the priorities and challenges that are being addressed using Measure S funding.

National Night Out:

If you missed it this year, be sure to attend one of the National Night Out block parties next year. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This year there were seven locations throughout the City that celebrated National Night Out. City Councilmembers, along with Police and Fire personnel, made the rounds and chatted with residents about their neighborhoods and what is going in the city.



Summer Parks and Recreation Events:

The Recreation, Parks and Marina Department did a great job in providing entertainment options over the summer. Here is a brief summary of some of the summer programs that were offered:

- **Friday Night Music on the Waterfront** – From June 21st through August 9th there were seven Friday night bands providing entertainment on the waterfront. These events attracted anywhere from 150 people to 1,100.
- **Sunday Afternoon Jazz** – The Sunday Afternoon Jazz event went from July 7th thru August 25th and was sponsored by Republic Services. These events attracted from 50 to 160 people to the downtown Suisun City waterfront.
- **Movies in the Park** – Eight family-friendly movies were shown at Heritage Park attracting between 40 and 80 movie fans.
- **Summer Day Camps** – This year's summer day camp program was the most popular summer camp program to date. The 11-week program had 656 total registrations averaging about 60 campers per week.

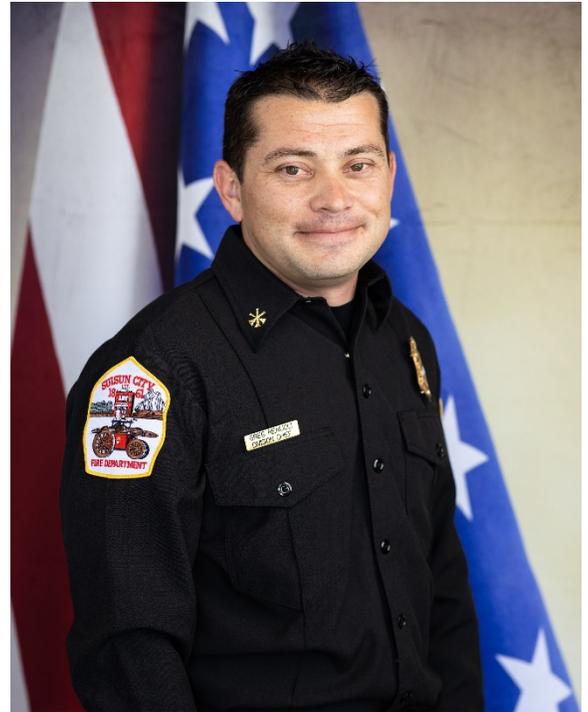
Solano EDC:

Suisun City is a supporter of the Solano County Economic Development Corporation (Solano EDC). The mission of Solano EDC is to help bring more jobs and businesses to Solano County to help the local economy. Solano EDC held their annual Economic Forum in August featuring noted economist, Dr. Robert Eyster, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Eyster provided insight on the national and local economy and discussed data showing a decreasing industrial vacancy rate, continuing population growth, and some reduction in poverty. Solano EDC will be providing a short overview of their achievements over the last year to the City Council in September.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATES

Captain Greg Renucci Promoted to Division Chief:

Captain Greg Renucci of the Suisun City Fire Department has been promoted to Division Chief. Division Chief Renucci has over twenty-two years of experience with the Suisun City Fire Department. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire Science and is currently completing his Bachelor’s Degree in Fire Science. He holds many certifications from the California State Fire Marshal, including Chief Fire Officer, Fire Instructor, and Swift Water Rescue Technician. Please pass on your “Congratulations” to Division Chief Greg Renucci if/when you see him.



PROJECT UPDATES

Marina Dredging Project Update:

After some delays due to mitigations for endangered species that were encountered at the beginning of the project, the Suisun Slough dredging project began in mid-August and is progressing well so far. although that may get delayed to August 12th due to precautions regarding endangered species. If all goes according to schedule, the project should be completed by mid-October.

City Hall Maintenance:

City Hall received a fresh coat of paint in August and the Police Department received a new air conditioning unit.

SSWA Water Meter Replacement Project Update:

The Suisun-Solano Water Authority (SSWA) started replacing residential water meters in May, 2019. The contractor is about 2/3rds completed with 5,503 water meters installed as of the end of August. More information on the program, including anticipated dates of installations, is available here:

<https://www.suisun.com/residential-water-meter-replacement-project/>



1st Quarter 2019 Sales Tax Report:

Sales tax receipts for the 1st quarter of 2019, net of aberrations, were up 3.4%.

July marked 10 years of continuous economic growth in the U.S, marking the longest period of economic expansion on record.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Software Licensing Agreement for Microsoft Office 365 and SQL:

Suisun City awarded a contract for an Enterprise Level Microsoft Office 365 license agreement and Structured Query Language (SQL) licenses for City Hall and the Police Department.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

August Permit Stats:

- Residential Remodel – 36
Water heaters, HVAC, window replacement, water lines, elec. service panels, siding, misc. repairs/remodels etc.
- Residential Solar – 17
- Residential Auxiliary – 2
Patio covers, decks, sheds, carports, etc.,
- Residential Re-roof – 10
- Commercial Remodel– 1
Apartment units interior remodel to add laundry room

Total Building Permits Issued – 66

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

September 5th – Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee

September 6th – Fire Department Boat Christening – 8:45 am at Marina Boat Launch

September 17th – City Council Meeting

September looks to be another busy month as we work to finish off projects and take on new challenges. Several important items we will be working on in September include creating our Suisun City Strategic Plan and our long-term fiscal model, implementing new budgeting software, and moving full-speed ahead on the dredging project. I look forward to the next update in October.

Regards,

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