

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/PUBLIC  
FINANCING AUTHORITY/PARKING AUTHORITY CONCURRENT  
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2025**

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The Bob Hope Theatre, 242 E. Main St., Stockton CA

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**WELCOME - Mayor Christina Fugazi welcomed all to the January 7, 2025 City Council Meeting - Swearing In Ceremony.**

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE TO FLAG**

The invocation was provided by Bishop Dockery and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Padilla

**OATH OF OFFICE/SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

**Swearing In Ceremony: Mariela Ponce, District 2**

The Oath of Office for Councilmember-Elect Ponce was administered by Mayor-Elect Christina Fugazi. Certificate of Election presented by Katherine Roland, City Clerk.

**Swearing In Ceremony: Mario Enríquez, District 4**

The Oath of Office for Councilmember-Elect Enríquez was administered by Rhodesia Ransom. Certificate of Election presented by Katherine Roland, City Clerk.

**Swearing In Ceremony: Jason Lee, District 6**

The Oath of Office for Councilmember-Elect Lee was administered by Malcom Bell. Certificate of Election presented by Katherine Roland, City Clerk.

**Swearing In Ceremony: Christina Fugazi, Mayor**

The Oath of Office for Mayor-Elect Fugazi was administered by Ronald Fugazi, Father of Mayor-Elect Fugazi. Certificate of Election presented by Katherine Roland, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - 6:31 PM**

Roll Call

Present:

Christina Fugazi  
Michael Blower  
Brando Villapudua  
Michele Padilla  
Mariela Ponce  
Mario Enríquez  
Jason Lee

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motecuzuma Sanchez - believing in the City of Stockton and new leadership, congratulated council

Akbar, Vice President of SEIU 1021 - thanked council for support

Pat Barrett - new councilmembers

Mary Elizabeth - information provided to council; Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Authority; fireworks; liquor stores, smoke shops

Julie Dunning - new councilmembers; thanked the full council

Unknown - congratulations

Cynthia Gail Boyd - congratulated new council; unlicensed vendors on the street; public safety

Maria, Visionary Home Builders - affordable housing, priorities

Destiny Rivas - voice of stockton; diversity

Steven Bejaorquez - thanked council for their service

Steve - celebratory evening

Paul Kinjo, Mayor Lathrop - congratulated council

Unknown - congratulated new councilmembers

Mercedes Heredia - safe swimming lessons; working with the city; congratulations

Matthais Heredia - congratulations

Unknown - thanked councilmembers; safety issue

Carol Jones - nonprofit Mending of Mothers; unhoused support; congratulations

Rupinder Mangat - change; preparation of council

Pandora Crowder - working together with Council; road work; thanked new city council

Jorge Altamirano - VFW; Stockton Civic Memorial 100 year old anniversary

RC Thompson - congratulated new city council;

Vincent Cantino - trash throughout the city; landlords

Nate Williams - congratulated new city council, Office of Violence Prevention

Ivan - breakdancing studio

Gina Fortes - violence in neighborhood;

Krystal Coles - SEIU Local 1000;

Unknown - investment in youth; volunteer for Councilmember Jason Lee

Renee Jones - foster parent; voting; congratulated new council

Tomboy Hill - congratulated new council

Unknown - congratulated whole council; thanked City Manager Black; non profits

Ed Stockton - digitizing City of Stockton

Unknown - serving the people of Stockton

Rev Dwight Williams - congratulated full council

Zoyla Moreno - translation services

Josh - Native Americans

Susan Jessica Mays - congratulated new Council

Lang Nguyen - Asian Pacific Public Affairs; public safety challenge

Pastor Trina Turner - congratulated new council

Tia Barnes - congratulated new council

Tracy Moreland - congratulated new council

Dan Richardson - congratulated new council and returning; citizens of Stockton

Justice Baca - foster youth

Judy Gray - foster mother; Venture Academy; foster youth

Marina - change in stockton

Pastor Curtis Smith - working together

Unknown - thanked Mayor Fugazi; congratulations

Unknown - congratulated council; opportunities in the city

Marcella McWilson - real estate

Brenda Vasquez - thanked Mayor Fugazi; welcomed new council

Edwin Valdez - congratulated new council; funding projects

Bishop Andrew Watkins - representation of the city

Zach Hulse - youth focus

Unknown - future of stockton

Gina - congratulated council; thanked Mayor Fugazi

Michael Emerson - veteranhelp.net services

Elaine Mooney - congratulated council; homelessness;

Rhonda - youth organization, Thumbprint International; congratulations

Mario Gardea, County Supervisor - congratulations

Nancy Young - City of Tracy Mayor; congratulated council

Marbello Villalobos - congratulated council

Rick Demas - congratulated council; Ask Stockton; Stribley Park

Alberto Gonzalez - congratulated new council

Council Correspondence -Public Comment

**3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**3.1 25-0002 MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF VICE MAYOR**

Legislation Text

Proposed Resolution

Approved Resolution 2025-01-07-0301

Approve **Resolution 2025-01-07-0301** appointing Councilmember Jason Lee as Vice Mayor

**Moved by:** Michele Padilla, seconded by Michael Blower.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7-0

**Yes:** Christina Fugazi , Michael Blower, Brando Villapudua, Michele Padilla, Mariela Ponce, Mario Enríquez, and Jason Lee.

**3.2 24-1267 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE/FUNCTION ROSTER**

Legislation Text

Proposed Resolution

Exhibit 1- Mayoral Appointments 2025

Approved Resolution 2025-01-07-0302

Note: A memo dated January 7, 2025 from Katherine Roland, City Clerk was distributed around the bench informing council there was a revision to mayoral

appointments to Council committee structure/function roster - Exhibit 1 Attachment A

Around the bench memo

Council Correspondence - Public Comment

Approve **Resolution 2025-01-07-0302** amending the Mayoral Appointments to Council Committees and Committee Structure/Function roster effective immediately.

**Moved by:** Michele Padilla, seconded by Mario Enríquez.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7-0

**Yes:** Christina Fugazi , Michael Blower, Brando Villapudua, Michele Padilla, Mariela Ponce, Mario Enríquez, and Jason Lee.

### 3.3 **25-0017 ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Legislation Text

Attachment A - Resolution 2024-12-10-0609

Attachment B - Class Spec - Mayoral PIO II

Attachment C - Redacted Resume - Leenisha Ward

Proposed Resolution

Approved Resolution 2025-01-07-0303

Approve **Resolution 2025-01-07-0303:**

1. Appointing one new employee to fill the final vacancy in the Office of the Mayor; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of the resolution.

**Moved by:** Jason Lee, seconded by Mario Enríquez.

### 4. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Blower - thanked public, attendance; welcomed new councilmembers and mayor

Councilmember Enriquez - groundstack coffee meeting at 10:00 AM; Ask Stockton App; January 21, 2025 boards and commissions appointments

Vice Mayor Lee - civic engagement; Toys for Joy event; thanked City Manager Black, City Clerk Roland , City Attorney Asuncion for all the work towards the ceremony; multiple shootings and homicides in Stockton, public safety, acknowledge Chief McFadden; thanked County Supervisor Gardea; youth in community; ASM contract; study sessions regarding contract procurement; study session regarding money awarded to building contractors; discussion regarding substations in Stockton

Approve **Motion 2025-01-07-0400** to hold study sessions regarding Contract Procurement and Review of Money Awarded to Building Contractors within the next 45 days Attachment A

**Moved by:** Jason Lee, seconded by Mariela Ponce.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7-0

**Yes:** Christina Fugazi , Michael Blower, Brando Villapudua, Michele Padilla, Mariela Ponce, Mario Enríquez, and Jason Lee.

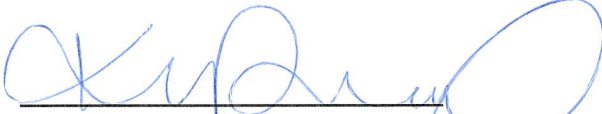
Councilmember Padilla - campaign, new councilmembers; thanked public; detailed report and investigation into Measure A funds; recognized Juan Heredia

Councilmember Villapudua - thanked community for attendance; thanked new elected councilmembers

Councilmember Ponce - thanked public

Mayor Fugazi - thanked Mary Elizabeth; update from Directors of form and function of department, projects that they are working on and timelines; thanked public; thanked staff; close meeting in memory of Robert Bobby Van Ruiten

**5. ADJOURNMENT - 8:34 PM**

  
KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC  
STOCKTON CITY CLERK