

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF STANTON  
JOINT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023

1. **CLOSED SESSION** None.
2. **CALL TO ORDER STANTON CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY JOINT REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council / Successor Agency / Housing Authority meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Shawver.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mr. Brian Donahue.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council/Agency/Authority Member Taylor, Council/Agency/Authority Member Torres, Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Van, and Mayor/Chairman Shawver.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

**Mayor Shawver motioned to hear New Business Item 9A out of order.**

Motion/Second: Shawver/Torres

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Shawver, Taylor, Torres, Van, and Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

The City Council authorized the request to hear New Business Item 9A out of order.

- 9A. **CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF GAZA**

At the November 14, 2023, City Council meeting, Council Member Torres requested that this item be agendaized for discussion. Council Member Torres requested to discuss the creation of a resolution in support of the Palestinian people of Gaza, which also calls for a ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine. At the November

28, 2023, City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to create a staff report and resolution for City Council consideration modeling the proposed resolution passed by the City of Cudahy, California.

Staff report by Ms. Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager.

Mayor Shawver called point of order: Mayor Shawver reported that the request for approval of Resolution No. 2023-30 is in violation of the City's adopted Administrative Rules & Regulations Policy II-2-7.

Is request of approval of Resolution No. 2023-30 in violation of the City's adopted Administrative Rules & Regulations Policy II-2-7?

Motion/Second: Shawver/Warren

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	NO
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion carried:

The City Council voted that approval of Resolution No. 2023-30 is in violation of the City's adopted Administrative Rules & Regulations Policy II-2-7.

Mayor Shawver called for the question: Not to move forward with approval of Resolution No. 2023-30, due to the approval being in violation of the City's adopted Administrative Rules & Regulations Policy II-2-7.

Mayor Pro Tem Van called for a substitute motion: Requesting that the City Council review and consider an alternate resolution provided to the City Council.

**Public Comments / E-Mail (Written):**

- Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk, reported that as of December 12, 2023, 5:32 PM, the City has received a total of 633 written comments.
  - 221 - Spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
  - 412 - Spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

**Public Comments / In-Person:**

- Mr. Joe Urcis, spoke regarding the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Anne Katz, spoke regarding the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Michal Accad Elisha, spoke regarding the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Speaker, spoke regarding the proposed resolution.

In Opposition:

- Mr. David Tz Liezril, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Peter Levi, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Robin Gurien, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Nika Galperin, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Laurel Feldner, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Levy Dror, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Judy Yehuda, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Manahil Haroon, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Brett Nemeth, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Rabbi Nancy Myers, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Hadas Dvir, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Mendel Rosenbluh, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Charles Niederman, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Wing Sum, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.

In Support:

- Ms. Rowan Saleh, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Sam Stanton, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Mona Yashruti Schnell, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Thayer Hussein, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Lulu Hammad, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Amir Nash, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Demian Garcia-Monroy, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Salma Maaytah, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Rawan Tahan, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Rashad Al-Dabaagh, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Ayah Maaytah, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Maha Afra, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Ryda Hamida, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Mirvette Judeh, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Mimi Jubran, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Alexandra Noyes, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Juliana M., spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Basha Jamil, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Leena Sabagh, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Aliya Yousufi, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Adam Overton, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Manahil Awan, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Emma Jensen, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Danyah Mousa, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Ahmad Mouša, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Estee Chandler, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Ahmad A. Skoudarani, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

- Ms. Jessica Moss, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Kayla Asato, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Fernando Delgado, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Fatnal, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Nadeah, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Ms. Ahmad Mukdad, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.
- Mr. Nicholas Dibs, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

**Public Comments / E-Mail (Written):**

- Per Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk, as of December 12, 2023, 12:06 AM, the City has received an additional total of 959 written comments.
  - 196 - Spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution.
  - 763 - Spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

Motion/Second: Van/Shawver

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	NO
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion carried:

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5)(Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Approved amended Resolution No. 2023-30.

**MAYOR SHAWVER CALLED FOR A RECESS AT 9:55 PM.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:06 PM.**

**Mayor Shawver motioned to hear City Council Initiated Item 12D out of order.**

Motion/Second: Shawver/Van  
 Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5 (Shawver, Taylor, Torres, Van, and Warren)
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

Motion unanimously carried.

The City Council authorized the request to hear City Council Initiated Item 12D out of order.

**12D. CITY COUNCIL INITIATED ITEM — DISCUSSION REGARDING STRENGTHENING THE CITY'S TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE ORDINANCE**

At the November 28, 2023, City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Van requested that this item be agendaized for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Van is requesting to discuss strengthening the City's tobacco retail license ordinance to address any potential loopholes, ensure that the definition of both "tobacco retailer" and "flavored tobacco" is adequately defined, ensure that the City has an adequate application fee to cover the cost of enforcement and monitoring, and methodize compliance monitoring frequencies.

Presentation by Mayor Pro Tem Van.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Claire Braeburn, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Maria Salgado, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Maria Montes, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Guadalupe Vigil, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Eugenia Amaro, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Lorena Flores, spoke in favor of this item.
- Ms. Aiya Kahawati, spoke in favor of this item.
- Dr. Maha Afra, spoke in favor of this item.

Motion/Second: Van/Taylor

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Shawver, Taylor, Torres, Van, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried:

The City Council received consensus and directed staff to proceed with research and to bring this item back for City Council review at a future City Council meeting.

**5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

At the request of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, item 5 was tabled for presentation at a future City Council meeting.

~~Introduction of newly assigned Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) Deputies to the City Council and Community and recognition of outgoing Human Liaison Officer.~~

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion/Second: Warren/Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council/Agency/Authority Member Taylor	AYE
	Council/Agency/Authority Member Torres	AYE
	Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Van	AYE
	Mayor/Chairman Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. SAID ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AND FURTHER READING WAIVED**

The City Council/Agency Board/Authority Board waived reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

**6B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

The City Council approved demand warrants dated November 3, 2023 – November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$2,028,618.36.

**6C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Council/Successor Agency/Housing Authority approved Minutes of Joint Special and Regular Meeting – November 28, 2023.

**6D. OCTOBER 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT**

The Investment Report as of October 31, 2023, has been prepared in accordance with the City's Investment Policy and California Government Code Section 53646.

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Received and filed the Investment Report for the month of October 2023.

**6E. OCTOBER 2023 INVESTMENT REPORT (SUCCESSOR AGENCY)**

The Investment Report as of October 31, 2023, has been prepared in accordance with the City's Investment Policy and California Government Code Section 53646.

1. The Successor Agency finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Received and filed the Investment Report for the month of October 2023.

**6F. OCTOBER 2023 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT; HOUSING AUTHORITY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT; AND STATUS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month ended October 31, 2023, has been provided to the City Manager in accordance with Stanton Municipal Code Section 2.20.080 (D) and is being provided to City Council. This report includes information for both the City's General Fund and the Housing Authority Fund. In addition, this report includes a status of the City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) as of October 31, 2023. The figures reported represent preliminary figures through October 31, 2023. The fiscal year end closing process for Fiscal Year 2022/23 is still in progress and the final figures are pending completion of the City's annual financial statement audit.

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Received and filed the General Fund and Housing Authority Fund October 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Status of Capital Improvement Projects for the month ended October 31, 2023.

**6G. APPROVE REVISED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS POLICY (ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. IV-4-2)**

The City's Budget Adjustments Policy (Administrative Policy No. IV-4-2) was last approved on September 25, 2007, and neither incorporates modern best practices nor reflects the City's current practices. The proposed policy has been updated to be consistent with the authorizations approved by the City Council with the adoption of the City's annual operating and capital budget (Resolution No. 2023-19).

1. The Successor Agency finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Approved the revised Budget Adjustments Policy (Administrative Policy No. IV-4-2).

**6H. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) RESOLUTION**

On November 29, 2023, the Orange County Community Resources Department released a Request for Applications (RFA) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant projects related to public facilities and improvements (PF&I). In response to the RFA, staff is proposing the Stanton Community/Senior Center Improvement Project. As part of the application process, the City Council must review and authorize Resolution No. 2023-31 authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement, contract and other documents.

1. The City Council declared that this project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" as defined by CEQA; and
2. Approved Resolution No. 2023-31 authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement, contract and other documents required by the Orange County Community Resources Department for participation in the CDBG program on behalf of the City Council, entitled:

**"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON, CALIFORNIA TO APPROVE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE".**

**6I. AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION: PREMIER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 WITH RJM DESIGN GROUP**

The plans and specifications for the Premier Park Renovation Project are complete. The City Engineer is recommending City Council approve the specifications and plans for bidding, subject to revision by the City Engineer and the City Attorney, to ensure the construction contract is awarded in an efficient and timely manner. To ensure construction of the Project is in conformance with the design, staff is recommending approval of a First Amendment to RJM Design Group, Inc.'s to extend the term of their Agreement.



1. The City Council finds that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Class 1, Section 15301 as an alteration of existing public facility and Class 2, Section 15302(c) as reconstruction of existing facility; and
2. Approved the bid specifications and plans, subject to revisions required by the City Engineer and the City Attorney; and
3. Authorized and advertise for bids the Premier Park Renovation Project (Task Code No. 2022-206); and
4. Approved the First Amendment to the existing agreement with RJM Design Group and allows the City Attorney to make minor edits as necessary prior to the execution of the Amendment; and
5. Authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the existing Agreement with RJM Design Group, Inc.

**6J. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

On September 26, 2023, staff released a "Request for Proposals" (RFP) soliciting firms to provide professional, on-call geotechnical engineering services in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy and Procedures. Staff has pre-qualified four firms and recommends entering into on-call services agreements in the amount of \$150,000, annually, with each of the pre-qualified firms. Costs associated with work by these firms will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis and funded by each project's approved budget.

1. The City Council declared this action to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, since the action herein does not constitute a "project" as defined by section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines; and
2. Awarded a contract for professional geotechnical engineering services to GMU Geotechnical, Inc., Leighton Consulting, Inc., Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants, and Petra Geosciences, Inc. to provide on-call professional geotechnical engineering services in an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000 or \$150,000 annually; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to bind the City of Stanton and GMU Geotechnical, Inc., Leighton Consulting, Inc., Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants, and Petra Geosciences, Inc. in a contract to provide the services.

**6K. AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PACIFIC ADVANCED CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN UPDATE PROJECT (TASK CODE 2024-801)**

A Storm Drain Master Plan assesses the needs of the City's storm drain system and plans and prioritizes maintenance and rehabilitation of the system with available funding. It also serves as a useful planning tool for the City's Capital Improvement Program. The previous Storm Drain Master Plan was prepared in 1991 by RBF Consulting Engineers. Staff released a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) soliciting proposals to provide a Storm Drain Master Plan Update to reflect the current condition of the storm drain system, assess the capacity of the existing system to handle flows generated at the ultimate "build-out" of the City, and develop a comprehensive 10-year Capital Improvement Program. Staff recommends awarding a contract to Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$539,870.

1. The City Council declared this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Class 1, Section 15301(b) as operation, repair, and maintenance of existing publicly owned utilities; and
2. Awarded a professional services agreement to Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. for a Storm Drain Master Plan Update in the amount of \$539,870; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to bind the City of Stanton and Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. in a contract to provide the services; and
4. Authorized the City Manager to approve a contract contingency, not to exceed ten percent of the contract amount, of \$53,987.

**6L. LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ASSET FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (HOUSING AUTHORITY)**

The attached Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is being presented for consideration as required by State Law.

1. The Authority Board declared that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Received and filed the Annual Progress Report.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

New Business item 9A was heard out of order.

~~9A. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF GAZA~~

9B. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF EXPIRED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS PERMITS

At the October 24, 2023, City Council meeting, Mayor Shawver requested that a discussion regarding a review and update of the City's current cannabis ordinance be agendized for discussion. At the November 14, 2023, City Council meeting, per the discussion, the City Council directed staff to bring back an agenda report focused on the possible extension of recently expired cannabis permits.

Staff report by Ms. Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Joseph Adeife, representative for Culture and Stanton Fresh Farms, spoke in favor of an extension of expired commercial cannabis permits, requested that the City Council grant an additional 36 months, and further reported that they are prepared to pay respective fees to show that they are dedicated to being responsible stakeholders in this process.
- Mr. Allan Othman, business owner, spoke in favor of an extension of expired commercial cannabis permits, proposed that prior to the City's issuance of licenses ensure that the granted licensee confirm that they have secured a suitable location, and further stated that in not granting an extension of expired permits would displace current permit holders and the City would also be at a disadvantage.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Van  
Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Shawver, Taylor, Torres, Van, Warren)  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council finds that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(5)(Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. The City Council directed staff to conduct a cultivation survey (timeline/cost and/or fees) of neighboring/surrounding cities and to bring this item back for City Council review at a future City Council meeting.

**9C. AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW PUBLIC LODGING, LODGING FACILITY OR LODGING BUSINESSES OR USES, AND A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ANY EXPANSION, ENLARGEMENT, AND/OR ALTERATION OF ANY EXISTING PUBLIC LODGING, LODGING FACILITY, OR LODGING BUSINESSES AND USES PENDING STUDY AND THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING CODE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65858 AND 36937 AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA**

The City of Stanton ("City") has documented that a number of motels in the City are magnets for criminal activity. This is a significant drain on City resources. Each year, the City's law enforcement responds to hundreds of calls for services that include, among other things, prostitution, narcotics violations, stolen vehicles, weapon possession, probation/parole violations, burglary, robbery, gang activity, assaults, and assaults with deadly weapons. That amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on law enforcement, code enforcement, public safety, and other City costs. The high level of criminal activity at motels in the City poses immediate impacts on the health, safety, and welfare of the community. The crime endangers residents, businesses, and visitors, and significantly degrades quality of life. Against this backdrop, the City Council is asked to consider an interim urgency ordinance to temporarily prohibit the establishment of public lodging and/or the expansion, enlargement, or alteration of existing public lodging businesses and uses within the City. The interim urgency ordinance is intended to provide the City with sufficient time to study the continuing impacts of these establishments and to develop new municipal and zoning code regulations.

Introduction by Ms. HongDao Nguyen, City Attorney.

Ms. HongDao Nguyen, City Attorney announced that due to a conflict of interest the City Council will segment the discussion and vote so that Mayor Pro Tem Van and Council Member Warren, Council Members who own property close to the Dixie Hotel, Starlite Motel, and Villa Motel, would not vote on whether the moratorium should apply to those hotels/motels.

First Discussion: Jade Palace, Chester Inn, Casa Playa Inn and Suites, and Motel 6.

Staff report by Ms. Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Torres

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council finds that the proposed urgency ordinance is:
  - a) Not a "project" within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations) because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and
  - b) Exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1136, entitled:

**"AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW PUBLIC LODGING, LODGING FACILITY OR LODGING BUSINESSES OR USES, AND A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON ANY EXPANSION, ENLARGEMENT, AND/OR ALTERATION OF ANY EXISTING PUBLIC LODGING, LODGING FACILITY, OR LODGING BUSINESSES AND USES PENDING STUDY AND THE PREPARATION OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONING CODE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65858 AND 36937 AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA".**

Prior to the discussion and vote on the Dixie Hotel, Starlite Motel, and Villa Motel, there was a drawing of names between Mayor Pro Tem Van and Council Member Warren since the item required a four-fifths vote of the Council, and it was legally necessary to qualify another council member to be part of the vote. Ms. Patricia A. Vazquez, City Clerk initiated the drawing of names, and Council Member Warren was selected to remain in the council chambers and at the dais. Mayor Pro Tem Van left both the dais and the council chambers.

Second Discussion: Dixie Hotel, Starlite Motel, and Villa Motel

Staff report by Ms. Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	RECUSED
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council finds that the proposed urgency ordinance is:
  - c) Not a "project" within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations) because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and
  - d) Exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
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**9D. SELECTION OF THE CITY'S NEW LOGO, BRANDING AND MESSAGING**

The purpose of this report is to review outreach results and seek City Council selection of a logo and motto as part of the next phase of the City's Branding & Messaging Project.

Staff report by Ms. Ashley Cain, Community Services Manager.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Torres

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council declared this project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15378(b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment); and
2. Selected logo option number 2 (green/orange/periwinkle); and
3. Directed staff to originate additional motto options for City Council review and consideration at a future City Council meeting.

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Nicolas Dibs, spoke regarding his request for the City to proceed with a universal declaration of human rights, by declaring a "Human Rights Day" within the City of Stanton.

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**                      None.

**12. MAYOR/CHAIRMAN/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED BUSINESS**

**12A. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Member Torres expressed his gratitude to the City Council and Stanton community in his service to the City as a Council Member this past year.
- At the request of Mayor Shawver, Ms. Zenia Bobadilla, Community Services Director reported on the following upcoming City held events:
  - Christmas Tree Lighting Event, which was held on December 7, 2023, at the Stanton Community Services Center.
  - Karina's Backpack Project - Dreams for Schools Event
  - Stanta's Siren Express Event
- Mayor Shawver reported on an upcoming drive through food and diaper distribution event, which is scheduled to be held on December 16, 2023 at Stanton Park.
- Mayor Shawver reported that he is in the process of preparing to host a Public Safety Services appreciation luncheon, details to follow.

**12B. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING**

None.

**12C. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE STUDY SESSION**

None.

**~~12D. CITY COUNCIL INITIATED ITEM — DISCUSSION REGARDING CONDUCTING A REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE CITY'S CURRENT CANNABIS ORDINANCE (Heard out of order)~~**

City Council Initiated Item 12D was heard out of order.



**12E. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR PRO TEM HONG ALYCE VAN**

Presentation of honors to Mayor Pro Tem Hong Alyce Van by the City Council.

The City Council expressed their gratitude to outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Van for her outstanding service to the Stanton community this past year.

Mayor Pro Tem Van expressed her gratitude to the City Council, city staff, and Stanton Community.

Mayor Shawver reported that as part of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County presented Stanton with a commemorative "Key to the Food Bank" to express their gratitude for the city's support of both Second Harvest and their partner network.

**12F. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL**

Annually, the City Council elects a Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Shawver opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Shawver nominated Council Member Carol Warren for the office of Mayor Pro Tem, which was seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Taylor	AYE
	Council Member Torres	AYE
	Council Member Warren	AYE
	Mayor Pro Tem Van	AYE
	Mayor Shawver	AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

Council Member Carol Warren was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem.

**13. ITEMS FROM CITY ATTORNEY/AGENCY COUNSEL/AUTHORITY COUNSEL**

None.

**14. ITEMS FROM CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

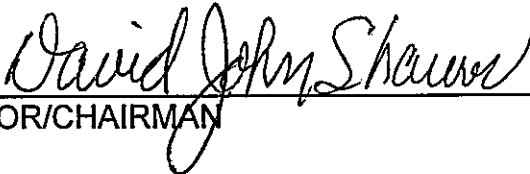
Ms. Hannah Shin-Heydorn, City Manager, reported on the upcoming Stanton State of the City event and filming schedules.


**14A. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY**

At this time the Orange County Fire Authority will provide the City Council with an update on their current operations.

Chief Steve Dohman provided the City Council with an update on their current operations.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT** in memory and honor of Ms. Loreen Berlin.  
Motion/Second: Shawver/  
Motion carried at 12:06 a.m.

  
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MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:  
  
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CITY CLERK/SECRETARY