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Summary of the Tuesday, January 17 Common Council meeting by Council President Greg Vartan

SUMMIT, NJ, January 18, 2023 – At the meeting Mayor Nora Radest, City Administrator Michael Rogers and I provided reports to the community. There was a presentation by Fire Chief Eric Evers on the new fire headquarters building project.

- Mayor Radest reported that she will not seek re-election for a third term. She also highlighted participation in the MLK day of service and lunar new year celebrations.
- City Administrator Michael Rogers reported on upcoming PSE&G weekend construction work at the intersection of Passaic and West End avenues advising people to visit cityofsummit.org for the schedule and detour information.
- I reported that a process and timeline for Broad Street West and course of action on a potential Maple Street closure should be announced in February 2023.
- Chief Evers explained that the new fire headquarters building project is on schedule for completion in June or July 2023.

Several resolutions were adopted and include:

- The contract for the city grants writer was renewed for another year. In 2022, \$2M in grants were generated for the city.
- Several engineering resolutions were adopted. Monies budgeted in these “not to exceed contracts” are likely to remain unused and will allow the city to complete projects without hiring additional staff members.
- A grant application was submitted for the renovation of the 25-year-old Mabie Playground - a top priority for playground replacement because of its age and central location on the Village Green.

Two ideas to deter illegal parking were shared with council and the public. The purpose of the discussion was to determine if council should consider these potential actions at a future meeting.

- The Parking Services Agency presented information on Sentry Safety Sticks, solar-powered bollards that would be a potential solution to prevent illegal parking and replace ugly signage.
- A proposal to increase fines for parking violations was also presented as an option to further deter illegal parking.

The agenda for the Tuesday, January 17, 2023, meeting is available here:

<https://www.cityofsummit.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/631?fileID=50900>

To view the meeting online go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqJj9hIU8K8>

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