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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 23, 2023**

#### **Additional Patrols in Place Through Labor Day**

To help keep the community safe, the Police Department will have additional officers on patrol through Labor Day (Sept. 4) looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The additional effort is part of a national enforcement campaign, Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over. Funding for this additional enforcement is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

#### **Diversity Dining Week**

Explore Elk Grove and the City are offering the chance to get a taste of diversity and great deals during Diversity Dining Week, September 1-10. Local eateries are offering special discounts and promotions with the Elk Grove Local Pass, a free mobile passport. Learn more and get your free pass at [www.elkgrovelocalpass.com](http://www.elkgrovelocalpass.com).

#### **Elk Grove Multicultural Festival**

The community is invited to travel the globe without leaving home as the City's Diversity & Inclusion Commission, Kaiser Permanente and other local partners host the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Elk Grove Multicultural Festival on Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at District56. Elk Grove's premier cultural celebration will offer exhibits from nearly 100 vendors and cultural organizations, two stages of entertainment, an art show, food court and more. The event kicks off with a colorful parasol parade and opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Details are available on the city's website.

#### **Home Energy Expo**

The City and SMUD will partner to offer an Electric Test Ride & Home Energy Savings Expo event on Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at District56. This free event will offer visitors the opportunity to test drive electric vehicles and get a free food truck lunch and test ride electric bikes for a chance to win one of their own. Experts will be on hand to share information on programs, rebates, and incentives supporting sustainable landscaping and energy efficient homes. Details are available on the City's website.

#### **District Attorney Youth Academy**

The City, in partnership with the District Attorney's office and the new Elk Grove Community Prosecutor, is hosting the District Attorney's Youth Academy in Elk Grove beginning September 24 - December 14. The program offers the opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system, hear from criminal justice partners, and discuss issues affecting today's youth.

**Streetlight Sweep**

The Public Works team conducted a sweep last week to inspect more than 14,000 city streetlights following reports of some bad bulbs. About 50 LED bulbs made by the same manufacturer have failed and are displaying blue and purple lights in some areas. The lights are under warranty and crews will be replacing them. Residents can report a bad bulb by calling the City's Maintenance Hotline at (916) 687-3005 or report the problem on the See Click Fix Elk Grove mobile app.

**Community Participation Survey**

A new online survey has opened this week as part of a project to develop an inclusive community participation toolkit. The toolkit will be used to help staff increase engagement with the community on local projects and programs. We invite residents to share their experience working with the City and share ideas on how we can do better. A link to the survey is now available on the city's Facebook and NextDoor feeds.

**Recreation Swim Taking Last Laps for Season – REMINDER**

Recreation (open) swim is available at the Elk Grove Aquatics Center on weekends through Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 4) from 1-5:30 pm. Drop-in rates for those 5 years and older is \$8 and \$5 for those ages 2-4.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, August 23, 2023*

**District56**

**Description:** The City is developing a multi-phased recreational campus on 56 acres just east of Big Horn Boulevard and south of Civic Center Drive. The site is known as District56 to honor the suggestion of "District" during the public naming process and 56 for the number of acres on the site. Individual projects are described in detail below. The Elk Grove Aquatics Center, the Center (including Senior Center and Veterans Hall), The Avenue of the Arts/Commons, Veterans Grove and the Preserve Nature Area are complete and operational. Future planned phases include a library and performing arts center.

The District56 website has been launched and can be found at:  
<http://www.district56elkgrove.com/>.

**Amenity:** Library and Performing Arts  
The City has finalized a plan for the future Library and Cultural Arts Center (including a Performing Arts Center). Recommendations were presented to the Council on August 22, 2018 and were well received. The cost estimate (prepared in 2018) for the facility is between \$82-\$113 million depending on the program size and additional amenities desired.

**Amenity:** Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System Improvements  
The City Council awarded a design build contract for a 1.15-million-kilowatt hours (kWh) system on January 27, 2021 to provide electricity to The Center, Aquatics Center, The Avenue and The Preserve. Construction started in January 2022 and the major components of the system were installed that summer. The system was connected to SMUD in the fall 2022 and commissioning is expected to be complete early in 2023. A 30-day proving period was completed in early 2023 and the system is generating electricity as designed. The O&M Performance Guarantee contract was executed at the July 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting and final project closeout activities are underway.

**Project Elevate: An Elevated Retail, Dining, and Entertainment Experience for Elk Grove**

**Description:** The City owns a 20-acre property at the southeast corner of Elk Grove and Big Horn Boulevard, just north of District56 (the Civic Center/Aquatics Center) and is exploring future opportunities for the site. Specifically, the City is evaluating development of a mixed-use project that includes retail, dining, entertainment, office, and residential uses, as well as a hotel. The objective of the project is to elevate the level of retail, dining, entertainment, residential, and hospitality amenities in the City, while at the same time developing a site with enhanced design elements that promote pedestrian activity and include central, public gathering spaces. For these reasons, the City refers to this as Project Elevate.

**Update:** At its August 10, 2022 meeting, the City Council approved execution of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with developer Hines. On May 15, 2023, Hines provided the City with notice of termination under the ENA. Hines and the City were unable to come to terms on proceeding with the development within the timeframe the City desires and in a manner that preserves the City's vision for the site. Staff and the Project Elevate City Council Ad-Hoc Subcommittee are now working to identify alternative developers capable of proceeding with the project.

### **Sacramento Zoo Relocation**

**Description:** The City is working with the Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) on a possible relocation of the Sacramento Zoo to Elk Grove. A potential site for the zoo has been identified along Lotz Parkway just north of Kammerer Road.

**Update:** In May 2022, the City and SZS executed a Memorandum of Understanding outlining next steps in the project, and activities are ongoing. SZS has retained a design team for the facility and the City is leading planning and design for off-site infrastructure. The concept site plan design, along with renderings, was released to the public in November 2022. The schematic design plan, plan of finance, and environmental impact report are being prepared for Council consideration in early 2024.

### **Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Association (JPA)**

**Description:** The Five agency Joint Powers Association (City of Elk Grove, City of Folsom, City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, County of El Dorado) are working to develop a connector road linking Hwy 50 in El Dorado County at the future Silva Valley Interchange in El Dorado Hills with Interstate 5 at the Hood Franklin Interchange.

**Update:** Sheldon Area  
The Grant Line Road Precise Roadway Plan Study that focused on the 2.7-mile Segment C of the Connector was presented to City Council on August 24, 2022 where Council agreed with the recommended Roundabouts versus Signals and the inclusion of an additional intersection between Sheldon Road and Calvine Road to reduce out of direction travel. Direction to initiate further analysis of the Wilton Road Intersection alternatives, and the incorporation of the preferred intersection controls into the Rural Area Community Plan of the General Plan as part of a future General Plan Update was also provided. Project WTR091 is programmed to begin the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane and Staff expect to award the contract for design and environmental work in the fall.

### **Kammerer Road Extension**

**Description:** The City plans to extend and eventually widen Kammerer Road between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, providing an east-west connector bypassing downtown Sacramento and alleviating traffic congestion on Laguna and Elk Grove Boulevards. The project also includes a grade separated crossing over the railroad tracks.

**Update:** Environmental  
In 2017, the City, County, and JPA transferred responsibility for completion of the environmental work to the Connector JPA as a tiered Mitigated Negative Declaration document under their programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Draft EIR document was circulated for public comment and the public comment period ended on April 2, 2018. The final CEQA document was approved at the JPA board meeting in December 2018. In October 2021, the City and the JPA transferred the NEPA Implementing Agency Role from the JPA to the City. This allows the City to lead the delivery of the NEPA document with the California Department of Transportation remaining the NEPA Lead.

Update: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville, and the City is also preparing a project report for the I-5 Hood Franklin Interchange. Once the project has completed NEPA, right-of-way acquisitions can begin. Caltrans has approved the Final NEPA document, and it is ready for Caltrans signatures which will occur once a Final Project Report is approved and a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans is finalized (all three documents are to be signed by Caltrans at the same time). It is anticipated the NEPA process will be completed in late Fall 2023. Once that occurs, the Environmental Phase will be completed, and the project can then advance into the Right-Of-Way/Final Design phase.

## ATTACHMENT B

### UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

*Updated as of Wednesday, August 23, 2023*

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	August 24 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Arts Commission Meeting	August 24 6:30 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Ave
NeighborGood Market	August 31 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Diversity Dining Week	September 1-10	Various locations in the community
<i>Fridays in the Grove Comedy Night Ticket Sales Open</i>	<i>September 1</i>	
Fridays in the Grove Movie Night: ENCANTO	September 1 8 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
First Saturday Art Reception	September 2 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
<i>City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday</i>	<i>September 4</i>	
Food Truck Mania	September 6 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
NeighborGood Market	September 7 4 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Planning Commission Meeting	September 7 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Multicultural Festival	September 9 10 a.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Americana Vintage Market	September 9 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Tire Collection Event	September 10 – 13 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	September 11 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Youth Commission Meeting	September 12 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	September 13 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

**ATTACHMENT C**

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF AUGUST 23, 2023**

*The following is a status report of matters requested by the City Council during prior Council meetings.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Direction/Follow Up</b>	<b>Status</b>
7/26/2023	Report back on illegal fireworks activity from the 2023 Fourth of July and provide information on enforcement activities and fines.	Staff is preparing this information for a future Council meeting.