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To: Elk Grove Mayor and Council

From: Laura S. Gill, City Manager *Laura S. Gill*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for August 27, 2008**

This is a report by the City Manager to the Elk Grove City Council. This report provides information on issues affecting the City and the progress of City activities.

Police Activity League (PAL) Grant

The PAL applied for and received their first grant for \$6,000 for 10 computers. The purpose of the grant is for the organization to integrate "at-risk" and under-represented youth in the Elk Grove/South Sacramento area into the computer technology arena. PAL believes they can guide, mentor and educate kids in areas of computer usage that goes beyond "gaming" and what they may learn in school.

Long Range Transfer Station Project

The Transfer Station Project has been offering specific public information and feedback meetings since April 2008. Thus far the six meetings have been focusing on:

- the general need for trash and recycling infrastructure for Elk Grove's future
- the site selection process
- on-going functional review of the 2 proposed sites that Council directed staff to study
- start of the environmental review process
- a summary schedule of upcoming events so that interested residents can stay involved in the process.

The last meeting was held on Tuesday, August 26 and had 10 residents in attendance.

Meet the City Manager event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce

The Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Meet the City Manager" mixer on Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 9241 Laguna Springs Drive in Elk Grove. The event is sponsored by Frontier Communications and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Teresa Evans at (916) 478-2281 or tevans@elkgrovecity.org if you plan on attending.

Civic Center Public Meeting

The City of Elk Grove is hosting the first in a series of public meetings to discuss the community's vision for the future Elk Grove Civic Center. The first meeting will take place Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Elk Grove City Hall.

More than 75 acres of land on the south side of Elk Grove Boulevard will one day be the home of a new Civic Center and Community Park for the City of Elk Grove. The City is now beginning the public outreach and design study process, embracing this unique opportunity to create a city-defining icon.

These multiple workshops will assist in determining what types of uses and amenities should be included at the Civic Center. Following the community's lead, the design team from internationally renowned Zaha Hadid will begin design studies for the Civic Center. Extensive public outreach for the future Elk Grove Civic Center will include four public workshops, a dedicated page on the City's website, and online tools to solicit public feedback and telephone surveys.

Residents who cannot attend the workshops are encouraged to provide comments online at http://www.egplanning.org/projects/civic_center/index.html. For more information contact Lisa Burke with the City of Elk Grove Planning Department at (916) 478-3621 or lburke@elkgrovecity.org.

Keeping Elk Grove Beautiful

The Community Enhancement Division has completed the summary abatement of the weeds posing a fire hazard for Monterey Village (Dunmore Community at Franklin Boulevard and Whitelock Parkway) around the abandoned homes, existing homes, and the area from the back of the sidewalk to the sound wall. The division is now in the enforcement process on 96 other parcels in that community to address weeds, junk, rubbish, and vacant structures. The property owners have until August 29 to comply or they will face a fine followed by a fine every 10 days they remain out of compliance.

Should they not comply with the orders after September 10 staff will file certificates of nuisance on the properties and assess an additional fee on top of the other fines. Staff is currently laying the groundwork to fence off the abandoned structures should the owners not comply with the order to secure them.

Signal Sensors and Sensitivity to Bicyclists

At the July 23 City Council meeting, a resident discussed concerns regarding movements at signalized intersections for bicyclists. Staff has received input from that resident and is working to develop a plan to prioritize intersections, develop a scope and cost to investigate the detector sensitivity, and to mark the detectors. Depending on the scope and cost, staff will move forward to implement the project and/or include the project in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Customer Outreach Forum

On August 4, we held our regular Development Services Customer Outreach Forum. We had a great turn out with approximately 20-25 developers, engineers, contractors, consultants, and representatives from other agencies. We discussed the implementation of the Development Services Assessment Report. Several attendees had questions on the timing of some of the changes we'll be making as well as any potential impacts on the day-to-day business of our customers. We clarified our timeline and our commitment to ensuring daily business is not affected negatively. Overall, the program was well received and the meeting highly productive.

Chief of Police Recruitment

During the July 23 City Council meeting a desire was expressed to expedite the Chief of Police recruitment. Staff has been working diligently with the recruiter and is pleased to inform the Council and the public that the recruitment has been narrowed to two candidates and is in its final phase.

I remain available to answer any questions you may have regarding this report.

