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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager *JB*

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for February 8, 2023**

Measure E Conversation Sessions

The City and Cosumnes CSD hosted the first of four community conversations regarding local priorities and Measure E funds last night. The topic was Public Safety and Chief Davis and Fire Chief Rodriguez connected with residents on ways to keep the community safe. Staff remains committed to transparency, listening to resident's priorities, and implementing a plan for these funds that maintains fiscal discipline. Three more sessions will be held this month with different areas of focus. All sessions begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in person at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive).

- **Monday, February 13:** Economic Development
- **Monday, February 27:** Addressing Homelessness
- **Tuesday, February 28:** Maintaining Streets and Parks

Details about these sessions are available on the City's website.

Show Some Love with an Elk Grove Local E-Gift Card

As you're shopping for your sweetheart this month, spread the love to local businesses by purchasing an Elk Grove Local E-gift Card. These cards can be spent at more than 50 participating Elk Grove locations. Purchase a \$100 e-gift card and receive a \$40 bonus or buy a \$50 e-gift card and get a \$20 e-gift card if you buy before February 14! Find more information and purchase your gift card at: www.elkgrovelocalpass.com.

3 Ways to Serve and Influence Elk Grove's Future

Many Elk Grove residents heed the call to serve their community by joining one of the City's commissions and committees. Three opportunities are currently available:

- **Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee** – 5 Voting Members Needed; Deadline for applications is March 1
- **Historic Preservation Committee** – 2 Alternate Members Needed; Open until Filled.
- **Disability Advisory Committee** – 1 Voting Member Needed; Open until Filled.

These vacancies are filled by appointment from the Mayor with City Council consensus. More about these appointment opportunities is available on the City's website.

Arts Commission Blues Revue

Tickets are on sale now for the Arts Commission's Blues Revue scheduled on Sunday, March 12 at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive). The event will feature local performers playing classic Blues tunes. Tickets are \$10 per person and available through EventBrite. Look for details soon on the City's Facebook page.

Business Recovery Center Now Open

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the California Small Business Development Center announced the opening of an SBA Business Recovery Center in Elk Grove on Friday, February 3, to provide a wide range of services to businesses impacted by the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that began end of last calendar year. The Center is located at 9072 Elk Grove Boulevard (in Old Town) and operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to apply for property damage is March 16; the deadline to apply for economic injury is October 16.

Tax Help for Seniors

The City is pleased to partner with AARP to host the tax preparation for seniors program. The program is available by appointment at the Elk Grove Aquatics Center (9701 Big Horn Blvd) on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at the Senior Center inside The Center at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive) on Fridays through April 15. Book your tax appointment online at ca41taxaide.org or by calling (916) 498-1000.

We're accepting grant applications. -- REMINDER

Grant applications supporting Elk Grove non-profits will be closing soon. The application period for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Service Grant (CSG) funding will close on February 14, and Event Sponsorship Grant (ESG) applications will close on February 24 for FY2024. To learn more or apply for the City's nonprofit grant programs, please visit www.elkgrovecity.org/grants.

Nominate a humble hero for the Mayor's Volunteer Awards - REMINDER

Nominations for the 2023 Mayor's Volunteer Awards are being accepted through March 10. Nominations are being accepted in several categories. Look for more information about this program on the city's website at www.elkgrovecity.org/award.

City Holiday Observance

In accordance with the city holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Washington's Birthday.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, February 8, 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. Design was completed in Fall of 2021, construction started in January 2022 and the major components of the system were installed during the summer. The system was connected to SMUD on October 14 and commissioning is expected to be completed early in 2023 followed by a 30-day proving period to confirm the system is producing as expected.

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. Under the terms of the ENA, Hines and the City will work together over the next six months to refine design plans and project budget and pro-forma, and draft a Disposition and Development Agreement, all for City Council consideration. Work under the ENA is ongoing.

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 were released to the public in November 2022. The Notice of Preparation, which begins the environmental review process and preparation of the Environmental Impact Report, was released at the same time.

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 is expected to start late in FY 22-23.

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. The City and the JPA recently decided to transfer 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. The NEPA technical studies are completed, and on December 8th, 2022, the California Department of Transportation provided tentative approval of the Draft NEPA environmental document. The Draft Project Report is currently being circulated for the California Department of Transportation's signature which is anticipated in February. This is the other technical document needed prior to circulation for NEPA.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, February 8, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	Feb 13 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Measure E Community Workshop Economic Development	Feb 13 6:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Youth Commission Meeting	Feb 14 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee Meeting	Feb 15 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
<i>City Hall Closed Observance: Washington's Birthday</i>	<i>Feb 20</i>	
Trails Committee Meeting	Feb 20 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting	Feb 21 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	Feb 22 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Arts Commission	Feb 23 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Measure E Community Workshop Addressing Homelessness	Feb 27 6:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Measure E Community Workshop Maintaining Streets and Parks	Feb 28 6:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Food Truck Mania	March 1 5:00 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
8/24/2022	Investigate developing a Keep Elk Grove Clean Campaign.	Staff is researching this topic.
8/24/2022	Consider development of entry signage and special landscaping treatments at key entrances to the City.	Staff is researching this topic.
1/11/2023	Report back on current standards and potential changes relative to excessive barking dogs.	Staff is working directly with the resident who raised the issue.