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February 22, 2023

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for February 22, 2023**

Measure E Conversation Sessions

The City and Cosumnes CSD have hosted two of four community conversations regarding local priorities and Measure E funds. Staff remains committed to transparency, listening to resident's priorities, and implementing a plan for these funds that maintains fiscal discipline. Two more sessions will be held next week. These sessions begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in person at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive).

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

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

We are also accepting applications for the Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee until Wednesday, March 1. Details can be found on the City's website.

Kammerer Road Environmental Assessment

The public will have a chance to review and comment on the environmental assessment for the Kammerer Road Project beginning on Monday, February 27. This project proposes to improve Kammerer Road between I-5/Hood Franklin Road Interchange and the SR-99/Kammerer Road/Grant Line Road Interchange. A copy will be available for review on the city's website. The Notice of Availability should be complete by the end of the calendar year.

Internet Safety Workshop

Keeping kids safe online in an era of apps and social media chatrooms is challenging. To help parents navigate the internet, the Police Department will host a free internet safety workshop tomorrow night, February 23, at 6 p.m. at District56 (8230 Civic Center Drive). No registration is required.

We're accepting grant applications. – FINAL REMINDER

Grant applications for the Event Sponsorship Grant (ESG) Program will close this Friday, February 24. To learn more or apply for the City's nonprofit grant programs, please visit www.elkgrovecity.org/grants.

Arts Commission Blues Revue – REMINDER

Tickets are on sale 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. Details are available on the City’s Facebook page.

Business Recovery Center Now Open – REMINDER

A U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Recovery Center is open in Old Town at 9072 Elk Grove Boulevard Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center can offer a wide range of services for those businesses impacted by the severe storms earlier this year. The deadline to apply for property damage is March 16 and the deadline to apply for economic injury is October 16.

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 in several categories. Recognize one of the city’s humble heroes by submitting a nomination online on the city’s website.

Tax Help for Seniors – REMINDER

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

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, February 22, 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. **On February 10, 2023 the ENA was extended for an additional 12 months to allow additional time to plan and underwrite the project.** Under the terms of the ENA, Hines and the City will work together over the next six to 12 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 22, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Internet Safety Workshop	Feb 23 6:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
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
Planning Commission	March 2 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
First Saturday Art Reception	March 4 4:00 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Rd
Tire Collection Event	March 5-8 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
City Council Meeting	March 8 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 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.