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January 24, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

**Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for January 24, 2024**

### **Grant Application Help**

The City is currently accepting applications from local non-profits for programs, projects, and events planned in FY 2024-25. A technical assistance webinar was held yesterday to assist prospective applicants. A recording of the webinar as well as grant deadlines and details can be found on the city's website.

### **Stars of Service Volunteer Awards Now Accepting Nominations**

Volunteers help create a long-lasting and positive impact on our quality of life. Nominations for the 2024 Stars of Service Awards (formerly known as the Mayor's Volunteer Awards) are now open to recognize those individuals, businesses, and organizations that serve our community. Visit the city's website to review the categories and submit a nomination by February 29.

### **Counting Elk Grove's Homeless Population - REMINDER**

The City and Sacramento Steps Forward will conduct the 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness in Elk Grove tomorrow night (Thursday, January 25). This work is essential to secure annual funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We want to thank the community volunteers who have registered to assist with this event.

### **Scholarship Application Period for Local Students Closing - REMINDER**

The online application period for the 2024 Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation will close this Friday, January 26. High school seniors may be eligible for a variety of scholarships offered through this process including the City's \$1,000 scholarship. Visit the Elk Grove Regional Scholarship Foundation's website for details.

### **Zoo Project Update: Review the Draft EIR - REMINDER**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is available for review by the community online at [elkgrovecity.org/zoo](http://elkgrovecity.org/zoo). The City will also hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers (8400 Laguna Palms Way) to receive public comments. The public comment period is open through February 20.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, January 24, 2024*

**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.

**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: A Community Open House to present the latest design plans was held on November 4, 2023 at Miwok Elementary School. The materials from the Open House are available on the City's website.

On January 5, 2024, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) for the proposed Zoo. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the Zoo. The EIR also identifies potentially significant effects of the project and proposes mitigation measures to mitigate potential impacts. The EIR is available for public review on the City's website. Physical copies are also available at City Hall (8401 Laguna Palms Way) and the Elk Grove Library (8900 Elk Grove Boulevard). The public review period will commence on January 5, 2024 and end on February 20, 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 this month.

### 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: Kammerer Road Extension

The City is preparing 30% plans for the extension of Kammerer Road from I-5 to Bruceville. The environmental phase of the project **has been completed** and the City can now move into the Final Design and Right Of Way Acquisition phase as soon as a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement is executed with Caltrans. This Cooperative Agreement **was approved by the City** at the January 10, 2024 City Council meeting **and is expected Caltrans will be circulating for signatures to fully execute the agreement. The Final Design Consultant has started final design efforts and will be assisting the City with seeking grant opportunities for the project starting with a Grant Funding Kickoff meeting scheduled for this Friday, January 26.**

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS**  
*Updated as of Wednesday, January 24, 2024*

| <u>EVENT</u>                                      | <u>DATE/TIME</u>                   | <u>LOCATION</u>  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Point-in-Time Count                               | January 25<br>5 p.m.               | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |
| Arts Commission Meeting                           | January 25<br>6:30 PM              | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |
| Creative Space Market: Lunar New Year Celebration | January 27<br>10 a.m.              | Old Town Plaza<br>9615 Railroad Street                   |
| Mardi Gras Madness                                | January 27<br>5:30 p.m.            | Elk Grove Park Pavilion<br>9950 Elk Grove Florin Road    |
| Planning Commission Meeting                       | February 1<br>6 p.m.               | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |
| First Saturday Art Reception                      | February 3<br>4 p.m.               | Elk Grove Fine Arts Center<br>9683 Elk Grove Florin Road |
| Four Chaplains Service                            | February 4<br>10 a.m.              | District 56<br>8230 Civic Center Drive                   |
| Tire Collection Event                             | February 4-7<br>9 a.m. – 3 p.m.    | Special Waste Collection Center<br>9255 Disposal Lane    |
| Food Truck Mania                                  | February 7<br>5 p.m.               | Old Town Plaza<br>9615 Railroad Street                   |
| Lunar New Year Festival                           | February 10-11<br>11 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Elk Grove Park<br>9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road             |
| Historic Preservation Committee                   | February 12<br>6 p.m.              | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |
| Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting   | February 13<br>6 p.m.              | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |
| Council Meeting                                   | February 14<br>6 p.m.              | Council Chambers<br>8400 Laguna Palms Way                |

**ATTACHMENT C  
STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS  
AS OF JANUARY 24, 2024**

*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. |