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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for May 10, 2023

Weed Abatement Crews Now on Duty

This week, our four-legged seasonal workforce has started knocking down weeds along creeks and channels as part of the Public Works Department's Grazing Management Program. This year's flocks include lots of sheep, but goats are still involved. Visit the City's website to view the grazing schedule.

Big Truck Day

The City will celebrate National Public Works Week with the community at the annual Big Truck Day event next Wednesday, May 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Aquatics Center parking lot at District56. This free event is geared to ages 2-6 and will offer the chance to see many of the big trucks used to maintain the city up close. Other activities will include story time, games, activities, and the return of the bubble guy.

Elk Grove's website is award winning!

The City of Elk Grove's Public Affairs Multimedia Team took home the California Association of Public Information Officials' (CAPIO) top website honors – the EPIC Award -- last week during CAPIO's annual conference. Staff redesigned the 1,500-page site based on feedback from a cross-section of community members. Changes enhanced the user experience, introduced new data-driven improvements to the user interface, and enhanced the site's accessibility for all users. If you haven't seen the site lately, check it out at elkgrovecity.org.

Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee

On Monday of this week, the City and Cosumnes Community Services District held the first Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting. This first meeting included an introduction of new members, a review of the Brown Act, as well as a detailed overview of FY24 project expenditures. The City Council will review the Measure E budget during the City's budget presentation on May 24.

Fridays in the Grove

The City's new event series, "Fridays in the Grove", kicked off May 5 with Silent Disco at Old Town Plaza; despite the colder weather, residents came out and boogied the night away! The next event of the series is a movie night at District56 on Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m.

Historical Society

On April 26, seven residents spoke at the Council meeting expressing their concerns regarding an event hosted by the Elk Grove Historical Society. Since that meeting, City staff held a preliminary conversation with representatives from that organization. We will be reaching out to residents shortly to determine a path forward for a conversation between residents, Historical Society representatives, members of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission, as well as the Mayor and Council Member Brewer.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, May 10, 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 staff are analyzing data 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 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 prepare the RFP in Spring 2023.

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 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. The draft NEPA document was circulated for public comment from February 27, 2023 to March 30, 2023. Responses to those comments have been finalized and staff have submitted a draft of the Final NEPA document for City review. The first draft of the Final NEPA document should be submitted to Caltrans in May 2023. It is anticipated a Final NEPA document will be issued this Fall 2023 along with a Final Project Report. 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, May 10, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	May 11 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Youth Commission Heritage Parade	May 11 5:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Vintage Market	May 13 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Party on the Palms	May 13 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	City Hall 8401 Laguna Palms Way
Farmer's Market	May 14 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Trails Committee Meeting	May 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity and Inclusion Commission Meeting	May 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Big Truck Day	May 17 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	District 56 9701 Big Horn Blvd
Disability Advisory Committee	May 17 6 p.m.	City Hall 8401 Laguna Palms Way
Planning Commission	May 18 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
NeighborGood Market	May 18 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Fridays in the Grove – Movie Night Turning Red	May 19 7:00 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Oil Filter Exchange Event	May 20 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	O'Reilly Auto Parts 8751 Elk Grove Blvd
Farmer's Market	May 21 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
City Council Meeting	May 24 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF May 10, 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.	This campaign is being considered for Measure E funding.
3/22/2023	Increase the discretionary fund account for the Mayor and City Council.	Staff will propose an increase as part of the upcoming Fiscal Year budget.
4/12/2023	Provide a report back on the status of the Pilot Event Advertising Program	Staff is preparing a memo regarding this Program that will be shared with Council.