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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for May 24, 2023

Startups Make Great Pitches

We want to congratulate all eight finalists who participated in the City's second annual Pitch Elk Grove competition at District56 last week. The event drew many participants and was hosted in partnership with Explore Elk Grove and Startup Sac, a non-profit that supports entrepreneurial success in the region. Two Davis-based companies took the top cash prizes. Ravata Solutions, a maker of sensors to quantify embryo health for in vitro fertilization, won \$10,000. Matrubiols Inc. won \$5,000 for their work to develop antimicrobial peptides from milk for combating severe bacterial infections. And Elk Grove-based AdLoad Technologies Inc. won the \$2,500 prize for best pitch from an Elk Grove-based startup. Their company offers digital billboard advertising on semi-trucks that can be geographically tracked and programmed for specific messages in real time as they travel highways across the country. Special thanks to the City's Economic Development team for another great event!

Dive in! Pools open Saturday for Recreation Swim

Pools at the Elk Grove Aquatic Center, the Wackford Complex and Elk Grove Park will open for recreational swimming for the season beginning this Saturday, May 27. Operating hours for each location and pricing can be found on the Cosumnes CSD's website.

Donate to Help Furrer Elk Grove Residents

A pet food drive is under way to help Elk Grove Animal Services and the Elk Grove Food Bank refill their pet food pantries to support local families in need, seniors, and unhoused community members. Drop off pet food donations at City Hall, Elk Grove Food Bank, Elk Grove Animal Shelter or at one of the two Pets to Go locations in the city through the month of May to lend your support to this community assistance project.

Pride Flag Raising Ceremony

The City will host a ceremony to celebrate the start of Pride Month with the community next Thursday, June 1 at 9 a.m. in front of City Hall. We invite everyone to attend as we raise the progress pride flag in front of city hall for display through the month of June.

Pet Wellness Clinic

The Animal Services team will be hosting a Pet Wellness Clinic in partnership with the Elk Grove Food Bank (9888 Kent Street) next Friday, June 2 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This five-hour event will serve the pets of unhoused individuals and seniors age 65 and older. Animal Services will have a veterinarian on site at the Food Bank and provide free microchips, vaccines, wellness exams, pet food, and pet care kits to eligible residents.

Fridays in the Grove

The next installment of the City's new Fridays in the Grove event series will be held next Friday, June 2, at the Old Town Plaza. Join us for activities starting at 7 p.m. and a showing of the classic film, *The Goonies*. This is a free family event. Details are available on the City's website.

Survey: Protecting Digital Privacy

The City is taking steps to implement the Connected Elk Grove Smart City Plan. A public survey is now open asking residents for their input on the development of data privacy principles that ensure that sensitive information about Elk Grove residents is protected and used only for specific purposes. The survey will close Sunday, June 5. Details can be found on the City's website.

City Holiday

In accordance with the city's holiday schedule, City Hall will be closed next Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Waste collection and public safety services will be provided as normal.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, May 24, 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 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: 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 release the RFP in Summer 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 to Caltrans on May 10, 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 24, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	May 25 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Art Commission Meeting	May 25 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Farmer's Market	May 28 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
<i>City Hall Closed – Memorial Day</i>	May 29	
NeighborGood Market	June 1 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Planning Commission	June 1 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove – Movie Night The Goonies	June 2 7:00 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
First Saturday Art Reception	June 3 4:00 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin
Farmer's Market	June 4 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Tire Collection Event	June 4-7 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
Food Truck Mania	June 7 5:00 -8:00 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
NeighborGood Market	June 8 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
American Vintage Market	June 10 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Farmer's Market	June 11 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Historic Preservation Committee Meeting	June 12 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Youth Commission Meeting	June 13 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	June 14 6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF MAY 24, 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.
5/10/2023	Report back on improvements to the registration process for Trap-Neuter-Return at the Animal Shelter	Staff is preparing this information.
5/10/2023	As part of the outreach with the Historical Society, investigate opportunities to raise awareness of Juneteenth.	Staff will be discussing this with the Historical Society.