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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's General Administrative Report for September 27, 2023

Excellence in Economic Development

Our Economic Development team was honored last week by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for the Startup Incentive Program. This program has generated 80 new tech jobs in Elk Grove and the surrounding region. Please join me in congratulating this team for their work to promote economic development, growth, and prosperity in Elk Grove.

Budget Kick-Off Community Meetings

We're getting an early start on connecting with the community about the City budget. Staff is preparing to launch a series of presentations to local community groups about the budget and the Measure E expenditure plan. Our first presentation is scheduled this Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. We'll be asking residents to prioritize capital program projects and potential one-time expenditures. Similar opportunities will be available online. Look for details on these opportunities to connect about the budget in our city communications channels very soon.

Elk Grove Library Relocation Update

Earlier this week, the Planning Commission reviewed the design plans for the relocation of the Elk Grove Library to the former Rite Aid site at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard and recommended approval to the City Council. The Council will review the plans at the October 25 meeting. The project remains on schedule to begin construction next summer with a late 2025 grand opening.

Harvest Water Project

Regional San is hosting a community meeting at Laguna Town Hall (3020 Renwick Ave) on Monday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. to share information about the upcoming Harvest Water construction project. This project will build pipelines and a pump station to deliver recycled water to agricultural areas in southern Sacramento County, including East Franklin, Laguna Ridge, and the Southeast Policy Area. More information can be found on their website at <https://www.regionalsan.com/pod/construction-updates>.

Honoring California's Indigenous People

The Wilton Rancheria and the City's Diversity & Inclusion Commission will honor Indigenous Peoples' Day at the next Cultural Connections event, the California Tribal Showcase, next Thursday, October 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at District56 (9701 Big Horn Blvd). This special evening will feature storytellers sharing California tribal history and experiences that reflect the sovereignty, resilience, and immense contributions that Native Americans have made to the state and the Elk Grove community. This is a free family event open to all ages.

Developing a greener, more sustainable Elk Grove

The City has launched a new online survey asking residents their opinions about the environment, climate, and the community. This feedback will be included in the Climate Compass, Elk Grove's Climate Action Plan. Responses will be accepted through the end of October. A link to the survey can be found on the City's website.

Herd Homecoming Parade

Elk Grove High School will host their Homecoming Parade next Friday, October 6. To accommodate the event, road closures and alternative routes will be in effect from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on several roads near the school. Motorists can expect delays and are encouraged to plan accordingly. For details on road closures, please visit the city's website.

GIANTS are Coming to Elk Grove!

The 29th annual Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival will be held in Elk Grove Park on October 7 and 8. Giant pumpkin growers from all over California will compete in the weigh-off on Saturday and the Pumpkin Regatta (pumpkin boat race) returns on Sunday. The City is proud to sponsor this event hosted by Cosumnes CSD. Look for officers and other City staff on site all weekend. Festival details are available at cosumnescsd.gov/GPF.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE
Updated as of Wednesday, September 27, 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.

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, was 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 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 in the fall.

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. In October 2021, 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. Caltrans has approved the Final NEPA document, and it is ready for Caltrans signatures which will occur once a Final Project Report is approved and a Final PSE Cooperative Agreement between the City and Caltrans is finalized. It is anticipated the NEPA process will be completed in late Fall 2023. 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, September 27, 2023

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
NeighborGood Market	September 28 5 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Harvest Water Community Meeting	October 2 5:30 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall
Food Truck Mania	October 4 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad St
Planning Commission Meeting	October 5 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
California Tribal Showcase	October 5 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Dr
Elk Grove Giant Pumpkin Festival	October 7-8 10 a.m.	Elk Grove Regional Park 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road
First Saturday Art Reception	October 7 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Tire Collection Event	October 8-11 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane

ATTACHMENT C

**STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
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.