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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for October 9, 2024**

New Assistant City Manager

Following a nationwide search, I am excited to announce the hiring of Jaqui Guzmán as the City's next Assistant City Manager. Jaqui currently works as the Deputy City Manager for the City of Sunnyvale and previously worked as the Deputy City Manager in Cupertino as well as other management and analyst roles with the cities of Cupertino, San Jose and the California Legislative Analyst's Office. She brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and unique perspectives to the position and I am confident that with her help, we will continue to raise the bar in the delivery of exceptional services to the Elk Grove community.

Animal Shelter Anniversary

The Elk Grove Animal Shelter marks its five-year anniversary this month. Since its opening, the shelter has taken in more than 11,000 animals and volunteers have contributed more than 41,300 hours of service. We thank the community for their continued support of the Animal Shelter and its mission to serve the city's four-legged friends. To view our current adoptable pets, visit elkgrovecity.org/animalshelter.

School Events to Generate Road Closures

The Police Department will be assisting with traffic controls for two events showcasing Elk Grove high schools this week. First, the Elk Grove High School Homecoming Parade will take to the streets around Old Town this Friday, October 11. Motorists can expect lane closures starting at 12:45 p.m. along Elk Grove Boulevard and Elk Grove-Florin Road. Then Saturday, October 12, the Franklin High School Invitational Band Review will bring some of Northern California's best marching bands to the East Franklin area for their annual competition. Look for road closures near Franklin High School to be in effect starting at 10 a.m. Both of these events are sponsored in part by the City through the Event Sponsorship Grant Program.

ArtGrove Returns for Día de Los Muertos Celebration

ARTners will host a FREE Día de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, family event this Sunday, October 13 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Old Town Plaza (9615 Railroad Street). The fourth annual event will feature community altar building, painting and murals, music, and artisan displays. This event is sponsored by the City of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Arts Commission.

Housing Lottery Underway - REMINDER

The City has partnered with The Lyla and MOSA Apartments (formerly Poppy Grove) to conduct a lottery to provide access to more than 700 new affordable housing units. Income eligibility requirements, details about the properties, and registration for the lottery can be found on the City's website. The lottery closes on Sunday, October 20.

Internet Connectivity Survey

The City has partnered with Digital Ubiquity Capital to explore the expansion of Elk Grove's broadband network. As part of this effort, the City is conducting a community survey through Monday, October 21 to better understand Elk Grove's connectivity needs, challenges, and future opportunities. Visit the City's website to take the survey.

Cultural Events Celebrate Local Diversity

Two cultural events scheduled at District56 this month will showcase Elk Grove's diversity. First, we'll celebrate Diwali, the festival commemorating the victory of light over darkness on Monday, October 21 with the USA Sanatan Sports and Cultural Association. Then, the Elk Grove's Diversity & Inclusion Commission will celebrate Filipino American History Month on Tuesday, October 22 with a special evening of storytelling and presentations from local leaders showcasing the immense contributions of the Filipino community. Both of these are free events open to all ages. Details can be found on the city's website.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.



ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE

Updated as of Wednesday, October 9, 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 April 24, 2024, City Council meeting Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent (LOI) with CenterCal Acquisitions, LLC, a subsidiary of El Segundo, California-based developer CenterCal Properties, LLC. During the term of the LOI, CenterCal and the City will negotiate a Purchase Agreement by which CenterCal will act as developer of project elevate and present the same to Council for consideration within 180 days. If successfully negotiated, the Purchase Agreement will replace the LOI and the developer will commence with project entitlements targeting the close of escrow and commencement of construction within a further approximately 12 to 18 months.

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: The City Council approved the New Zoo Project at the May 8, 2024 meeting. A Cost Sharing Agreement was approved at the June 26, 2024 meeting. Staff, the Sacramento Zoological Society, and the consultant team are progressing with design and fundraising work.

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, Grant Line Rd. and Wilton Road Operational Improvements is in design with AECOM Engineering. Dokken is concurrently working to complete the environmental assessment of Grant Line Road between Sherman Oaks Court to Aleilani Lane. This process is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

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. Staff applied for the FY 2025-2026 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG). This single application positions the project to potentially receive funds from three US Department of Transportation funding sources (Mega, INFRA and Rural). The total funds requested by the City in the grant application is 80% of the estimated Construction costs. Notification of award selection is anticipated in Fall 2024. In addition to this grant effort, design continues to progress, and right-of-way acquisition activities have begun.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, October 9, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Elk Grove High School Homecoming Parade	October 11 12:45 p.m.	Elk Grove High School Elk Grove-Florin Road (closures)
Franklin High School Invitational Band Review	October 12 10 a.m.	Franklin High School Franklin High Road (closures)
Americana Vintage Market	October 12 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Dia de Los Muertos Celebration	October 13 1 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Historic Preservation Committee	October 14 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diversity and Inclusion Committee	October 15 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Disability Advisory Committee	October 16 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Planning Commission	October 17 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Dreams in Motion Color Run	October 20 10 a.m.	Elk Grove High School 9800 Elk Grove-Florin Rd
Trails Committee	October 21 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Diwali Festival of Lights	October 21 6:30 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Filipino American History Month Celebration	October 22 6:30 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
City Council Meeting	October 23 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

Date	Direction/Follow Up	Status
5/22/24	Provide a report back on potential expansion of the student free ride program to seniors and other transit/transportation programs (e.g., Uber/Lyft).	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
5/22/24	Provide an update on the City's workforce development programs.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
6/12/24	Bring back a discussion of potential service rate reductions/discounts/benefits for residents with limited means that may benefit from financial assistance.	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting.
8/14/24	Report back on California Senate Bill 329 (SB 329) related to City Councilmember salaries.	This item was initially heard before the City Council on 8/28/2024 and Council directed staff to return the item as an Ordinance for the first read. The item was heard again on 9/25/2024 as Item #9.2 and is on the 10/9/2024 Council agenda as Item #7.4.