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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

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

Elk Grove Among Top 25 Best Places to Live in the West

[Livability.com](https://www.livability.com) has released a ranking of the [Top 25 Best Places to Live in the West](#) in 2024 and Elk Grove came in at #8 and the top city in California! The data-driven ranking was created using information collected from Livability's annual ranking of the [Top 100 Best Places to Live](#), which recognizes the best small and mid-sized communities across the U.S. Elk Grove has made the Top 100 list for past two consecutive years.

Strauss Magic is Back

The Strauss Festival of Elk Grove returns to Elk Grove Park for performances beginning this Thursday and running nightly through Sunday. The City is proud to sponsor this annual community event and will make a special presentation at the performance on Friday night. Additionally, officers will be on site each night to ensure the safety of all who attend. Performances start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, parking is \$10. More information can be found on the Strauss Festival website.

Traffic Alert: Nighttime Roadwork and Track Repairs

Two projects will impact motorists traveling across the city over the next week. Union Pacific Railroad has closed a section of Sheldon Road at the railroad tracks to perform track repairs. This closure will be in effect through Friday, July 26. Detours have been put in place for east and west bound traffic on Sheldon Road. For more information, contact Union Pacific Railroad representatives Alphonso Davis at (775) 291-4642 or Ross Mendiola at (402) 677-8259.

Nighttime pavement work is also scheduled to start July 29 on Big Horn Blvd. between Bruceville Road and Laguna Blvd. Sections will be replaced in both directions. This work will be conducted nightly through August 2 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Temporary traffic controls will be in place and motorists should expect short delays.

Support Local Students to Prepare for School

The Police Department is helping kids gear up for the school year with a pop-up School Supply Drive near the front entrance of the Walmart on Bruceville Road (10075 Bruceville Road) between 9 a.m. and Noon this Saturday, July 27. This drive benefits local low-income students and helps send them back to school prepared for learning. You can contribute by donating new or unused school supplies.

BBQ in the Beat Continues...

The Police Department will host their third BBQ in the Beat event at Jones Family Park (8840 Shasta Lily Drive) on Saturday, August 10, from 11-2 pm. Stop by for a free BBQ lunch, games, and vehicle and equipment displays. Cosumnes Fire Department is bringing equipment too. Visit the Police Department's social media accounts for details.

Fridays in the Grove Comedy Shows

We're bringing comedy shows outdoors again this summer. Two comedy shows are scheduled as part of the Fridays in the Grove series. Join us August 2 at Old Town Plaza and/or August 16 at District 56 for performances in partnership with Sacramento's Laughs Unlimited. General Admission is \$10/per person. Must be 21 or older to attend. Purchase tickets online from the City's website.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE

Updated as of Wednesday, July 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 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. The City submitted a Request for Authorization to Caltrans Local Assistance for the previously awarded \$7.75M in right-of-way grant funds. This Request for Authorization is planned to be approved by the California Transportation Commission at their August 2024 meeting.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, July 24, 2024

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Arts Commission	July 25 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Planning Commission	August 1 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Fridays in the Grove Comedy Night	August 2 6 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
First Saturday Art Reception	August 2 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Tire Collection Event	August 2 – 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
Food Truck Mania	August 7 5 p.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
BBQ in the Beat	August 10 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Jones Park 8840 Shasta Lily Drive
Historic Preservation Committee	August 12 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	August 14 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, July 24, 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 a presentation on the City's pension planning	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 and may benefit from financial assistance	Staff is preparing this item for a future meeting