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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jason Behrmann, City Manager

Subject: **City Manager's General Administrative Report for January 22, 2025**

City Council Strategic & Community Meeting

The Elk Grove City Council will be participating in a strategic planning meeting on February 20 at District 56 in the Veteran's Hall from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. During this time, Councilmembers will discuss key issues and set goals and priorities for the next two fiscal years. Executive Team members will also participate to provide strategic planning input. This is a public meeting open to the community.

Accepting Applications

A variety of City programs and opportunities are currently open for applications and nominations with deadlines in February. More details and online application links can be found on the city's website.

- **Elk Grove 101** - An immersive eight-session course for community members interested in learning more about their local government. Deadline February 3.
- **PD Citizen's Academy** - An 11-week unique opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Elk Grove Police Department. Deadline February 4.
- **Arts & Creative Economy Commission** – Recruitment for seven positions to fill the newly-named Commission will advise the City Council and staff on programs, projects, and strategies to grow and sustain Elk Grove's arts and creative economy. Deadline February 5.
- **FY2025-26 Non-Profit Grants** - With additional funding, nonprofits can do so much more for our community. CBDG and CSG applications are due on February 11 and ESG applications are due February 21.
- **Stars of Service Volunteer Awards** - If you know an individual or organization making Elk Grove a better place to live, work, or play, recognize their volunteer efforts. Deadline February 28.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Many of our residents will be celebrating the Lunar New Year later this month. This year will be the year of the Snake. The City is pleased to once again support the Nor Cal Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce in hosting the Lunar New Year Festival February 1 and 2 at Elk Grove Park. From lion and dragon dances to delicious food and camaraderie with other community members, this free event offers another chance to celebrate our diversity. Details can be found on the city's social media accounts.

Five-Year Consolidated Planning Process & Public Meeting

The City is currently developing its 2025-30 Consolidated Plan, which sets forth goals and strategies for using approximately \$6.5 million in CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding over a five-year period. The public is invited to attend a meeting to provide input on February 4, 2025, from 6-7:30 p.m. at District 56. To register and/or for more information, please visit www.elkgrovecity.org/cdbg.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this report.

ATTACHMENT A

STANDING CITYWIDE INITIATIVES UPDATE

Updated as of Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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 in early 2025. 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. Staff will provide an update on the design and potential naming for the Zoo at the January 22, 2025 meeting.

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 35% 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. The Project was not successful for the Mega and INFRA sources and is awaiting notification regarding the Rural notification which should be forthcoming shortly. In addition to this grant effort, design continues to progress, and right-of-way acquisition activities have begun.

Library Relocation

Description: In 2006, the City facilitated the relocation of the Elk Grove branch to 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard. This facility, at the time, provided more space for the library and placed it at a prominent corner entering Old Town. As documented in a 2018 study, the community has outgrown this site and new location is needed for the Elk Grove branch. In early 2021, the City acquired the former Rite Aid building at 9260 Elk Grove Boulevard. The new location would need renovations before the library could move in. The project will include a full interior renovation, parking lot improvements, new landscaping and other new amenities.

Update: Council awarded this project on January 8, 2025 to SC Builders. Staff are working on executing the construction contract. The pre-construction meeting will be scheduled in February to commence the construction phase of the project. The library opening is anticipated in early 2026.

ATTACHMENT B

UPCOMING FORUMS AND OUTREACH EVENTS

Updated as of Wednesday, January 22, 2025

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Arts Commission	January 23 6:30 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Creative Space Market Lunar New Year	January 25 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
The Creative Space Market Cherry Blossom	January 29 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Lunar New Year Festival	February 1-2 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Elk Grove Park 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road
First Saturday Art Reception	February 1 4 p.m.	Elk Grove Fine Arts Center 9683 Elk Grove Florin Road
Cosumnes Firefighter Community Support Foundation Crab Feed	February 1 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Planning Commission	February 6 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
Butterfly Ball	February 7 6 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Avenue
Tire Collection Event	February 8-12 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Special Waste Collection Center 9255 Disposal Lane
The Creative Space Magical Makers	February 8 10 a.m.	Old Town Plaza 9615 Railroad Street
Power of the Purse	February 8 2 – 6 p.m.	District 56 8230 Civic Center Drive
Butterfly Ball	February 8 5 p.m.	Laguna Town Hall 3020 Renwick Avenue
Mardi Gras Madness 2025	February 8 5:30 p.m.	Elk Grove Park Pavilion 9950 Elk Grove Florin Road
Historic Preservation Committee	February 10 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way
City Council Meeting	February 12 6 p.m.	Council Chambers 8400 Laguna Palms Way

ATTACHMENT C

STATUS OF COUNCIL DIRECTION/FOLLOW UP MATTERS

Updated as of Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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.	This item is tentatively scheduled to return in February 2025.
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.
11/13/24	Would like a table created and returned that identifies costs associated with homelessness.	Staff will return this during the next budget cycle and pull together known costs.
11/13/24	When the ordinance for bars, breweries, and wineries is returned for Council discussion, include a component on safety for Old Town.	Staff will incorporate this in the bars, breweries, and wineries discussion that is anticipated to return on February 12, 2025.
12/11/24	Would like an item returned regarding Planning Commissioner stipends.	This item is on the January 22, 2025 City Council agenda as item #9.4.