



City Manager Weekly Update

August 4, 2023

8/9, Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission meeting
8/15, Tue.	6:00 p.m.	City Council meeting
8/24, Thu.	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Rates & Utilities Committee meeting
8/26, Sat.	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Hog August Bites
8/31, Thu.	8:30 a.m.	2x2 City/RDUSD meeting

City Council meeting of August 1, 2023

Actions taken by City Council at their regular meeting of August 1 included the following:

Police Department Staff

Approved replacing the current Public Safety Service Manager classification with a full-time Records Technician and a part-time Records Manager. Staff contacted the respective unions to determine if they would like to meet and confer.

Public Arts Ordinance

Adopted Ordinance No. 005-2023 amending Chapter 17.72 of the Rio Vista Municipal Code pertaining to public art review procedures.

Economic Development

Directed staff to work through the process to create a community patio, as proposed by Ms. Andrea Cross, proprietor of Ben's Friends of the Vine. Staff is scheduling a meeting with Ms. Cross to finalize details of the proposal and conditions. The concept is to allow a community outdoor dining space for customers of local restaurants.

Provided feedback and direction to staff regarding Rio Vista Downtown Association's proposal to distribute \$50,000 of grant funding that will improve new and existing brick and mortar retail businesses in Rio Vista. The grant program is a 1:1 matching grant program with a maximum benefit of \$5,000. Based on feedback received, City staff will finalize the guidelines, application, and process for final City Council consideration.

Sidewalk Grant Funding

Accepted a \$100,000 grant from the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District to install approximately 500 linear feet of new sidewalk and infill the missing section of sidewalk from the

end of the CalTrans Highway 12 Complete Street Project and the City's HSIP Cycle 11 Pedestrian Project. This is a vital final off-street connection from one side of town to the other.

Fire Chief Recruitment

Approved a professional services agreement with Bob Murray & Associates for Fire Chief recruitment services in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.

Promenade Ribbon Cutting and City Manager Meet and Greet

A Promenade Ribbon Cutting and City Manager Meet and Greet was held on August 2nd a.m. to celebrate the completion of the shade sail improvements. The event was well attended. I enjoyed meeting many community members.



Public Works/Community Development

- The streets in the downtown area were restriped this week.
- The Housing Element was submitted to California Housing and Community Development ("HCD") on Monday, July 31, for its final review. HCD staff have indicated they anticipate the Housing Element will be determined to be consistent with State requirements in less than the 60-day statutory review period.
- Staff is working on implementing SolarAPP+, an automated solar permitting system for which the City received a \$40,000 grant.
- The General Plan Working Group had their regular scheduled meeting on August 3; the topic of discussion was public facilities, land use and open space.
- Please mark your calendars for Airport Day, September 9, 2023.
- The rehabilitation of the Egbert Field Grandstands is in progress.

Acting Fire Chief and Recruitment

Once the professional services agreement is in place with Bob Murray and Associates, I will provide an updated recruitment timeline. It is anticipated the recruitment process will take four months.

Battalion Chief Adam Pfenning will be Acting Fire Chief throughout the duration of the recruitment.

Upcoming Meetings

I will be attending a CAP Solano JPA Homeless meeting to discuss staffing and funding options on August 3.

I will be attending a corrective action plan meeting regarding the closed landfill on August 8.