



City Manager Weekly Update

March 22, 2024

3/25, Mon.	4:00 p.m.	Public Safety Oversight Commission Meeting
3/25, Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
3/28, Thu.	8:30 a.m.	2x2 (City/RDUSD) Meeting
3/28, Thu.	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Rates & Utilities Committee Meeting
4/2, Tue.	6:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
4/4, Thu.	5:00 p.m.	General Plan Working Group Meeting

March 19 City Council Meeting

At their regular meeting of March 19, 2024, the City Council took the following actions:

- Approved acceptance of additional funding from the County of Solano in the amount of \$29,882 to provide water service connections to three parcels on River Road
- Accepted a recommendation to not designate City alleyways as fire lanes
- Agreed to not offer City Council Community Funding grants this fiscal year in consideration of the City's current budget deficit
- Approved proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) edits per the General Plan Working Group
- Authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Branding, Marketing, and Placemaking Strategy

For more information on these and other items, or to view the recording of the meeting, follow this link: [Meeting Agenda, Attachments, Minutes & Video | Rio Vista California \(riovistacity.com\)](#)

Sustainable Solutions Town Hall Meeting with Assemblywoman Wilson

I attended a Sustainable Housing Solutions Town Hall meeting held by Assemblywoman Wilson, whereby the following topics were discussed: 1) Opportunities and Challenges of Upzoning, 2) the Potential of Regional Collaboration in the creation of Housing Element updates, and 3) whether improving transit would increase housing development.

Community Garden Meeting

Sustainable Solano, a largely volunteer organization that advocates for sustainable food programs, approached the City late last year to propose a community garden at a location near downtown. For a number of reasons, the site was not ideal for the proposed project. On March 21, Public Works staff and Sustainable Solano held a community meeting to discuss the possibility of getting a garden started at an 18-acre site at LGI. Public Works staff is working with the City Engineer to determine cost estimates for site grading, water connection and lines, fencing, the parking lot and restroom, picnic tables and a tool shed. This potential project will be discussed at the Park & Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, March 25 and will likely be slated for a City Council agenda in the near future.

First Responder Trainings

On March 19, Fire, Police, and Public Works staff took part in a training provided by PG&E on responding to gas and electric emergencies.

On March 20, Rio Vista Fire Department staff participated in a Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative Active Attacker Tabletop Exercise facilitated by Solano County. All fire and law enforcement agencies in the county were represented.

Meals on Wheels

Interim Fire Chief Adam Pfenning spent time with local residents at the Senior Center this morning during Meals on Wheels’ Cafe Connect program, sharing information about the Department and the City.

Economic Development

Vice Mayor Okamura, City Clerk Pam Caronongan, and I met with Chris Rico, Solano County Economic Development Corporation (Solano EDC) Executive Director. Nicole Mooc, Solano EDC Business Retention and Expansion Manager, will be offering support to Rio Vista businesses. She will be visiting businesses downtown, along the waterfront, and in the business park first.

Lots Available at the Business Park

The Public Works crew installed “Lots Available” signs at the Business Park this week. Each lot that is available has a sign indicating the lot location and size and the City Hall phone number. Public Works will be also working on weed abatement as time permits.



Upcoming Items

I will be attending the Solano City Managers’ Group meeting on March 27.