

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE: March 4, 2022
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: March 8, 2022 Workshop

Intersection Studies of 53rd & Rock and 53rd & Woodlawn (Item I):

The city received a TEAP grant from KDOT in 2021 to complete a safety study on the intersections of 53rd & Woodlawn as well as 53rd & Rock. The study is complete and TranSystems will be at the workshop to present their findings as well as share their recommendations.

2022 Capital Improvement Funding (Item II):

Ted and I reassessed the 2022 budget with actual ending balances from 2021 to recommend an amount available for 2022 capital improvement projects in each fund. Included in your packet are our suggestions and how spending those dollars affects the budgeted fund balances. We understand the goal of Council is to see fund balances closer to 30% and are suggesting 35% for the general fund. The reason for a little higher fund balance is to allow for matching dollars should we apply for a grant from the various organizations spending federal monies. For Water and Sewer we are keeping the fund balances higher for several reasons. First, the PEC utility study recommended a rate increase but the UAC and staff felt due to higher reserves, no rate increase was needed. Second, there is the possibility of additional infrastructure grants and we might need a local match. Lastly, CCUA is proposing some expansion projects in the near future which may increase costs therefore drawing down reserves.

Proposed 2022 Capital Improvement Projects (Item III):

Anne has been looking at needed improvements in the various funds and is suggesting where to spend the recommended dollars from Ted and I. Streets will be a more higher-level discussion as the PEC condition study will not be completed until later this summer. Due to Woodlawn reconstruction and the streets that need preservation treatments are off Woodlawn, Anne is recommending we focus on street reconstruction for this year.