

MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE: July 29, 2026
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ted Henry, City Manager
RE: August 4, 2026 Agenda



Consent Agenda

- Minutes of July 21, 2026
- Appointment of Kent Koehler to the Planning Commission.
- Change Order No. 4 for the 2026 Street Maintenance Program.

The consent agenda includes the minutes from the previous regular City Council meeting.

In addition, Mayor Benage has nominated Kent Koehler to the Planning Commission. If confirmed, Kent's term will be from August 4, 2026 to August 4, 2029. Kent currently serves as Bel Aire's representative on the Steering Council of Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1.

Change Order No 4 for the 2026 Street Maintenance Program has been included in the consent agenda for information only. The change order includes the cost of temporarily closing the intersection at 53rd Street and Rock Road for construction.

Appropriations Ordinance

This appropriation ordinance encompasses 07/15/2026 through 07/28/2026 expenses and one payroll cycle. Expenditures amounted to \$813,859.54. Of the reported expenses, \$116,086.15 are infrastructure costs for new developments. These costs are paid through special assessments.

Supplemental Agreement (WO No 26-03) with PEC, Bel Aire Lakes (Item A)

The construction of the Bel Aire Lakes infrastructure has been completed. Unfortunately, due to the length of time it took to construct the entrance and the need for an initial bridge inspection, PEC is requesting additional fees for their work. The original agreement for Construction Phase Services was based on an anticipated completion date of November, 2025. Due to issues with the soil underneath the box culvert two change orders were issued in an attempt to provide a solid foundation for the box. The costs associated with the project will be financed through a bond and spread as special assessments against the benefiting lots.

Executive Session

There are two executive sessions on the agenda for this meeting.

Discussion & Future Issues

Discussion/Presentation on the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund

As part of the 2027 budget process, the City Council will discuss the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, which finances major one-time capital investments such as facility improvements, park equipment, and technology upgrades. The fund is a key component of the City's long-term financial strategy and must be considered alongside other significant infrastructure commitments, including current and future street projects. The purpose of this agenda item is to receive Council's direction on priorities and long-term vision, not to make final funding decisions.

Discussion/Presentation on Water and Sewer rates for 2027

At the city council workshop on July 14th, staff presented the 2027 draft budget for the water, sewer, solid waste, and stormwater funds. During the water and sewer presentation, council asked what the forecast for these funds would look like if water and sewer rates were frozen for 2027. Staff updated the model for this scenario. The results will be discussed at the August 4th City Council Meeting.