

# MANAGER'S REPORT

**DATE:** February 11, 2026  
**TO:** Mayor Benage and City Council  
**FROM:** Ted Henry, City Manager  
**RE:** February 17, 2026 Agenda



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## **Appropriations Ordinance (Item VI)**

This appropriation ordinance encompasses 01/28/2026 through 02/10/2026 expenses and one payroll cycle. Expenditures amounted to \$1,117,609.85. Of the reported expenses, \$162,638.56 are infrastructure costs for new developments. These costs are paid through special assessments.

## **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda contains the Minutes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.

## **City Requested Appearances**

Ken Lee from Garver will give a presentation on proposed improvements to 45<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **Construction Engineering Agreement, 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Multi-Use Path (Item A)**

In 2023, the City applied to WAMPO for grant funding for assistance in constructing a multi-use path along 53rd Street from Woodlawn to Oliver. The City was awarded the grant and signed an agreement with KDOT in July 2025 to have KDOT administer the federal funds. As with any KDOT project, Construction Engineering inspections (CE) must be provided by inspectors that meet KDOT qualifications. City staff does not have the qualifications, or time, to take on this role. However, staff reached out to Sedgwick County in the early development of the project and learned that Sedgwick County can provide Construction Engineering for a relatively low fee. The agreement now before City Council would lay out the terms of payment for these Construction Engineering costs. Per this agreement, KDOT would pay 80% of the Participating Costs of Construction Engineering (CE) up to the upper compensation limit of \$37,551.07. Bel Aire would pay 20% of Participating Costs of CE until Secretary's funding limit is reached, then 100% of Participating Costs after Secretary's funding limit is reached and 100% of Non-Participating Construction Engineering Costs. The City's share of the cost of this project will be financed through a general obligation bond. It is the recommendation of staff to enter into the agreement with KDOT.

## **KDOT Grant Agreement for High Risk Urban Roads (Item B)**

The City was awarded a grant from the High Risk Urban Roads (HRUR) Project through KDOT. This Agreement sets forth the parameters of the grant, the materials provided by KDOT and the City's responsibilities for installation and maintenance of the materials and the intersections covered by the Agreement, which include 53rd and Greenwich (both east and west sides), 45th and Greenwich, 53rd and Oliver and 53rd and Webb.

City Staff have been in discussions with KDOT about the potential for 53rd and Oliver to turn into a 4-way stop, and as long as we are still using the materials provided by KDOT, there are no concerns. It is also noted that KDOT will only be providing one stop sign at the east and west legs of this intersection instead of two, since the City has recently installed LED-lit stop signs at the east and west approach. There are no financial implications for entering into this Agreement with KDOT, other than costs to install and maintain the materials provided per the terms of the Agreement. It is the recommendation of staff to enter into the agreement with KDOT to receive the enhanced markings and signage to install at four intersections covered in the application.

#### **Contract for Forklift Purchase (Item C)**

Public Works will need to purchase a forklift to help unload trucks and place material on the mezzanine of the new Public Works facility when needed. Currently, Public Works does not have a forklift and are unable to lift materials on the mezzanine. The City received quotes from five (5) vendors. In your packet, Marty McGee, Director of Public Works, has provided a detailed comparison of the quotes. Lift Truck Center had the lowest quote at \$37,563.70. The lead time is 20 weeks for delivery. Staff recommend the City Council accept the bid from Lift Truck Center, in the amount not to exceed \$37,563.70.

#### **Executive Session (Item XII)**

There are two Executive Sessions on the agenda.

#### **Discussion and Future Issues - WAMPO Call For Projects (Item XIII)**

WAMPO is starting the Call for Projects for the 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Call for Projects is open from February 2 – March 6, 2026. The City needs to prioritize which projects it will submit for funding.