

MANAGERS REPORT



DATE December 8, 2022
TO: Mayor Benage and City Council
FROM: Ty Lasher, City Manager
RE: December 13, 2022, Workshop Agenda

WAMPO / KDOT Projects:

Woodlawn reconstruction has been a learning experience to say the least. Council and the public are getting weary as progress drags along. I know that you are receiving correspondences regarding the time it is taking, one way traffic, 45th street intersection, no one working, etc. This is the first time that I am aware of the city has had a WAMPO project so a learning process for us all. I have been talking with Garver and staff about what can we do to help our residents understand the process, details and how we share that information with the public. I and Garver will be giving you a high-level presentation on how the process works from engineering, bidding, contracts, observations to completion. Our goal is for you to have a better understanding of the process so you can share that with your constituents. Hindsight being 20 / 20, we should have done this in the beginning. I am hoping better late than never. Not to mention we may be doing the same thing to 45th Street from Oliver to Woodlawn in a couple years.

Proclamations:

Council Member Hamburg feels more and more governing bodies are getting unnecessarily political and divisive through proclamations. She is proposing our meeting policy be changed to reflect no proclamations will be issued unless they have a specific recognition for a local Bel Aire group or organization. Her goal is to avoid being accused of picking and choosing what to recognize before it ever becomes a problem. Emily feels holiday recognitions could be addressed by individual governing body members and not by the city. Mayor Benage feels we are select in our proclamations so there really isn't a need for the change. Both felt this would be a good topic for the workshop. Included in the packet is our current policy for council meetings and proclamations are not specifically addressed. The way we have operated is if a request came in, it would be vetted and if there was a

city tie, be included on the agenda. The mayor may get requests as well which we would include if there was a city tie.

2023 Wish List:

Christmas time is here, and Santa (Ty) will be in the house. Ted and I have been studying the financial effects of land sales, ARPA funds, additional revenues from growth and debt being retired. We feel there are a number of projects you may want to consider, and we can create a plan to fund those. The big question is what are those projects? So, I would like each of you to think of at least 5 projects you would like to see happen in 2023 and beyond. Don't think about timing or money. You won the billion-dollar lottery and can do anything you want without worrying about finances. Send those to me prior to the workshop and we will have them on a board. You will then place your "votes" on the ones you see as priorities. Ted and I will go to work on options for you to consider in the first quarter of 2023. You might be surprised at what we come up with.