

**City of Lansing** 800 First Terrace Lansing, Kansas 66043

#### **City Administrator's Report** July 7, 2022

### Agenda Items:

The appointment of Brian Payne to the City's Planning Commission is on the agenda for Thursday night.

The reappointment of Tim Cahill to the Lansing Board of Zoning Appeals is on the agenda Thursday evening.

Ordinance 1085 allows for the assessment of delinquent sewer and trash bills. There are currently 58 properties with a total of \$105,320 in delinquency listed on the ordinance. Staff does not submit this until August 25<sup>th</sup>, which gives residents the opportunity to set up a payment plan before that date.

Resolution B-8-2022 calls for a special question election for Lansing voters on November 8, 2022 to authorize a .45% special sales tax for an aquatic center. This would increase Lansing's sales tax rate to 9.4%, if approved. The ballot language, also listed on Exhibit A, is written below:

# Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Lansing, Kansas, be authorized to (1) impose a 0.45 percent (0.45%) Citywide retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax"), the proceeds of which shall be used only to finance the costs of certain recreational improvements and related items within the City, including but not limited to the construction of a recreational and aquatic facility within the City (collectively the "Project"), the collection of the Sales Tax to commence on July 1, 2023, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate twenty years after its commencement; and (2) issue sales tax/general obligation bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000 to pay the costs of the Project and associated financing costs; all pursuant to K.S.A. 10-101 et seq. and K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended?

# IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "YES" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "YES" on a paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "NO" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "NO" on a paper ballot.





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## **Public Works:**

Work on the K7/Eisenhower project began this last week, with a lane on Eisenhower and the service road west of businesses partially closed for construction of a box culvert. The construction schedule is 25 weeks, so we are hoping for completion in mid-November. We are currently seeking approval from KDOT to replace the subpar curbs on the east side of the project corridor. <u>Please encourage drivers to utilize detours or to drive the intersection during non-peak hours</u>. There will be traffic congestion.

We anticipate mill and overlay to fully kick off in July. We also anticipate bidding for the Southfork Road pipe repairs to take place this summer, with construction tentatively slated for the fall.

Kimley-Horn, the engineers overseeing the countywide transportation plan have scheduled kickoff meetings for July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff believes projects that improve Lansing's access to the rest of the metro will be critical for Lansing's continued growth.

#### Parks & Recreation:

A substantial amount of earthwork has been completed at Bernard Park. Clearing for utilities is well under way and some above ground and underground infrastructure for the electric service has been installed leading to the site. Work on the underdrains and other underground utilities on the site has begun and some of the utilities have been stubbed in on the site of the building. Base material for the road and parking lot are being put into place and compacted.

#### Wastewater:

Two of the four easements needed for the Town Center Sewer Replacement project have been negotiated and signed. One of the remaining parcels is involved in a probate case, while the last property is still in discussions with staff. 100% plans and specifications are complete and permitting is ongoing. The latest engineer estimate for construction is \$900,000. Construction of this project will follow, as directed by the City Council.

The Director and City Administrator met with GBA staff to work through difficulties regarding an abandoned gas pipeline that conflicts with the existing road casing pipe under E McIntyre. Further investigation will be needed. This project will extend sewers to McIntyre Road and include the installation of nearly 9,500 feet of pipe.



There have been several rain events during the flow monitoring period, which has provided good data for the master plan update. Flow meters continue to be serviced by technicians weekly. Twelve flow meters have been installed throughout Lansing and data collection will continue thru July

## Year End Sales Tax Update:

|                   | 2021 YTD  | 2022 YTD    | Difference          |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Local Sales & Use | \$881,111 | \$1,032,481 | \$151,370, 17.18%   |
| Tax (1.45%)       |           |             |                     |
| County Sales Tax  | \$483,682 | \$505,783   | \$22,101, 4.51%     |
| County Use Tax    | \$139,991 | \$186,335   | \$46,344 (33.1%)    |
| Guest Tax         | \$55,277  | \$21,421    | -\$33,856 (-61.25%) |

Through the June disbursement, the .45% sales tax has generated \$320,069, on pace for \$640,138 throughout the year. The 2022 debt payment for DeSoto Road is \$388,075. Based on current projections, this would leave \$252,063 toward park improvements this year.

## **Meetings & Announcements:**

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, July 20th

Thursday, July 21st

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

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The City currently has an opening for a part time Animal Control Officer.

In the midst of COVID and the national blood shortage in late 2020/2021, the City teamed up the Community Blood Center to host blood drives in the Community Center at no cost. Through the five blood drives in the Community Center, 345 total units of blood have been donated. Each unit can help as many as three people.

- Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireworks & Lansing Daze Celebration, Town Center •
  - Independence Day, City Offices Closed
    - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
      - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
        - Site Plan, 00000 Main Street
      - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
    - City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Budget Follow Up (if necessary) Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>
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    - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
    - City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> • Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>



Sincerely,

Tim Vandall

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