



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

May 19, 2022

Agenda Items:

Resolution B-4-2022 authorizes the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds for the City. These bonds will be utilized for improvements to Bernard Park and will be paid for by the .45% sales tax approved by voters in 2017. The bond sale will take place on June 23rd, along with a special meeting at 6:30pm, prior to our work session that evening.

Resolution B-5-2022 allows the City to pursue condemnation if negotiations for wastewater easements are unsuccessful. Every reasonable effort will be made to obtain easements through negotiations; however, approval of this resolution saves the City time if the easements cannot be reasonably obtained. This potential project impacts four parcels.

The next step in the Town Center Sewer Extension project is to acquire the necessary temporary and permanent sewer easements. Some of the easements necessitate the removal of trees, ornamental landscaping, or modification of driveways. Based on the judgment of our land acquisition specialists, Valbridge Property Advisors, the total amount of compensation for the four parcels is \$7,860.

During the course of the Town Center Sewer Extension project, additional work was completed by our engineer, GBA, that was not in the original scope of the project. The agenda memo outlines the items that arose for which GBA is requesting additional compensation of \$17,223. Of note, on past projects, GBA has come in under their contractual budgeted amount, resulting in savings of approximately \$92,000 on earlier projects. Wastewater Superintendent Tony Zell will be on hand to answer any questions.

The purchase of radar detection equipment for the K7/Mary St traffic signal is on the agenda. We budgeted \$35,000 for this expense last year, and the total came in at \$24,658. The remainder will go toward installation expenses. Installation of this equipment will make the K7/Mary Street intersection more responsive to traffic patterns and reduce the likelihood of sitting at a red light when there is no traffic at the intersection. This equipment will also reduce our maintenance of the light.

A contract with the McGrath Human Resources Group to move forward with a pay study for all non-public safety employees is on the agenda. The study totals \$19,575. The City worked with McGrath Consulting on our Public Safety pay study and was generally pleased with the work.

An executive session for land acquisition is on the agenda Thursday evening.



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Public Works:

We anticipate work on the K7/Eisenhower intersection to begin on May 31st, with the initial work taking place on Eisenhower, and work on K7 to begin about two week afterward. The construction schedule is 25 weeks, so we are hoping for completion in mid-November. Please encourage drivers to utilize detours or to drive the intersection during non-peak hours. There will be traffic congestion.

Design for the drainage pipe at 4H and Valley was at 50% in April. The temporary repairs were completed last fall. Our engineers anticipate this major stormwater pipe replacement to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. We will bring up this project during budget season to evaluate if it can be completed in 2023.

We anticipate bidding for the Southfork Road pipe repairs to take place this summer, with construction tentatively slated for the fall.

Curb work along Cottonwood Drive is slated to begin the final week of May. We anticipate the asphalt work on 147th St to begin in July.

The City received our NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) five year recertification last week and we retained our Class 7 rating! This means residents who purchase flood insurance in Lansing qualify for up to a 15% discount because of our flood mitigation activities! Major kudos to Kelly Hanne and Mike Spickelmier for their hard work on this recertification!

Parks & Recreation:

The City was fortunate to receive a \$10,000 grant from Royals Charities to go toward the construction of our new ballfields at Bernard Park! Thank you to the Kansas City Royals and Royals Charities!

Work on Bernard Park began last week. A construction access road was built to keep heavy equipment and deliveries off the main entrance. The road is located to the west of the main entrance. Road closed barricades have been installed to limit traffic. A crosswalk was painted leading toward the playground, shelter, and soccer fields and signs were installed to provide pedestrian access to those amenities. Temporary construction fencing has been installed for park suer safety. A job trailer and construction materials have been delivered to site. Earthwork has started on the construction site.

Wastewater:

Appraisal reports for the Town Center Sewer Replacement Project have been received and scheduled for approval on May 19th. An enabling resolution for condemnation is also on the



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agenda. Offer letters will be mailed the week of May 23rd and staff will begin negotiating for acquisition. Construction of this project will follow, as directed by the Council.

There have been a few rain events over the last two weeks. Flow meters continue to be serviced by technicians weekly. Twelve flow meters have been installed throughout Lansing and data collection will continue for 90 days.

Potholing of utilities along the McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project corridor are scheduled for the week of May 16th. Plan design is ongoing. This project would extend sewers to McIntyre Road and include installation of 9,500' of pipe.

Year End Sales Tax Update:

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2021 YTD, 2022 YTD, Difference. Rows include Local Sales & Use Tax (1.45%), County Sales Tax, County Use Tax, and Guest Tax.

Through the April disbursement, the .45% sales tax has generated \$203,262, on pace for \$609,786 throughout the year. The 2022 debt payment for DeSoto Road is \$388,075. Based on current projections, this would leave \$250,829 toward park improvements this year.

Meetings & Announcements:

The City currently has an opening for a part time Animal Control Officer. The City also has one volunteer opening on the Planning Commission.

We hope to have a representative from Clearwave Fiber at the June 2nd City Council meeting to update the governing body on their timeline and to address any questions.

The memorial ceremony for the new bricks at the Bernard Park Veteran's Memorial is on May 21st. Please strive to attend both events, if able.

- Wednesday, May 18th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Fairlane/Santa Fe Site Plan
Thursday, May 19th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
Thursday, May 26th City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
Monday, May 30th Memorial Day Holiday-City Offices Closed
Thursday, June 2nd City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
Wednesday, June 15th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall



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- Thursday, June 16th
- Thursday, June 23rd
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- Saturday, July 2nd
- Monday, July 4th

City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
Special Meeting, 6:30pm, Approval of KBP GO Bonds
Budget Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
Fireworks & Lansing Daze! Bernard Park
Independence Day, City Office Closed

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall