

City Planning for Future Projects

City continues investments within resources provided by the community.

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FARMLAND PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT

Description: The city is currently remediating the former Farmland Industries fertilizer plant to create additional space for industrial development.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: No new taxes are planned to fund the project. Instead, the city plans to use existing debt capacity, special assessments and remediation funds from the Farmland Trust to pay for improvements to the site.

Projected Timeline: The city has already removed 1,600 tons of scrap metal from the site. A Master Plan has been developed showing how the property will be used and the city has already begun to see interest from businesses.

Community Benefit: Expand employment opportunities and recruit businesses to Lawrence to provide jobs for our community and to help increase the community's tax base.

LIBRARY EXPANSION & RENOVATION

Description: In 2010, voters approved 18 million in debt to provide for expansion and renovation of Public Library, including a new 250-space parking garage.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Voters approved a 1.5 mill levy increase to fund debt.

Projected Timeline: Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2012.

Community Benefit: Provide educational and social resources to the community.

POLICE NEEDS (EQUIPMENT & STAFFING):

Description: The recommended 2013 budget includes a 0.69 mill increase to fund equipment replacement needs and add 3 new police officers.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Property tax increase in 2013 recommended for some equipment & staffing needs.

Projected Timeline: Property tax increase recommended in 2013 for some equipment and staffing 2013.

Community Benefit: City continues to place funding priorities on public safety enhancements.

REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER/SPORTS VILLAGE

Description: The city is currently evaluating a proposal that would create a public-private partnership to build a regional recreation center that provides opportunities for multiple sports and recreational activities.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Existing Countywide Sales Tax proceeds will fund \$1.2 million annual facility payment for 20 years. The existing debt capacity will fund \$4 million in infrastructure improvements. Additionally, a planned 1% TDD sales tax only on the property will pay the city back for a portion of these costs.

Projected Timeline: Timeline is still unknown; construction could begin as early as 2013.

Community Benefit: Provide additional indoor facilities for local resident's recreation activities; increase Lawrence's ability to host regional tournaments which would have an economic impact for the community.

Future Projects Without a Set Timeline or Funding

WATER & WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Description: A city consultant recently completed new five-year water and wastewater Master Plans identifying possible improvements.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Projects would be funded over multiple years through a combination of existing funds and the charges customers pay for water and sewer. No property taxes or sales taxes will be used to pay for these improvements.

Projected Timeline: The City Commission will ultimately decide if and when the projects will happen. The City Commission will review and set water and wastewater rates and charges each year.

Community Benefit: These improvements will ensure the quality and reliability of the city's water and wastewater systems for years to come.

POLICE FACILITY NEEDS:

Description: The City Commission received a report outlining needs for a new police facility.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Funding sources for any police facility improvements have not yet been determined.

Projected Timeline: Facility timeline unknown.

Community Benefit: City continues to place funding priorities on public safety enhancements.

LIBRARY-RELATED PROJECT: DOWNTOWN PARKING FACILITY

Description: Adding 70-to-75 parking spaces beyond the 250 spaces included in the Library project.

Who Pays for Project/Funding: Estimated cost for additional parking spaces is \$1 million. Project would only proceed with City Commission approval. Additionally, a majority of property owners within the benefit district could stop the garage addition with a petition.

Projected Timeline: Concurrent with the Library construction project (2012/2013).

Community Benefit: Additional parking spaces constructed economically now can benefit downtown for years to come.

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COUNTYWIDE 1% SALES TAX FUND BALANCE

The city will retire debt on the Community Health Facility and Eagle Bend Golf Course in 2016, this would allow funds from the already existing sales tax to be applied to the Regional Recreation Center/Sports Village facility payment (\$1.2 million/year for 20 years). The first three years of facility payments would be paid from the fund balance.