RESOLUTION NO. 9214

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout establishing the City’s 2022 budget priorities.

WHEREAS, TMC 3.05.050 requires the City Council to set priorities for the budget preparation on or before the third Tuesday of May each year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed and decided on the priorities; and

WHEREAS, these priorities should focus on improving performance and cost-effectiveness, including but not limited to: utilize cost effectiveness measures in resource acquisition and allocation; and integrate performance management goals into resource allocation and strategic planning processes; and

WHEREAS, the City will address these priorities within existing resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following priorities will guide budget preparation for fiscal year 2022:

1. Investing in Infrastructure, including but not limited to:
   - Master planning for all facilities (including offices, parking, fire stations, law enforcement center, public works and utilities), itemizing priorities for citizens, City, building needs and cost-effectiveness, to be developed by year-end 2021, annual goals to be achieved;
   - Establish long term, comprehensive solutions for all City infrastructure including streets, utilities, facilities, and alleys;
   - Continue to evaluate adequate funding level for utility capital needs
   - Continue to invest funding from multiple sources to address street maintenance, and strive for a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of at least 60, with a goal of 70

2. Continuing a Commitment to Developing Neighborhoods, including but not limited to:
   - Continue Community Policing efforts
• Continue engaging with neighborhoods to solicit and develop unique solutions to neighborhood-specific issues
• Continue improvement on neighborhood infrastructure including street maintenance, sidewalks, alleys, street lighting, street cleaning, and snow removal
• Continue focus on identifying, categorizing and addressing substandard and vacant properties and affordable housing solutions through code compliance, special structures unit, demolition budget, collaborating with landlords, and partnerships with agencies and community members
• Continue to identify opportunities to create, engage and foster neighborhood improvement associations
• Continue to work towards funding the Housing Trust Fund

3. Continuing a Commitment to Public Safety, including but not limited to:

• Continue an active and strenuous recruitment of police officers and firefighters and maintain an optimal level of officers and firefighters
• Continue maintenance/replacement of public safety fleet, technology, and equipment
• Continue to evaluate public safety allocations to ensure appropriate resources
• Continue to promote and develop public education and awareness campaigns through neighborhoods, public presentations and social media
• Set master plan, including an action plan to improve cost-effectiveness and service delivery in the Fire Department
• Continue working with community partners to implement mental health programming including the Alternative Sentencing Court;

4. Selected Strategic Investments toward Quality of Life, including but not limited to:

• Continue to evaluate appropriate levels of support for quality of life endeavors including the youth employment, Topeka Performance Arts Center, social service agencies, Visit Topeka, Downtown Topeka, Riverfront Park, the arts and multiple other quality of life enhancers
• Consider public health impact in the budget decision-making process;

5. Improving Fiscal Sustainability, including but not limited to:

• Continue to evaluate and update fiscal policies as appropriate
Continued excellence in reporting and transparency

Build a comprehensive plan to address facilities and fleet deferred maintenance

Continue to evaluate adequate funding level for utility operations and capital needs

Establish and maintain adequate reserves for all funds

Make strategic funding decisions based on five year and long term impacts.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council on March 16, 2021.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michelle DeLaisla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk