

**MAYOR MARK HOLLAND**



**LISTENING  
TOUR**

## **District 2 Listening Tour**

**SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK**

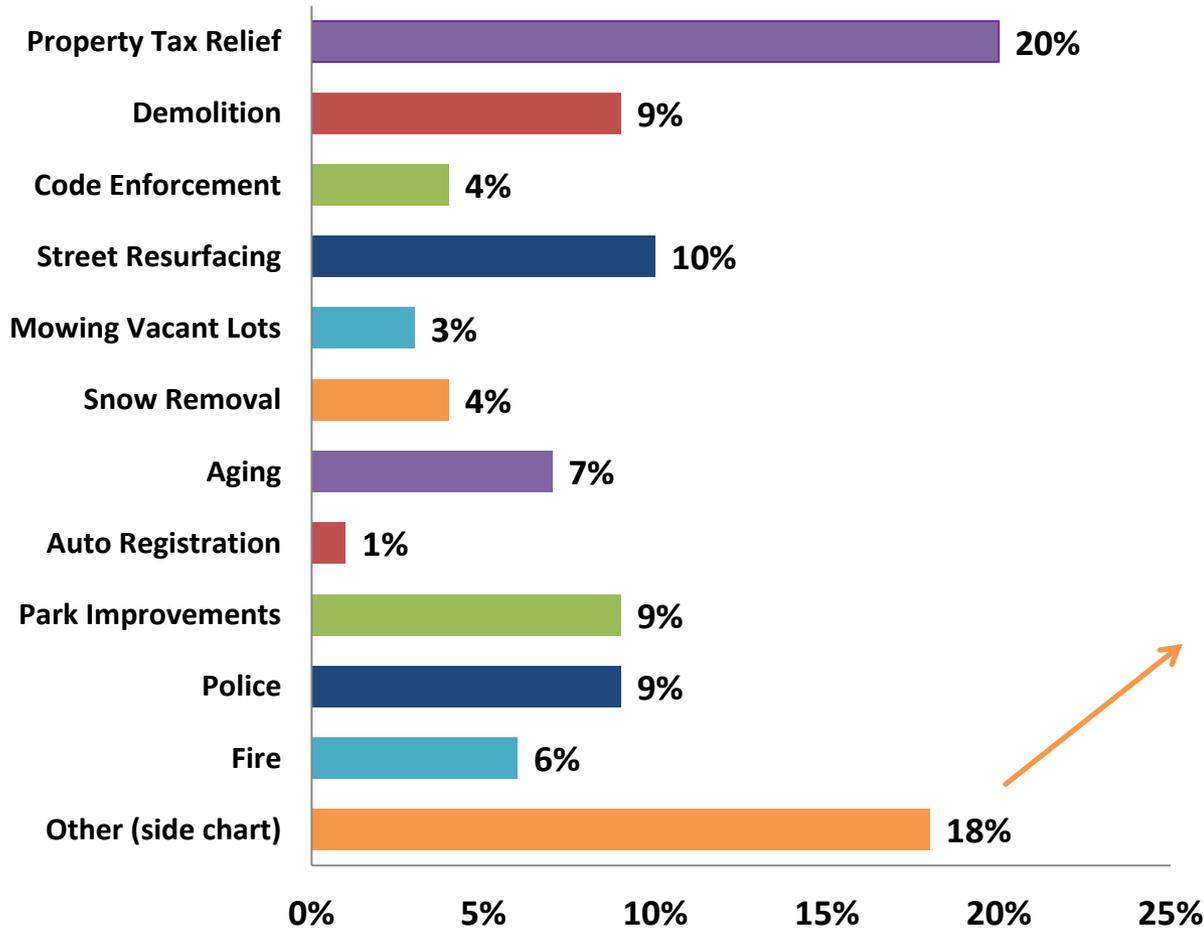
**Meeting Date: June 23, 2015**

**McKinley Elementary School**

62 attendees signed in at the District 2 Listening Tour.  
46 people turned in an individual budget survey and then broke in  
to groups of ten to discuss their survey responses.

# How would you spend \$12 million dollars?!

The average percentage per service allocated by District 2 Listening Tour attendees



Breakdown of the priorities* attendees listed under "Other"	# of times mentioned
Curbs, Sidewalks & Additional Street Infrastructure	10
Home Repair & Rehab	8
Health Initiatives & Healthy Campus	7
Fund Balance	6
Youth Services	6
Grocery Stores	5
UG Employee Salaries	3
Bus Shelters	2
Farmer's Markets	2
Animal Control	2

\*Additional priorities mentioned include: Mental Health Services, Body Cameras, Clothing Stores, New Trash Trucks, Decrease in PILOT

# Meeting Notes

*All bullet points are direct quotations taken from attendee surveys and notes*

## Aging

- Put youth to work rehabbing homes for the elderly.
- Aging services is an easy choice, can relate to aging family and they're paid in.

## Demolition

- Why can't small business owners salvage whatever they can from a property before the city moves in?
- Increasing funds for demolition will raise the property values of other homes.
- Demo needs to include rehab.

## Fire

- We have too many firefighters for the size of the city.
- There is always a need for better equipment.

## Mowing Vacant Lots

- Instead of mowing vacant lots, ask the people who live next to those lots to mow when they mow their own. Then give them a small break in their property taxes.
- Could residents be allowed to mow a neighboring property?
- Send staff to neighbors of vacant lots and offer the lots to them for \$1.

## Park Improvements

- Vacant lots could be used as temporary dog parks until the lots are sold.
- Please put more trash receptacles around parks.

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## Police

- The Prescott neighborhood does not have much community policing presence.
- More money for police cars.

## Property Taxes

- Property taxes matter to both the real estate market and current owners.
- Spend more of the \$12M on one time expenses early on. Don't commit all of it to ongoing expenses early on.

## Street Resurfacing

- The Prescott neighborhood has several blocks without sidewalks.
- Put money toward street lights and alley upkeep.
- Curbs and sidewalks!
- More bus stops.

## General Comments

- Decrease the Pilot 1-2% and increase the LOB for schools.
- I want to see improvement to property and environment that will results in reduced insurance premiums for: auto, property, healthcare.
- Build an entertainment center and hotel that could showcase 3 to 4 bands in one building at a time.
- Revolving loan/grant program for CDCs and other community orgs.
- Fund the Quindaro ruins.
- Put money in youth programs.
- Try new initiatives, don't just fund current services.
- Loans for people who want to buy and rehab homes.
- Could we post trash pickup rules in other languages?

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## General Comments Continued . . .

- I'm concerned about the new gun laws and the new welfare laws coming July 1.
- Please update business license website, the current site reflects poorly on opportunities. Change to an online process and post all improvement projects.
- Façade improvements, trails, rehab loans for buyers, recycling center.
- Beautification and safety.
- Work to attract young professionals. We have the best food in the metro.
- Fill the 30,000 empty homes and we'll have the tax base we need to cover the rest.
- Need higher quality grocery stores.
- Encourage more people to recycle.

## Comments about the Meeting Format

- Interesting and lively interaction. A good thing.
- Have the budget in writing to help show all the needs. Residents should have been given this information beforehand.
- I felt heard.
- I want to thank you for doing something like this.
- I would have liked to learn more about my fellow group members. More math, less "touchy feely."
- Exciting. Great to see WyCo engage with the community to develop ideas for the county.
- I like this format if the UG is listening and hearing.
- This is far better process and mechanism for getting community feedback. Don't bother with a survey.
- Good format. Wish we had more people here.
- Outstanding work. Great enthusiasm and energy. Kudos to all involved. Great effort.

*Thank you!*