

**MAYOR MARK HOLLAND**



**LISTENING  
TOUR**

## **District 5 Listening Tour**

**SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK**

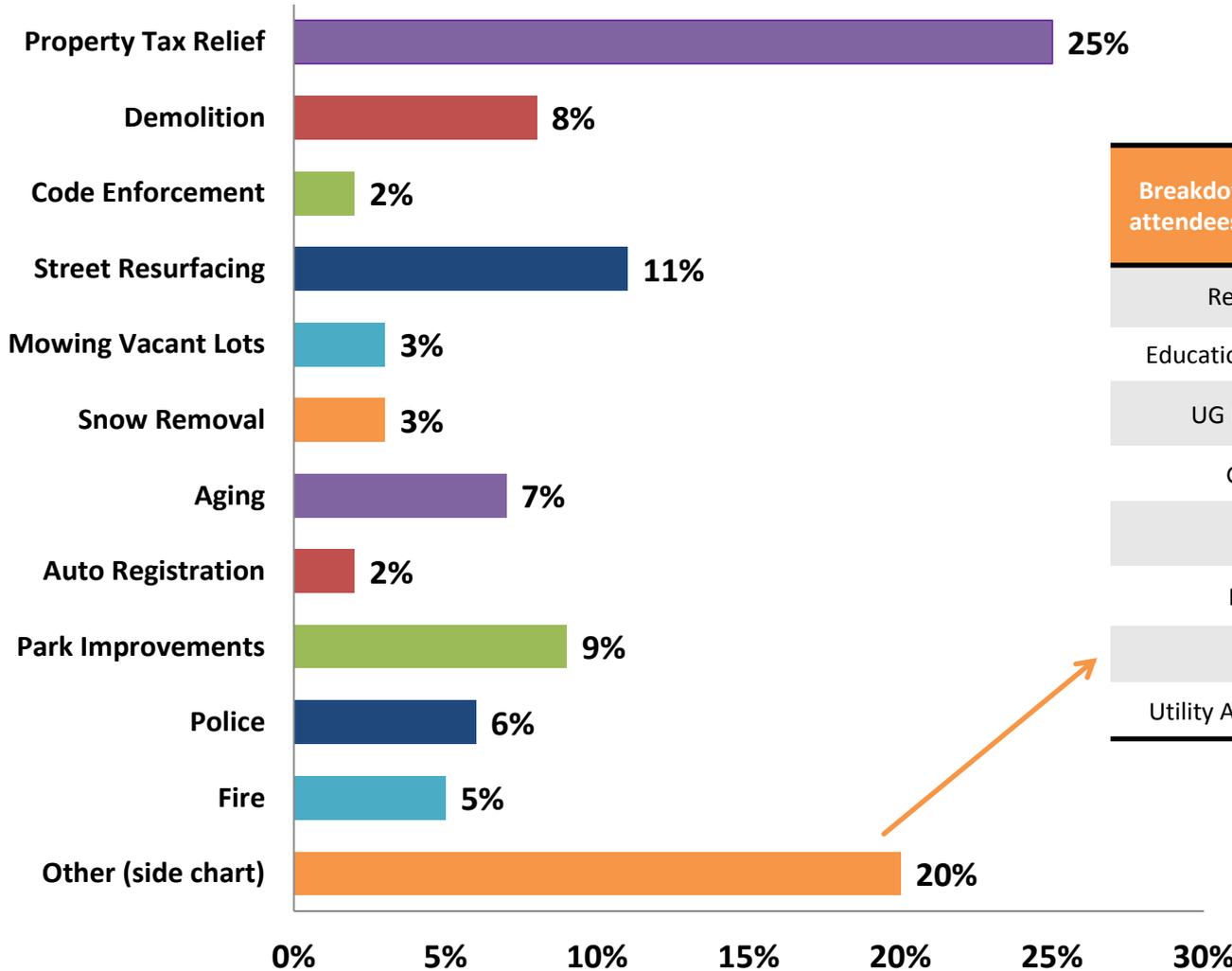
**Meeting Date: September 8, 2015**

**Piper High School**

**138 people signed in at the District 5 Listening Tour. Attendees 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 5 Listening Tour attendees



Breakdown of the priorities* attendees listed under "Other"	# of times mentioned
Reserves/Savings	12
Education & Youth Programs	11
UG Employee Raises	9
Grocery Store	8
Sidewalks	6
Public Transit	3
<b>Fairgrounds</b>	<b>2</b>
Utility Assistance/Reduction	2

\*Additional priorities mentioned include: Updated City Facilities, Entrepreneurial Support, Swimming Pools, Sewage and Storm Water Systems, Economic Development, Healthy Communities,

# Meeting Notes

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## Aging

- Market the land south of Comfort Suites along 103<sup>rd</sup> Ter (west side of street) for a place for transitional care all the way to hospice. As far as I know there are no facilities in Wyandotte dedicated to hospice and death with dignity. More are referred to 103<sup>rd</sup> and Wornall.

## Code Enforcement

- Hire more code enforcement people.

## Demolition

- When the city demo's a property the city needs to take over the lot.
- To rebuild, renew, or revitalize you must begin by tearing out the old. Please put a big investment toward demolitions of blighted property. Also, hi.

## Fire

- New equipment, more up to date.
- Money should be for equipment only.

## Mowing

- Hire summer interns to cut grass. It would provide jobs and free up the Park Department staff who do a lot of mowing.
- The reason I put 3 million in mowing is I suggest hiring summer interns to mow. This provides jobs for interns, relieves park staff to do maintenance.

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## Park Improvements

- Youth soccer fields.
- Add public swimming pools in our area.
- Improvements need to be made at WyCo Park and WyCo Lake.
- Fund summer interns to provide recreation programs in our parks across the county.
- Fenced dog park exercise track.

## Property Taxes

- The promise has been a reduction in Real Estate Taxes. They should honor the promise. If we divide the 12 million equally between all 11 areas how significant would the impact be?
- Property tax relief for 65 and older.
- The money should all go to property tax which will bring economic development.

## Police

- Money should be for equipment only.
- Have the police post items on nextdoor.com.

## Snow Removal

- Need to plow all of Hutton Rd, not stop at Hollingsworth when plowing snow, north.

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## Street Resurfacing

- Sidewalk on 99<sup>th</sup> St and Parallel to Leavenworth Rd. to Donahoo Rd.
- Sidewalks going down 99<sup>th</sup> to Leavenworth Rd.
- What does it take to get street light installed, when it is already paid for – 35 years ago?
- Prioritize sidewalks in a 2 mile radius from all district schools.
- There is a great need for street lights in the Whispering Ridge area- specifically the Lakes area.
- Investing in infrastructure - like State Ave – is always a good cause.

## General Comments

- You should repairing and pave additional parking at the Annex.
- Reinstate operation Bright Side to help clean up neighborhoods.
- Public transit needs attention.
- We want a grocery store in west WyCo.
- Employee raises.
- Sewage system on 111<sup>th</sup> St.
- Please consider placing “No Thru Trucks? Signs along Donahoo Rd from 1-435 West to 7 Hwy – tractor trailer trucks use this artery as a shortcut instead of using state Ave, 70 Hwy or Parallel.
- Could you purchase the “mileage” apparatus found on busy interstates that displays how fast you are driving?
- Promote business in the Dotte!
- Additional early educations emergency funds.
- Remove the PILOT fee from BPU bills.
- Need a good plan for departments to reduce waste.
- Create a task force to make it easy to start new business!
- Use the money to bring bigger business with higher paying jobs that would increase the whole budget.
- There is a need for an aquatic center in the urban core. Indian Springs? The rec center needs to be up-to-date and state-of-the-art.

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## General Comments continued . . .

- Bring a grocery store in western Wyandotte County- such as Hy-Vee,
- What is being done to address homeless students, those that “couch surf” to get by?
- A community center with a swimming pool located in mid-town (wherever that may be) so that people in the urban core and people in the areas of Piper and all of Wyandotte County would feel comfortable using it.
- There is a need for a grocery store in the urban core and a reduction on food related sales tax.
- Address the Piper policy issue regarding non-residency students. Homes association filling liens on residents in bankruptcy.
- One issue not budget related is there are multiple speed limits that seem to have no reason/logic to them. Especially along Leavenworth Road. How long has it been since this issue has been studied?
- Feel like the “other” categories took away from services.
- Recommendations were based on the age of our group and the areas where they live. Didn’t take into account the younger members of our community. They will build our community and without them, KCK will go backwards again.
- Education did not make our top choices, but I believe it was important to us.

## Comments about the Meeting Format

- Feels good to feel we have a say in how the money is spent.
- Can increases for the categories in blue be shared with citizens during these sessions so we have more information with which to make decisions on how to spend the money?
- In the future, provide more spending options, kinda felt like the options were guided.
- Very educational remarks from Mayor.
- I truly hope they listen to suggestions being made. Please look into creating new programs and not just add to existing budget.
- Thanks for the opportunity. Time well spent. A forced ranking system would be a more valid measure. For example, give # of points to be applied to each group up to a total.
- Group setting was a good idea. More of these are needed in the future.
- Great input, opportunity to get ideas of others. Loved it! Thank You!
- It was hard to hear.

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- This was my first meeting and I would attend again and bring my spouse and children to the next event. Thank you!
- Great process! Lets do this more. Finally the government comes and really listens. Thank you.
- Overall, well done. I want to see the results.
- Needed a little more time. Eye opening experience.
- Good job, well prepared!
- New to this process, but think they will help. Start at ground level instruction so all will be able to understand and be educated.
- More time needed. Facilitators reported what they wanted not the average.
- Appreciate opportunity to voice our thoughts on how to spend the 12 million beginning in 2017- people are more important than things to base decision making on.
- I am glad I attended
- This encouraged participation. If our concerns are addressed, it will become popular.
- Do this again.
- Better than expected but so many caveats about the decisions made. Hopefully you will listen to facilitators who heard the comments.
- Wesley was the group leader- very informative, listened well and was well organized.



*An attendee left us this drawing  
on their evaluation form,  
so we included it here!*

***Thank you!***