

**MAYOR MARK HOLLAND**



**LISTENING  
TOUR**

## **District 8 Listening Tour**

**SURVEY RESULTS AND FEEDBACK**

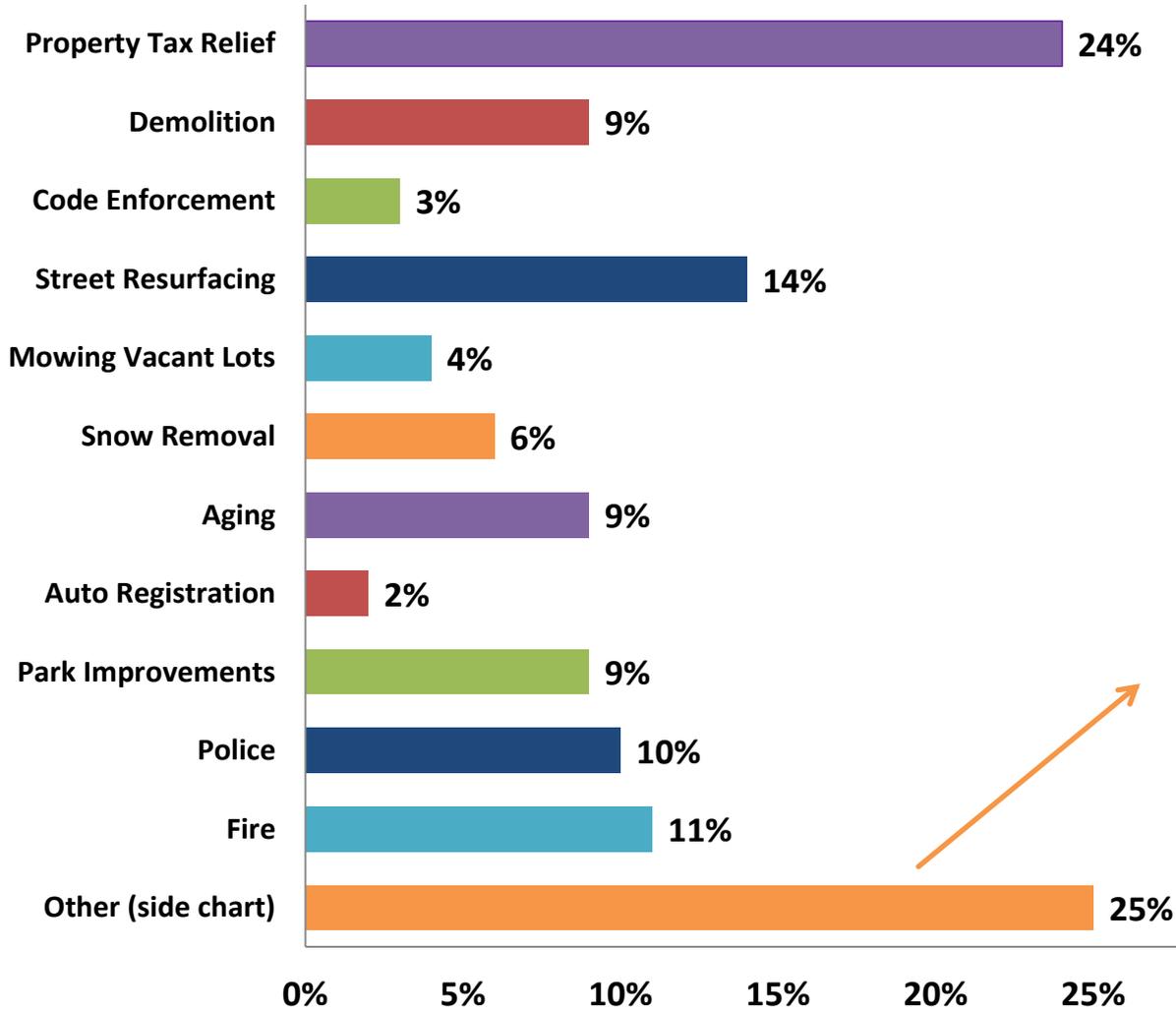
**Meeting Date: December 8, 2015**

**F.L. Schlagle High School**

67 people signed in at the District 8 Listening Tour. Attendees turned in an individual budget survey and then broke in to small groups to discuss their survey responses.

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

The average percentage per service allocated by District 8 Listening Tour attendees



Breakdown of the priorities* attendees listed under "Other"	# of times mentioned
Education/Youth Services	9
Investment/Savings	6
Homeless Services	4
BPU Pilot Charge Relief	3
Salary Increases	2
Sidewalks	2
Recreation Center	2
Public Transportation	2
Streetlights	2
Sewers	2

\*Additional priorities mentioned include: tree service after storms, court fees amnesty system, city growth.

# Meeting Notes

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

## General Comments

- Always give property tax relief.
- Institute a training program for kids to expose them to different careers.
- Reduce the cost of Pilot charge on BPU bill.
- Curbs! Parkview & 49<sup>th</sup>.
- Invest! Keep a surplus.
- Take over property before it is in bad shape.
- Get [code enforcement] results from data.
- Rest rooms in parks.
- Tree service after storms (branch removal).
- Pools and recreation center and paid professionals for exercise and wellness center. Low cost fees for service.
- Court fee amnesty system.
- Vet and homeless housing from property owned by UG.
- No sewage still on septics area.
- This end of 35<sup>th</sup> St. is too narrow for two emergency vehicles to pass each other
- The taxes are too too much. I payed under protest many times with no relief.
- Surprising that education is not listed as one of the needs.
- Education – build youth for future and attractions. City growth – build city for attractions, attract business.. Shelters – teens/adults.
- Get the Washington High School area off the rural mail route.
- Additional recreational facilities.
- Continual rise in library cost without going to taxpayer vote. Survey residents to see what percentage use of library is.
- Streetlights to discourage crime hiding places in our neighborhood as a result of the service situation. Lights along the creek and additional lights in the neighborhood would be very helpful.
- Can we have a better workout center? Also a bike trail.

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## General Comments continued . . .

- Improve bicycle access to parks, including Thompson and Welborn parks. Improve some bicycle connections within this area. Make some progress with more greenways. Better display (internet?) area park facilities as well as any public available events.
- More drain system on Parallel to stop flooding. More street lights on parallel state and Leavenworth Road or fry the ones we have. Send out TV alerts when the police are searching by helicopter in neighborhoods to alert residents.
- Improve public transportation. A 90 minute wait is extreme with no protection from the weather or public restrooms.

## Comments about the Meeting Format

- I really enjoyed this opportunity and look forward to hearing more. Keep this event yearly – good job!
- No information on tax relief for small business.
- I found it very enjoyable and informative.
- I enjoyed this meeting. We really need more of these concerning city matters.
- This was the first listening tour that I've been to. It was very successful. Hope to have these in the future.
- I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and ideas. Please, please, please invest in our youth.
- It was great. Innovative. Facilitator was prepared to help the group.
- That the whole circle of family must be considered and administered to for services. Do not forget and exclude the youth. Do not forget and exclude the elderly.
- The small group experience got feedback for other people's opinions. My group showed respect for all who contributed ideas. Fewer topics would have been easier to complete in the allotted time. The last few items were rushed.
- You need to start these meetings later in the evening if you want a "true" representation of the whole area.
- I enjoyed listening to others speak, however my group consisted mostly of seniors and our needs/wish lists were different.

*Thank you!*