



City of Lawton

City Council

Lawton City Hall
212 SW 9th Street
Lawton, Oklahoma
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Special Meeting Agenda PROPEL 2040 Projects Update

Monday, November 3, 2025

4:00 PM

Lawton City Hall
Wayne Gilley Auditorium

Meeting Called to Order with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

"Official action can be taken only on items which appear on the agenda. The Council may adopt, approve, ratify, deny, defer, recommend, or continue any agenda item. The Council may also propose and enact floor amendments to any matter presented before them. When more information is needed to act on an item, the Council may refer the matter to the City Manager or the City Attorney. The Council may also refer items to standing committees of the Council or a board, commission, or authority for additional study. Under certain circumstances, items are deferred to a specific later date or stricken from the agenda entirely."

Roll Call

Business Items

1. Receive a briefing on the current status of the Capital Improvements Program, including an overview of completed projects, projects under construction, funded projects pending initiation, tentatively scheduled projects under consideration for the next round of funding, and any remaining projects that were included in Resolution 24-278.
2. Receive report and consider approving plans and specifications for Project EN2304-Animal Welfare Building, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.
3. Receive report and consider approving plans and specifications for Project EN2201-Library Ceiling Renovation, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.
4. Receive a presentation from the Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority (LYSA) and Eastern Sports Management (ESM) regarding the Lawton Fort Sill Sports Park Economic Impact Analysis, including the proposed facility design and a request for formal approval of the Scope of Work, either as a phased approach or as a full project, and take action as deemed necessary.
5. Receive a Presentation on the PROPEL 2040 Museum of the Great Plains Capital Improvement Project and provide direction to staff as necessary.
6. Receive a Presentation Regarding Phase III of Park Improvements as Part of

the PROPEL 2040 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and provide direction to staff as necessary.

7. Receive a presentation from C.H. Guernsey & Company regarding the Elmer Thomas Park Amphitheater & Boardwalk Project PR2308 to include proposed project design and scope of work and determine whether to proceed with a phased project approach or full project execution, and take action as deemed necessary.
8. Receive a report regarding the overall master planning of the McMahon Park ballfields to include specific retaining wall/bleacher seating improvements.

Adjournment

The City of Lawton encourages participation from all of its citizens. If participation at any public meeting is not possible due to a disability, notification to the City Clerk at (580) 581-3305 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. The City may waive the 48 hour rule if interpreters for the deaf (signing) is not the necessary accommodation."

Item Title:

Receive a briefing on the current status of the Capital Improvements Program, including an overview of completed projects, projects under construction, funded projects pending initiation, tentatively scheduled projects under consideration for the next round of funding, and any remaining projects that were included in Resolution 24-278.

Initiator: Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager

Information Source: Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager

Background:

In December 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-278, which repealed the prior resolution governing the City's Capital Improvements Program. Resolution 24-278, established the project list included in the PROPEL 2040 CIP Tax Extension and set the corresponding projected budgets. City staff will provide an overview of the progress made on these projects and present a proposed plan for advancing the next round of projects as funding becomes available.

Resolution 24-278 is attached as an exhibit for reference.

Correlation to the True North Statement:

We are committed to open communication, transparency in our actions, and accountable decision-making.

Exhibit:

Presentation
Resolution 24-278

Key Issues:**Funding Source:**

PROPEL 2040 CIP

Recommended Action:

Receive a report from staff on the current status of the Capital Improvements Program, including an overview of completed projects, projects under construction, funded projects pending initiation, tentatively scheduled projects under consideration for the next round of funding, and any remaining projects that were included in Resolution 24-278.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 24-278

RESOLUTION NO. 24-278

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-126 SPECIFYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE INTENT OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA WITH REGARD TO THE EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE EXISTING EXCISE TAX OF TWO AND ONE-EIGHTH PERCENT (2.125%) AS APPROVED BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA AT AN ELECTION HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE ON AUGUST 27, 2024 SUCH TWO AND ONE-EIGHTH PERCENT (2.125%) SALES TAX THAT COMBINED AND REPLACED THE EXISTING SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (7/8%) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE SALES TAX AND THE ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (1.25%) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX AS APPROVED BY THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA AT AN ELECTION HELD FOR SUCH PURPOSE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020.

WHEREAS, adoption of the sales tax extension and levy by Citywide vote of the citizens of Lawton on August 27, 2024, left the City's sales tax rate at its current level but extended the term of said excise tax from terminating on December 31, 2034 to a new termination date ending December 31, 2040, with the exception of a one percent (1.00%) excise tax which shall be permanent for an indefinite period, and funded enhancements to the overall quality of life in Lawton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the sales tax by Citywide vote of the citizens of Lawton on February 11, 2020, left the City's sales tax rate at its current level and funded enhancements to the overall quality of life in Lawton, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 19-116, expressed the administrative intent of the Mayor and Council (hereafter referred to as "the Council") as to how such quality of life enhancements would be financed, implemented, and managed; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-28, repealed and replaced Resolution 19-116, and expressed the revised administrative intent of the Council by adding a category of economic development funding for infrastructure and financial support of new and existing retail development and retention in accordance with the City's retail development policy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-64, repealed and replaced Resolution 20-28, and expressed the revised administrative intent of the Council by adding a category for Program Administration to include funding for the development of a program management system/tool, bond/financing fees and associated legal expenses, and other administrative costs as approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-59, repealed and replaced Resolution 21-64, and expressed the revised administrative intent of the Council by: (1) removing the reference to the "Lawton Arts and Humanities Council" previously referenced in the section of Resolution 21-64 pertaining to "Parks & Recreational Facilities and Arts & Humanities," and replacing the reference to the "Lawton Arts

and Humanities Council” with the “McMahon Auditorium Authority;” and (2) correcting an inadvertent omission to Resolution 20-28 that removed a reference in Resolution 19-116 to an estimated \$20,000,000 expenditure in the Parks and Recreational Area. That inadvertent omission was again carried forward with Resolution 21-64, but was corrected in Resolution 22-59; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 23-75, repealed and replaced Resolution 22-59, and expressed the revised administrative intent of the Council by allocating an estimated additional \$5,472,607 to Section C(3) of the resolution pertaining to “Improvements to City Buildings/Facilities.” This additional \$5,472,607 is available to be used in any of the three categories [i.e. subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c)] listed in Section C(3) of the resolution. Pursuant to Section 4 hereof, this allocation was made, following input from the citizens at no less than two open meetings of the Council, due to an anticipated one-time annual excess of revenue above \$23,500,000 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Also, through Resolution 23-75 the purpose of subparagraph (c) “Continuation of renovation and remodeling of City Hall and facilities” of Section C(3) was clarified that it includes: (1) the expansion of the parking lot immediately west of City Hall and (2) the construction of a stand-alone building for utility bill paying at or near said parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-114, which repealed and replaced Resolution 23-75, expressed the further revised administrative intent of the Council by: (1) allocating an estimated additional \$2,027,393 to subparagraph (c) under Section (C)(3) “Improvements to City Buildings/Facilities,” specifically for the “continuation of renovation and remodeling of City Hall and facilities; and (2) allocating an estimated additional \$5,185,037 to subparagraph (a) under Section (C)(4) “Parks & Recreational Facilities and Arts & Humanities,” specifically for the implementation of the aforementioned parks master plan in subparagraph (a), to include, but not limited to, Elmer Thomas Park, 38th Street Park, existing ballfields and a new sports complex. Pursuant to Section 4 hereof, these allocations are being made, following input from citizens at no less than two open meetings of the Council, due to an anticipated one-time annual excess of revenue above \$23,500,000 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Also, through this resolution an inadvertent omission in Resolution 20-28 that removed a reference in Section (C) of Resolution 19-116 to an estimated \$2,500,000 for improvements to the Lawton Area Transit System is being added back into this resolution along with corrective language that the funds for LATS are for improvements including but “not” limited to the purchase of buses. That inadvertent omission was again carried forward with Resolutions 21-64, 22-59 and 23-75, but was being corrected in Resolution 24-114; and WHEREAS, Resolution 24-126 repealed and replaced Resolution 24-114, expressed the further revised administrative intent of the Council to complete the projects being funded and to be funded by the extended seven-eighths of one percent (7/8%) tax and the one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) tax upon their replacement with the new excise tax of two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) as approved by the voters on February 11, 2020 and to complete the projects being funded and to be funded from the 2019 CIP projects and to fund the projects known as PROPEL 2040 that are to be funded by the excise tax as approved and extended by Citywide vote of the citizens of Lawton on August 27, 2024. Also, through Resolution 24-126 the eight million dollar (\$8,000,000) spending limitation for a sports complex from the total estimated twenty five million one hundred eighty five thousand and thirty seven dollar Parks & Recreation allocation in Section (C)(4) in Resolution 24-114, was removed; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution, which repeals and replaces Resolution 24-126, expresses the further revised administrative intent of the Council by allocating an additional \$8,425,974.94 to Section (D)(14) "Contingency Fund" above and including the initial amount allocated thereto. Pursuant to Section 4 hereof, this allocation is being made, following input from the citizens at no less than two open meetings of the Council, due to an annual excess of revenue above \$23,500,000 for the fiscal years: (1) July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; (2) July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; and (3) July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council declares its administrative intent regarding continuation and extension of the aforesaid sales tax, as follows:

1. This Resolution details intended allocations of anticipated revenues. In addition to the allocations of revenues for capital projects, this Resolution details the allocations of certain identified operating funds. All allocations of the revenues from the new excise tax of two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) shall require the approval of the Council. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Resolution, all such intended allocations will prioritize requirements on all prior encumbrances of the sales tax in a first priority position and are subject to prior encumbrances.

2. The allocations for capital projects and operating funds specified herein are based on an initial revenue estimate of \$34,000,000 annually with the annual revenue estimate anticipated to increase three percent (3.00%) annually during the term of the tax. It is the intent of the Council that staff review tax collections during the annual budget period for the prior year and current year and provide a report to Council with adjustment recommendations by March 15 each year, all subject to prior encumbrances which have a first priority. Said annual report to also include an update on the status of ongoing projects, to include a list of the projects that have been bid, awarded and completed.

3. An implementation plan and timing for allocation of both capital projects and operating funds will be developed and adopted by the Council. It is the intent of the Council that if revenues are received in amounts at least equal to the revenue estimate, that the operating funds allocations shall not be lessened.

4. It is the intent of the Council that should revenue estimates projected in paragraph 2 ultimately exceed \$34,000,000 annually including the annual three percent (3.00%) increase during the term of the tax, such funds will be considered excess funds and those excess funds will be allocated by the Council upon the receipt of input from citizens at no less than two open meetings of the Council. Should revenues ultimately fall short of such revenue estimate, allocations for projects and operating funds will be reduced as deemed appropriate by the Council with the goal of funding as many of the intended projects/expenditures specified below as revenues allow, all subject to prior encumbrances which have a first priority.

5. It is the intent of the Council that when capital projects identified herein as conditional are not implemented due to the failure of conditions to be met, the previously allocated funds for any such projects and related operational funds, if applicable, shall first be reallocated to make up for any shortage of estimated revenue as necessary to complete other intended projects/expenditures and, if not necessary, shall be considered excess funds to be allocated as set forth in paragraph 4, all

subject to prior encumbrances which have a first priority.

6. It is the intent of the Council that all projects be implemented with prioritization on sustainable design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to available revenues, the Council's administrative intent is for the proceeds of the sales tax, or proceeds of borrowings by the City or a public trust of which the City is beneficiary payable from the sales tax, to be expended for the purposes established by the Council of the City from time to time, to include the following specific projects/expenditures to the extent legal and practical as funding generated by the approval of Ordinance No. 24-39 allows:

A. Completion of Projects/Expenditures from the 2015 Public Safety and Capital Improvements/Operational Expenditures Sales Tax

1. Public Safety Purposes:
 - a. Construct and equip a new City police, jail, fire and municipal court facility, and demolish the existing police station (City staff estimates an aggregate \$39,104,186 expenditure for these purposes over the life of the tax);
 - b. Funding to provide the cost of hiring and equipping new police and fire personnel as well as provide for pay increases for police and fire personnel with said funding not to exceed \$2,684,000 in any one year and to be at all times in the discretion of the governing body of the City (one-half of one percent (1/2 %) of the two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) is designated to fund the amount not to exceed \$2,684,000 in any one year in addition to also funding water/sewer system improvements and an annual deposit of \$250,000 into the City's emergency fund).
2. Roads and Bridges:
 - a. Acquire right of way and reconstruct Rogers Lane to five lanes from I-44 to Village Drive (matching funds from Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation are expected) (City staff estimates \$4,500,000 expenditure);
 - b. Acquire right of way and reconstruct Gore Boulevard from 67th Street to 82nd Street (matching funds from Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation are expected) (City staff estimates \$5,000,000 expenditure).
3. Water and Sewer System Improvements:

Replace water and sewer lines, paint water tanks, replace pump at treatment plant, install water monitoring system and complete water supply study (City staff estimates an aggregate expenditure of \$4,411,114).
4. Public Buildings, Libraries and Recreational Purposes:
 - a. Heating and air conditioning system improvements for McMahon Auditorium; remodel main and/or branch libraries as needed, including restroom and lobby updates, new indoor furniture, and technology upgrades; playground/fitness

equipment; outdoor walking paths/walking trail lighting; restore existing sports facilities to include upgrades to McMahon Ballparks and youth sports fields; and the eventual demolition of the City Hall Annex (City staff estimates an aggregate expenditure of \$4,534,700 for these purposes over the life of the tax);

b. Funds for summer youth programs (City staff estimates an aggregate expenditure of \$200,000 for these purposes over the life of the tax).

5. Americans Disabilities Act compliance improvements:
Repair existing sidewalks and install new sidewalks and other improvements within the City for removal of barriers faced by the disabled, as required by lawsuit (City staff estimates \$1,000,000 will be available for these purposes over the life of the tax).
6. Provide revolving fund for demolition of dilapidated buildings (not to exceed \$150,000).

B. Completion of Projects from the 2016 Capital Improvement Sales Tax

1. Improvements to Existing Water Resources:

Improvements to water resources existing on the effective date of Ordinance No. 15-11, as determined necessary to provide an adequate water supply depending on drought conditions, including development of such existing sources that will contribute to the goal of an adequate water supply.

2. Sewer System, Landfill and Street Improvements

- a. Phase II of the United States Government Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered sewer system rehabilitation program;
- b. Construction of additional cells for the City's landfill and purchase of additional land for operational purposes as necessary;
- c. Reconstruct SE 45th Street to five lanes from Lee Boulevard to Bell Avenue
- d. Overlay and reconstruction of residential streets within the City;

3. LATS Transportation Improvements:

Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) improvements, particularly including, but not limited to the purchase of buses.

4. Infrastructure in Furtherance of Industrial Development:

Infrastructure and related improvements determined to be necessary in furtherance of achieving the City's and Lawton Industrial Development Authority's goals in the vital area of industrial development.

5. Improvements to Information Technology Systems:

Improvements to the City's information technology systems including hardware and software upgrades, replacement and protection of these critical systems.

C. Additional Capital Improvement Projects/Expenditures Funded by the Replacement of the Combined 2015 and 2016 Two and One-Eighth Percent (2.125%) Sales Tax (2019 CIP)

1. Water and Sewer System Improvements:

- a. Improvements to the existing water and sewer systems of the City, including but not limited to the water treatment plants and sewer treatment plants, and hardware and software upgrades, replacement and protection of these critical systems (one-half of one percent (1/2%) of the two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) is designated to fund water/sewer system improvements in addition to also funding the amount not to exceed \$2,684,000 in any one year for new police and fire personnel, pay increases for police and fire personnel and capital equipment costs, and an annual deposit of \$250,000 into the City's emergency fund).
- b. Construction of a new water treatment plant for the treatment of alternate water sources (City staff estimates seventeen million dollar (\$17,000,000) expenditure).

2. Street/Sidewalk Improvements and Maintenance:

- a. Improvements to arterial streets and construction of new sidewalks and repair of existing sidewalks along arterial streets (City staff estimates eighteen million-dollar (\$18,000,000) expenditure for streets and five million dollar (\$5,000,000) expenditure for sidewalks).
- b. Maintenance and preventative maintenance of streets to include sealing of cracks, filling potholes, and striping of streets (City staff estimates ten million-dollar (\$10,000,000) expenditure).

3. Improvements to City Buildings/Facilities:

- a. Renovation and remodeling of the Lawton Airport and facilities (matching funds in the amount of fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) are anticipated from the Federal Aviation Administration) (City staff estimates two million-dollar (\$2,000,000) expenditure).
- b. Renovation and remodeling of the McMahon Auditorium and facilities (City staff estimates four million, five hundred thousand-dollar (\$4,500,000) expenditure).
- c. Continuation of renovation and remodeling of City Hall and facilities (City staff estimates six million dollar (\$6,000,000) expenditure).

With the passage of Resolution 23-75, an additional estimated \$5,472,607 is being added to the preexisting Section (C)(3) "Improvements to City Buildings/Facilities." This additional \$5,472,607 is available to be used in any of the three categories [i.e. subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c)] listed in Section C(3) of the resolution. This additional \$5,472,607 is not reflected in the estimated expenditure amounts listed in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) above. Also, through Resolution 23-75, the purpose of subparagraph (c) "Continuation of renovation and remodeling of City Hall and facilities" is being clarified that it includes: (1) the expansion of the parking lot immediately west of City Hall and (2) the construction of a stand alone building for utility bill paying at or near said parking lot.

With the passage of Resolution 24-114, an additional estimated \$2,027,393 is being added to the preexisting subparagraph (c) under Section (C)(3) "Improvement to City Buildings/Facilities", specifically for the "continuation of renovation and remodeling of City Hall and facilities. This additional \$2,027,393 is not reflected in the estimated expenditure amount listed in subparagraph (c) of Section (C)(3) above, nor is it part of the additional estimated \$5,472,697 added to Section (C)(3) as part of Resolution 23-75.

4. Parks & Recreational Facilities and Arts & Humanities:
 - a. Development of a parks master plan by a parks and recreation consultant and implementation of the plan to include, but not limited to, Elmer Thomas Park, 38th Street Park, existing ballfields and a new sports complex (City staff estimates twenty million dollar (\$20,000,000) expenditure, with not to exceed eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) of the twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for the new sports complex from the City with the remaining funding for the new sports complex coming from other public and/or private sources).
 - b. Arts and Humanities programs and activities in partnership with the McMahon Auditorium Authority (not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$250,000) expenditure).

With the passage of Resolution 24-114, an additional estimated \$5,185,037 is being added to the preexisting subparagraph (a) under Section (C)(4) "Parks & Recreational Facilities and Arts & Humanities," specifically for the implementation of the aforementioned parks master plan in subparagraph (a), to include, but not limited to, Elmer Thomas Park, 38th Street Park, existing ballfields and a new sports complex. The additional \$5,185,037 is not reflected in the estimated \$20,000,000 expenditure amount listed in subparagraph (a) of Section (C)(4) above.

With the passage of Resolution 24-126 the eight million dollar (\$8,000,000) spending limitation referenced in the above paragraph 4a of this section was removed.

5. Youth Programs:

Programs to be recommended by a Council Member/Citizen Committee with specific qualifications to study and evaluate opportunities for youth of all ages in the City to develop life and career enhancing skills and avoid involvement in the criminal justice system (City staff estimates six million dollar (\$6,000,000) expenditure).
6. Industrial Development/Retention:

Infrastructure and support of projects in furtherance of industrial development and retention in accordance with the City's industrial development policy (twenty-eight million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$28,750,000) in addition to remaining funding designated for such purposes in the 2016 Capital Improvements Sales Tax, as amended).
7. Information Technology Improvements:

Improvements to the City's information technology systems including hardware and software upgrades, replacement and protection of these critical systems (City staff estimates twelve million dollar (\$12,000,000) expenditure).

8. Beautification Improvements:

- a. Development and implementation of an eight (8) year bulk trash pickup program including the purchase of the equipment to implement the program.
- b. Mowing of City right of way and easements and abatement of high grass, weeds and trash on private property including the purchase of necessary equipment.
(City staff estimates eight million dollar (\$8,000,000) expenditure for programs in subparagraphs a & b)
- c. Demolition of structures declared by the City Council to be dilapidated and a public nuisance including personnel cost associated with the abatement process (not to exceed three million, seven-hundred and fifty thousand (\$3,750,000) expenditure).

9. Emergency Fund:

On an annual basis the amount of two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be deposited in the City's existing emergency fund created in Article 16, Chapter 10 of the Lawton City Code for the funding of qualifying emergencies and events listed in the emergency fund ordinance (one-half of one percent (1/2 %) of the two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) is designated to fund the annual deposit of \$250,000 into the City's emergency fund in addition to also funding the amount not to exceed \$2,684,000 in any one year for new police and fire personnel, pay increases for police and fire personnel and capital equipment costs, and water/sewer system improvements).

10. Retail Development/Retention.

Infrastructure and financial support of new and existing retail development and retention in accordance with the City's retail development policy.

11. LATS Transportation Improvements:

Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) improvements, particularly including, but not limited to the purchase of buses (City staff estimates two million, five hundred thousand dollar (\$2,500,000) expenditure).

12. Program Administration:

Includes the development of a program management system/tool, bond/financing fees and associated legal expenses, and other administrative costs as approved by the City Council. The total cost of Program Administration shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

D. Additional Capital Improvement Projects/Expenditures Funded by the Extension of the Replacement of the Combined 2015 and 2016 Two and One-Eighth Percent (2.125%) Sales Tax (PROPEL 2040)

1. Industrial Development:

Infrastructure and support of projects in furtherance of industrial development and retention in accordance with the City's industrial development policy (thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000) in addition to remaining funding designated for such purposes in the 2016 Capital Improvements Sales Tax, as amended and in C.6. above).

2. Juvenile Programs:
 - a. Arts for All Camps in June and July and other art activities estimated at two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).
 - b. Summer Youth Work Programs estimated at one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000).
 - c. Arts & Humanities estimated at one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to outreach programs for at risk youth.
3. Public Buildings/Improvements to City Buildings and Facilities:
 - a. City Dome improvements, renovation, repair, maintenance estimated at two million dollars (\$2,000,000).
 - b. Improvements and renovations and repairs to the Museum of the Great Plains estimated at six million dollars (\$6,000,000).
 - c. Improvements, repairs, renovations, maintenance, equipping of the: (i) Armory-Community Theater, (ii) historic Carnegie Library, and (iii) McMahon Auditorium, including new seating for McMahon Auditorium, all in the estimated amount of thirteen million dollars (\$13,000,000).
 - d. Improvements, repairs, renovation and equipping of the City of Lawton Library estimated at two million dollars (\$2,000,000).
 - e. City animal shelter and dog parks construction, remodel, acquisition, and/or improvements at existing and/or new facilities estimated at five million dollars (\$5,000,000).
 - f. Renovations and equipping at Central Fire Station estimated at one million (\$1,000,000), capital expenses and improvements at City cemetery estimated at one million (\$1,000,000) and providing additional/replacement storm sirens estimated at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
 - g. Continuation of the renovation, improving, remodeling, and equipping of the Lawton Airport and facilities and acquisition of first responder vehicles estimated at three million dollars (\$3,000,000).
 - h. Provide funding for capital support for the City Golf Course estimated at two million dollars (\$2,000,000).
 - i. Development and construction and implementation of a Discovery Zone for adults and youth to explore and learn science and nature and anticipated to stimulate STEM career courses to assist in providing enhanced work force for local businesses estimated at fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).
 - j. Acquisition and implementation of a new fire station alert system estimated at one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000).
Lake buildings, specifically: (i) acquisition, construction and equipping costs for a new lake house office building at Lake Lawtonka, as well as funding for the demolition and removal current lake house office building; (ii) demolition

and removal of the old store facility at Robinson's Landing at Lake Lawtonka; (iii) demotion and removal of dry stalls at Lake Ellsworth located in the Ralph's resort area, (iv) demolition and removal of the "old lake patrol building" at Lake Ellsworth west of the dam, all in a total amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), with any remaining funds from the aforementioned \$400,000 to be used for law enforcement activities and policing at Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth.

4. Crime Resources:

- a. Contribution to the Victim Resource Center in the estimated amount of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for annual operations and/or capital improvements or to assist in obtaining grants.
- b. Provision for crime fighting technology, such as cameras in the City of Lawton and other measures to aid in crime prevention and enforcement in the amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

5. Traffic Control:

- a. Providing for implementation and installation of automated traffic control system, including but not limited to poles, lighting and other necessary equipment, estimated at ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

6. Sidewalk Improvements/Preventative Road Catch-Up Program:

- a. Improvements and maintenance/repair of existing sidewalks and construction of additional sidewalks estimated at three million dollars (\$3,000,000).
- b. Preventative street program, as originally intended to be a catch-up program rather than a maintenance program payable from funds under C.2.b. with no additional funds for streets to include sealing of cracks, filling potholes, and striping of streets and with such preventative program to be completed by June 30, 2029, and funds payable under this resolution for this purpose will discontinue.

7. Redevelopment Revolving Fund:

Establish a revolving fund for residential redevelopment for projects as determined by City Council estimated at twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000)

8. ADA Compliance/D&D/Curb Appeal:

- a. Additions and implementation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance including repair existing sidewalks and install new sidewalks and other improvements within the City for removal of barriers faced by the disabled estimated at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
- b. Improvements and enhancements for curb appeal beautification for streets, medians, public facilities grounds, and any improvements that provide beautification to the City is to be included in the amount allocated in C.8.a. & b. above.

- c. Demolition and Destruction of structures including housing and commercial buildings declared by the City Council to be dilapidated and a public nuisance including all operating costs associated with the abatement process estimated at seven million dollars (\$7,000,000).

9. LATS Transportation Improvements:

Lawton Area Transportation System (LATS) capital improvements and equipment estimated at three million dollars (\$3,000,000).

10. Public Safety Wages/Emergency Dispatchers:

- a. Provide funding for additional wage and/or benefit maintenance for police and fire personnel to augment increases in wages and/or benefits to be applied at the discretion of City Council, initially funded at three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000). Based upon the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area there shall be deposited on an annual basis the amount equal to the CPI times the base of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) initially and on a cumulative basis thereafter, assuming the total receipts of excise tax have met or exceeded the CPI (if the total excise tax receipts have not met the CPI or if the CPI does not increase from the prior year or if the CPI decreases in a given calendar year there shall be no additional deposit made in that year) (of the permanent one percent (1.00%) tax, a portion of a one-half of one percent (1/2 %) excise tax is designated to fund the annual deposit in addition to also funding other projects funded by the one-half of one percent (1/2%) excise tax).
- b. Providing funding for additional wage and/or benefit maintenance for emergency communication dispatch personnel to augment increases in wages and/or benefits to be applied at the discretion of City Council, initially funded at forty thousand dollars (\$40,000). Based upon the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area there shall be deposited on an annual basis the amount equal to the CPI times the base of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) initially and on a cumulative basis thereafter, assuming the total receipts of excise tax have met or exceeded the CPI (if the total excise tax receipts have not met the CPI or if the CPI does not increase from the prior year or if the CPI decreases in a given calendar year there shall be no additional deposit made in that year) (of the permanent one percent (1.00%) tax, a portion of a one-half of one percent (1/2 %) excise tax is designated to fund the annual deposit in addition to also funding other projects funded by the one-half of one percent (1/2%) excise tax).

11. Emergency Fund Annual Increase:

Based upon the annual emergency fund contribution in C.9. above of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), on an annual basis based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area there shall be deposited the amount equal to the CPI times the base of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) initially and on a cumulative basis thereafter, assuming the total receipts of excise tax

have met or exceeded the CPI, in the City's existing emergency fund created in Article 16, Chapter 10 of the Lawton City Code for the funding of qualifying emergencies and events listed in the emergency fund ordinance (if the total excise tax receipts have not met the CPI or if the CPI does not increase from the prior year or if the CPI decreases in a given calendar year there shall be no additional deposit made in that year) (of the permanent one percent (1.00%) tax, a portion of a one-half of one percent (1/2 %) excise tax is designated to fund the annual deposit in addition to also funding other projects funded by the one-half of one percent (1/2%) excise tax).

12. Streets/Roads and Bridges:

Of the permanent one percent (1.00%) tax, one quarter of one percent (1/4%) is to be dedicated to constructing, improving, major repairs such as mill and overlay City streets, roads, and bridges.

13. Public Parks/Amenities and Recreational Facilities:

Of the permanent one percent (1.00%) tax, one quarter of one percent (1/4%) is to be dedicated to constructing, improving, equipping and support of new and existing public parks and amenities and recreational facilities to include parking lots all such facilities and amenities as used by the public and owned by the City or its public trusts.

14. Contingency Fund in an estimated amount of seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000). A contingency fund will be established to cover situations where either (a) costs overruns occur (b) or not enough funds come in to cover the capital projects covered in Section (D) of this Resolution; i.e. PROPEL 2040. Note: the contingency fund shall not be used to fund: (1) "Streets/Roads and Bridges" under Paragraph 12 of this Section (D) of this Resolution; (2) "Public Parks/Amenities and Recreational Facilities" under Paragraph 13 of this Section (D) of this Resolution; (3) Public Safety/Emergency Dispatcher Wages under Paragraph 10 of Section (D) of this Resolution, provided contingency funds may be used for new projects subject to the requirements in the subsequent paragraph once all of the listed projects in subparagraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 of Section (D) are completed. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to specific action and approval from the city council.

With the passage of Resolution 24-_____, an additional \$8,425,974.94 is being added to the preexisting Section (D)(14) "Contingency Fund" above and including the initial seventeen million dollar (\$17,000,000) estimated amount allocated thereto.

It is further the intent of the city council that no new projects be added to the projects listed in Section D of this Resolution until all of the initial projects listed in subparagraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 of Section D of this Resolution have been completed. In the event the initial projects listed in subparagraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 of Section D of this Resolution have been completed and additional funds remain, it is the intent of city council that such remaining funds can only be spent on new projects that would fall within the project categories listed under Section D of this Resolution.

Effective Date/Repeal. This Resolution shall repeal Resolution No. 2024-126 and shall be immediately effective on the date of its passage by the Council of the City of Lawton. Repeal of this Resolution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Council of the City of Lawton.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of December 2024.

(SEAL)
ATTEST:



CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

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STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donalynn Blazek-Scherler", is written over a horizontal line.

DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this 10th day of December 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Andrew", is written over a horizontal line.

JOHN ANDREW, CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS
COUNTY OF COMANCHE)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of The City of Lawton, Oklahoma, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution specifying the administrative intent of the Mayor and Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma with regard to the replacement of the existing seven-eighths of one percent (7/8%) sales tax and the one and one-quarter percent (1.25%) sales tax with an extended excise tax of two and one-eighth percent (2.125%) as approved by registered voters of the City, adopted by the governing body of said municipality and Transcript of Proceedings of said governing body at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the date therein set out, insofar as the same relates to the introduction, reading, and adoption thereof as the same appears of record in my office.

I further certify that attached hereto is a true and complete copy of the public notice given to the City Clerk of Lawton, Oklahoma, and of the public notice posted in prominent public view at entry to City Hall, 212 S.W. 9th, Lawton, Oklahoma, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting wherein said Resolution was approved, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and State designated legal holidays.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 10th day of December 2024.

(SEAL)




DONALYNN BLAZEK-SCHERLER,
CITY CLERK

Item Title:

Receive report and consider approving plans and specifications for Project EN2304-Animal Welfare Building, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.

Initiator: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Information Source: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Background:

On 09/26/2023, Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with GH2 Architects, LLC for professional architectural services on Project EN2304-Animal Welfare Building. The construction time of the project specified is 365 days. The project consists of renovating 4,430 SF of the existing building and adding 9,012 SF, which will house approximately 148 dogs, 168 cats each, 8 exotics, 32 clinical intake and office spaces. This is in accordance with the True North Culture statement by providing a more efficient service to the citizens of Lawton.

Correlation to the True North Statement:**Exhibit:**

Plans & Specifications are on file in the Engineering Department.

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

LIDA S2025A Loan Acct 4400000-53020

Recommended Action:

Receive report and approve plans and specifications for Project EN2304-Animal Welfare Building, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Title:

Receive report and consider approving plans and specifications for Project EN2201-Library Ceiling Renovation, and authorizing staff to advertise for bids.

Initiator: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Information Source: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Background:

On April 18, 2022, Council approved a professional services agreement with C.H. Guernsey & Company to conduct a Ceiling Study to assist with evaluation and preplanning for the architectural ceiling system, fire suppression system, lighting and HVAC systems in the amount \$21,600.

On 01/14/2025, Council approved amendment No. 1 which included services for Architectural and Engineering design services per the study report dated November 10, 2022, of the architectural ceiling system, lighting, and HVAC Systems in the amount of \$240,100. The total contract amount was increased to \$261,700.

The upgrades to the library will improve interior aesthetics, efficiencies, and reduce disruptions. Upgrades include Architectural Ceilings, Mechanical Systems, New Lighting (LED) Systems and Fire Protection/Fire Alarm.

Correlation to the True North Statement:**Exhibit:**

Plans and specifications are on file in the Engineering Department office.

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

LIDA S2025A Loan Account 4400000-53020

Recommended Action:

Receive report and approve plans and specifications for Project EN2201-Library Ceiling Renovation, and authorize staff to advertise for bids.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Title:

Receive a presentation from the Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority (LYSA) and Eastern Sports Management (ESM) regarding the Lawton Fort Sill Sports Park Economic Impact Analysis, including the proposed facility design and a request for formal approval of the Scope of Work, either as a phased approach or as a full project, and take action as deemed necessary.

Initiator: Randy Warren, Councilman - Ward 8

Information Source: Brian Henry, LYSA Chairman

Background:

The Lawton Youth Sports Trust Authority (LYSTA), in partnership with Eastern Sports Management (ESM), will present an overview of the proposed Lawton Fort Sill Sports Park project. This presentation will include the results of a formal Economic Impact Analysis, prepared by Impact DataSource, which outlines the projected fiscal and economic benefits of the development over a 20-year period.

The project calls for a \$65 million investment in a premier indoor and outdoor sports complex designed to position Lawton as a leading regional destination for sports tourism. Features include a 141,000 square-foot indoor facility with basketball and volleyball courts, two indoor turf fields, multipurpose rooms, and administrative space, as well as 10 artificial turf fields for soccer, baseball, and football on over 100 acres of land.

The Economic Impact Analysis estimates \$499 million in visitor spending over the next two decades, supporting 55,860 hotel nights annually and generating more than \$33 million in net benefits for the City of Lawton. The analysis also highlights the advantages of single-phase construction in terms of cost savings, revenue generation, and competitive positioning.

The project was initially introduced as part of a 2015 dedicated sales tax initiative and later included in the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with a voter-approved allocation not to exceed \$8 million. Since that time, the scope and estimated cost of the project have increased significantly, evolving into a proposed \$65 million indoor and outdoor sports complex. The project remains part of the City's long-term capital planning efforts and was subsequently included in the PROPEL 2040 CIP for continued consideration and potential implementation.

LYSTA and ESM are seeking formal City Council consideration and approval of the project Scope of Work, either in its entirety or through a phased approach. All supporting documentation, including the analysis, design elements, and scope, are included as attachments to this item.

Correlation to the True North Statement:

A Community of Choice Where Families Thrive

Exhibit:

Lawton Fort Sill Sports Park Economic Impact Analysis; LYSA Presentation; Scope of Work are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

CIP

Recommended Action:

Determine and approve the scope of work regarding the Lawton Fort Sill Sports Complex project to include directing staff to initiate the process of securing the appropriate level of funding for the project as approved by council.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Title:

Receive a Presentation on the PROPEL 2040 Museum of the Great Plains Capital Improvement Project and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Initiator: Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager

Information Source: Dewayne Burk, Deputy City Manager

Background:

The Museum of the Great Plains is among the facilities identified for investment through the City of Lawton's PROPEL 2040 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), approved by Lawton voters.

Under the City Council's Resolution of Intent, an estimated \$6 million is allocated for improvements, renovations, and repairs to the Museum of the Great Plains.

These enhancements fall within the PROPEL 2040 category of Public Buildings/Improvements to City Buildings and Facilities, which supports major facility upgrades that preserve community assets, promote educational enrichment, and enhance quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The presentation will provide an overview of the Museum CIP Project.

Correlation to the True North Statement:

A Community of Choice Where Families Thrive.

Exhibit:

None.

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

N/A

Recommended Action:

Receive a Presentation on the PROPEL 2040 Museum of the Great Plains Capital Improvement Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Title:

Receive a Presentation Regarding Phase III of Park Improvements as Part of the PROPEL 2040 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Initiator: Larry Parks, Director

Information Source: Kelvin Ingram, Deputy Director- Parks and Recreation

Background:

As part of the PROPEL 2040 Capital Improvement Program, Phase III of Park Improvements continues the City's commitment to enhancing the quality, accessibility, and long-term sustainability of Lawton's public parks and recreational spaces.

The PROPEL 2040 Resolution of Intent identifies "Public Parks/Amenities and Recreational Facilities" as a major funding category, dedicating one-quarter of one percent ($\frac{1}{4}\%$) of the permanent one percent (1%) sales tax to the construction, improvement, equipping, and support of new and existing public parks, amenities, and recreational facilities, including associated parking lots. These projects encompass facilities and amenities used by the public and owned by the City or its public trusts.

In addition to the City's PROPEL 2040 investment, the Lawton Parks and Recreation Department was recently awarded a \$738,406 Healthy Kids Initiative (HKI) Grant through Play & Park Structures to support playground and recreation improvements. The grant's purpose is to expand play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities and to help build "The Playground of Your Dreams." The awarded funds may be used through February 27, 2026, and, with Council's approval, will be complemented by matching funds from the PROPEL 2040 Capital Improvement Program. The grant opportunity maximizes the total investment in Lawton's park system and ensures successful project completion.

This presentation will provide an overview of the planned scope, design priorities, and anticipated community impact of Phase III park improvements, aligning with the City Council's vision under PROPEL 2040 to reinvest in public spaces that support recreation, connectivity, and the overall quality of life for Lawton residents.

Correlation to the True North Statement:

Safe Community that remains Open for business

Exhibit:

Park Improvement Proposal slides

Key Issues:**Funding Source:**

CIP 2040

Recommended Action:

Presentation only.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Park Improvement Proposal III
2. HKI_Acceptance Letter_Lawton- REV-feb
3. voucher_LAWTON_HKI- REV-feb

Park Improvements III

Proposal JUL 25



Agenda

- Status of second round improvements
- Proposed units at various parks
- Lee West Splash Pad
- Summary
- Questions



Park Improvement II Status

	Estimated Start Date	Completion
Gooch Acres Park (1)	OCT 2025	OCT 2025
Skyline East Park (4)		Complete
Hunter Hills (6)		Complete
Prairie Park (4)		Complete
35 th Division (5)	SEP 2025	OCT 2025
Willow Creek Park (6)		Complete
Mocine Park (7)	SEP 2025	OCT 2025
Lee West Park (8)	AUG 2025	OCT 2025
Greer Park (KIDsZONE) (3)	MAY 2025	* 11 OCT 2025

Park Issues

There are currently 32 playground sets remaining to be upgraded within the City of Lawton parks. Many of them are in various states of disrepair. Sun fading, cracking plastics, rust, chipped paint, surfacing issues, drainage, graffiti/vandalism are all issues. Some playgrounds also have old metal slides and other components that no longer meet playground safety criteria.

Other issues include:

- Outdated/ worn park signage
- Dilapidated bathrooms or no bathrooms at all
- Lack of shade
- Lack of benches
- Lack or adequate trash collectors

 Mattie Beal Park



Weak Points in backboard from rust. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



Standing Water. Drainage Issues. Probability for dangerous waterborne pathogens. Causing posts and frame to rust. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



Shoe has reached its limit on being repainted. Chipping paint. Safety Surface has eroded. POTENTIAL HAZARD.

 Gray Warr Park



Plastic is brittle and has potential of cracking. Surfacing needs excavated and redone. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



decks have exposed metal and dip is eroded. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



Swing Frame has reached its limit on being repainted.



Graffiti and other vandalism.

 George Lee Park



Tot Seats and Swings are brittle and cracking. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



Slide has mold, fading, water spots, and cracking. POTENTIAL HAZARD.



Swing Frame has reached its limit on being repainted.



4 way bounce is chipped and rusting. plastic horses are brittle. pea gravel is no longer to code for surfacing.

Stephens Park

Ward 1

1804 NW 23rd

\$278,357.74



Small, multi-structure,
shaded. 100-125 capacity

Grant Savings: \$54,154.00



\$333,051.63

Kathy Newcomb Park
Ward 2
1201 NW Ferris

**Large, climbing features, multi
slide. Capacity 125-150**
Grant Savings: \$99,562.50

Patriot Park

Ward 3

2502 NW Bell

Medium, climbing
features.
85-90 capacity

\$386,578.22

Grant Savings: \$116,282.50



\$416,259.22

East Side Park

Ward 4

4300 East Gore Blvd

**Large, multi-structure, wide
age range. Capacity 125-150**



Grant Savings: \$101,119.50

\$381,053.09



Harmon Park

Ward 5

1308 NW Bell

Large, multi-structure, wide
age range. Capacity 125-150

Grant Savings: \$103,006.00

Great Plains Park

Ward 6

1711 NW 67TH

\$165,835.28



Medium, multi structure, climbing features, and slides. 70-75 capacity.

Grant Savings: \$43,470.50



\$466,752.77

Large, multi structure. 130-160 capacity.



Sullivan Village

Ward 7

602 SE 38th

Grant Savings: \$134,278.50



\$322,443.66

Large Size Unit, multi slide,
climbing features. 90-110 capacity.



**Putney Park
Option**

Ward 8
6302 NW Elm

Grant Savings: \$84,532.50



Lee West
Ward 8

\$381,889

Large, multi structure, pour-in-place surface. 180-200 capacity.

APPROVED AND SCHEDULED

Lee West Splash Pad

Ward 8



Splash pad consist of ten devices and is a flow-thru system. \$160,000.



Park	Improvement	Cost
Stephens Park (1)	Playground	\$278,357.74
Kathy Newcomb Park (2)	Playground	\$333,051.63
Patriot Park (3)	Playground (Option 2)	\$386,578.22
East Side Park (4)	Playground	\$416,259.22
Harmon Park (5)	Playground	\$381,053.09
Great Plains Park (6)	Playground	\$165,835.28
Sullivan Village Park (7)	Playground (Option 2)	\$466,752.77
Putney Park (8)	Playground	\$322,443.66
	Original Total	\$2,750,331.61

Spark Grant Savings		
	Savings	After Grant
Stephens Park (1)	\$56,154.00	\$219,033.95
Kathy Newcomb Park (2)	\$99,562.50	\$233,489.13
Patriot Park (3)	\$116,282.50	\$270,295.72
East Side Park (4)	\$101,119.50	\$315,139.72
Harmon Park (5)	\$103,006.00	\$278,047.09
Great Plains Park (6)	\$43,470.50	\$122,364.78
Sullivan Village Park (7)	\$134,278.50	\$332,474.27
Putney Park (8)	\$84,532.50	\$237,911.16
Totals	Savings- \$738,406.00	We pay- 2,008,755.82

Lee West Splash Pad		
Lee West Park (8)	Splash Pad	\$160,000.00
Park Improvements	Playground Units	\$2,008,755.82

Total Improvement Costs		
Park Units	Splash Pad	Total
\$2,088,755.82	\$160,000.00	We pay- \$2,248,755.82

A man and two children are playing soccer in a grassy field during sunset. The man, wearing a white t-shirt and brown shorts, is in the center, kicking a white ball. A young boy in a white long-sleeved shirt and green shorts is on the left, and a young girl in a pink t-shirt and blue shorts is on the right. The background shows a line of trees and a bright, hazy sky. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Questions?



A **PLAYCORE** Company



I am pleased to inform you that you have qualified for **Healthy Kids Initiative**, granting your organization funding in partnership with Play & Park Structures. Once you and your local play consultant meet to determine your scope of work, we will provide a certificate with the awarded program funding for your project.

The purpose of these funds is to help you provide more play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities within your community. Congratulations! We are beyond excited to work with you and build 'The Playground of Your Dreams.'

As discussed, Play & Park Structures will apply additional funds based on your playground structure contribution.

With order of the following quotes, the Healthy Kids Initiative Grant awarded to the City of Lawton- Parks and Recreation is \$738,406.00

818-176889, 818-176809, 818-176821, 818-169938, 818-170194, 818-176562, 818-177007, 818-176559

These funds may be used from now until **February 27, 2026**.

Sincerely,
The Play & Park Structures Funding Committee

Your local sales representative is listed below.



\$738,406

Presented to:

City of Lawton
Parks and Recreation

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Healthy Kids Initiative Grant

Item Title:

Receive a presentation from C.H. Guernsey & Company regarding the Elmer Thomas Park Amphitheater & Boardwalk Project PR2308 to include proposed project design and scope of work and determine whether to proceed with a phased project approach or full project execution, and take action as deemed necessary.

Initiator: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Information Source: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Background:

The City of Lawton has identified a need for expanded outdoor event and recreation spaces to support arts, culture and tourism. On 02/13/2024 Council approved initial services with C.H. Guernsey & Company for an initial schematic design report on project PR2308-Elmer Thomas Park Amphitheater & Boardwalk. Scope of initial services included a report and conceptual design for a new amphitheater adjacent to the playground with a covered stage area and boardwalk along the south shore of Lake Helen.

This project reflects a strategic vision to enhance quality of life, stimulate economic growth, and create new opportunities for community engagement. It will provide a central gathering space for residents and will become a venue for local concerts, cultural events, and civic celebrations, thereby fostering community pride and connection. In addition, hosting events at the amphitheater will attract visitors from surrounding areas, generating spending in local restaurants, hotels and retail establishments.

The Elmer Thomas Park Amphitheater and Boardwalk project represents a significant investment in the City's cultural and recreational infrastructure. Beyond being a physical space, it serves as a platform for connection, culture, and economic vitality, establishing a lasting legacy for future generations.

Correlation to the True North Statement:**Exhibit:**

Presented at Council Meeting

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

Propel 2040

Recommended Action:

Receive a presentation from C.H. Guernsey & Company regarding the Elmer Thomas Park Amphitheater & Boardwalk Project PR2308 to include proposed project design and scope of work and determine whether to proceed with a phased project approach or full project execution, and take action as deemed necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

Item Title:

Receive a report regarding the overall master planning of the McMahon Park ballfields to include specific retaining wall/bleacher seating improvements.

Initiator: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Information Source: Michael Jones, Engineering Director/ ADA Coordinator

Background:

In November, 2021, Council directed Guernsey to conduct a general master planning study of the McMahon Softball Park along with design solution for Fields 2 and 3 for repairs to retaining walls, guardrails, sidewalks, stairs, and ADA-compliant access to bleacher seating for these fields.

Correlation to the True North Statement:**Exhibit:**

Presentation at Council Meeting

Key Issues:

N/A

Funding Source:

Propel 2040

Recommended Action:

Receive a report regarding the overall master planning of the McMahon Park ballfields to include specific retaining wall/bleacher seating improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

None