2020 City of Knoxville Budget Retreat

Mayor Indya Kincannon

February 14, 2020
Public Works Service Center
Investing in Knoxville
Investing in People

Public Safety

Healthy & Connected Neighborhoods

A Clean & Resilient Future

Thriving Businesses & Good Jobs
Investing in Public Safety
Public Safety: Police

• Recruitment: top and urgent priority
• Investing in strategy for attracting candidates and retaining existing talent
• Showcase KPD as a great place to start & continue a career

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Public Safety: KPD Body-Worn Cameras

• Investment in transparency & accountability
• ~$1.7M FY21 Budget Request supports Year 1 Deployment for patrol officers
• Targeting July 1, 2020 launch
Public Safety: Fire

• FY20 Budget: $41.5M

• Critical Protection of Life & Property:
  • 24,900+ calls for emergency service
  • CPR training for ~4,000 residents
  • Fire education to 16,000+ students

• Investments in recruiting, vehicles, and technology support high quality & rapid response
Public Safety Complex

• $46.5M investment in Public Safety that stabilizes core City neighborhood
• Demolition to begin Spring 2020
• Design phase completion in Summer 2020
• Renovations begin Fall 2020
• Target Move In Date: Spring 2022
Investing in Healthy & Connected Neighborhoods
Healthy Neighborhoods: Parks & Rec Amenities

- Annual funding enhances neighborhood spaces all over Knoxville
- Approx. $21M invested over 5 years
Healthy Neighborhoods: Affordable & Livable Homes

- Affordability is a current and growing concern

More than a Third of Households Pay Too Much for Housing in Knoxville

- 3% Not Affordable (Cost Burden > 30%)
- 63% Affordable (Cost Burden <= 30%)
- 34% Cost Burden Data Not Available

2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates for Knoxville city.

Incomes are not keeping pace with housing costs
From 2012 to 2016:

- Home Prices: 10% increase
  (Zillow.com)
- Rents: 26% increase
  (RentFungie.com)
- Household Incomes: 5% increase
  (2012-2016 ACS 5-Year Estimates for Knoxville city)
Preserving Affordability; Preventing Displacement

City Investment of Local & Federal Funds Help:

- Preserve existing affordable housing
- Increase affordable housing stock
- Promote stability & wealth-building through home ownership
Preserving Affordability; Preventing Displacement

- Rental Housing Rehab program
- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab program
- Minor Home Repair & Emergency Home Repair
- Weatherization & Energy Efficiency partnerships
- New Affordable Homes + Down Payment Assistance
Developing New, Affordable, Quality Rental Homes

• FY20 budget allocates $9M for affordable housing development
• Since 2012: $47.5M City Funding
  • Leveraged $189M Total Funding
• City supports PILOT approval to support affordable housing financing
Significant Affordable Housing Additions

City funds support creation/rehab of 1,500+ affordable units

• Five Points: 336 Units
• Austin Homes: 320 Affordable Units
• Southside Flats: 172 Units
• Young High Flats: 156 Units
• The Flats at Pond Gap: 102 Units
• Other Affordable Rental Development Fund: 505 units
Preventing & Reducing Homelessness

FY20 City Investment of $1M+ supports:

• Prevention, outreach, and rapid re-housing services

• Low-barrier shelter (*The Foyer*) and day space connect people with supportive services

Credit: VMC

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Connected Neighborhoods: Sidewalks, Greenways & Bikes Lanes

• 54+ miles of greenways
• 20+ miles of bike lanes
• 380 miles of sidewalks
• $3.2M FY20 Investment
• Strategic planning to connect all three

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Connected Neighborhoods: Corridor Improvements

• Investing in great spaces that give neighbors a place to travel to, not through
Investing in a Clean & Resilient Future
Efficient Operations: LED Streetlights

• Retrofit of 28,500+ Streetlights
• Annual KUB Savings of $3.5M
• <8 year payback on investment
Clean Transportation: Transit

• Investments in City-wide system improvements
  • Increased frequency & service hours
  • Wi-Fi & location app
  • Bus stop upgrades
  • Electric buses
• Ridership up 8.4%
Resilient Infrastructure: Stormwater

• $4.75M budgeted for Stormwater Management & Repairs in FY20
• Many pipes are at end-of-life and/or failing
• Expensive repairs increasingly common
Clean & Resilient Future: Reducing Carbon Emissions

• City will lead by example
• Mayor’s Climate Council will convene this spring
Strengthening Career Pathways

• City programs:
  • Summer in the City
  • Second Chances Program
  • Fleet Apprenticeship

• Workforce Development Liaison to coordinate with community partners
Supporting Economic Revitalization

- Strategic use of TIFs & PILOTs supports growth without public risk
- 2005 Holston appraised at $911,000
- 2020 Holston valued at $26M
- $208,000 in new taxes
Investing to Support Business Growth

• Commercial Façade Grants
  • Supports job creation/retention and addresses blight
• Strategic infrastructure upgrades spark investment
  • Cumberland Avenue:
    $25M Public Funds support $250M Private Investment

Façade Grant Recipient, Cherokee Health Systems, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave
Urban Wilderness Gateway

- $10M Phase I (FY19) opens Knoxville’s world-class regional park to all ages, abilities
  - Community gathering & event space
  - Accessible trails
  - Additional Kids Play areas
- High-profile amenity for talent attraction & retention
Budget Timeline

February 14, 2020  Budget Retreat
February 20, 2020  Alternate Budget Retreat date
March, 2020       Mayor available to meet individual council members re budget
March 24 – 26, 2020  Mayor’s Budget Hearings (Open to Public)
April 24, 2020    Mayor’s State of the City Address
May 5, 2020       First reading of proposed budget & tax ordinances
May 7, 2020       Knoxville-Knox Planning Commission Hearing on CIP (Tentative)
May 14 – 15, 2020 Legislative budget hearings
May 14, 2020      Public Hearing
May 19, 2020      Second reading of proposed budget & tax ordinances
June 15, 2020     Last possible day to approve Budget/Tax Ordinances
July 1, 2020      New Fiscal Year Begins
Discussion

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