

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NO. 630**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED USAGE OF SALES TAX REVENUE FROM
DECEMBER SALES TAX ELECTION (IF APPROVED BY VOTERS)**

Whereas, the City expects to lose 18 percent of its overall revenue, 40 percent of its sales tax revenue when Wal-Mart leaves the City for a larger location in Mission and from the impact on surrounding businesses;

Whereas, due to the changes in property values over the last five fiscal years, the great recession and the anticipated loss of sales taxes from the loss of Wal-Mart, the City has reduced or eliminated a number of services;

Whereas, some City services have been reduced or eliminated to help offset the anticipated short sales tax loss from the Wal-Mart building being re-tenanted; and

Whereas, the Governing Body of the City of Roeland Park has authorized a mail ballot election on December 10, 2013;

Whereas, the proposed sales tax increase of 0.35 percent will keep all of the different sales tax rates in Roeland Park under 10 percent;

Whereas, City voters will have the opportunity to decide if this sales tax will be enacted through a mail ballot election on December 10;

Whereas, while changes in the economy or other factors that directly impact the operations and financing of municipal government may not be fully known at this time, this resolution is written to provide a general direction and intent for the use of possible new sales tax revenue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS:

That if the proposed sales tax is passed on December 10, 2013, then it is the intent of the Governing Body that these sales taxes be used in this priority order:

1.) Emergency Needs for Infrastructure (i.e. Sink Holes, Corrugated Pipes)

Set aside the first \$300,000 earned from the sales tax initiative for Capital Improvement Plan – Emergency Needs. For example over time the estimate for replacing all of the corrugated storm water pipes in the City could range from \$665,000 to \$960,000. If funds are used in this fund in any given year then the fund will be made whole during the next budget year.

2.) Infrastructure – Funding of City Street / Infrastructure Projects

3.) Restoration of Service Cuts

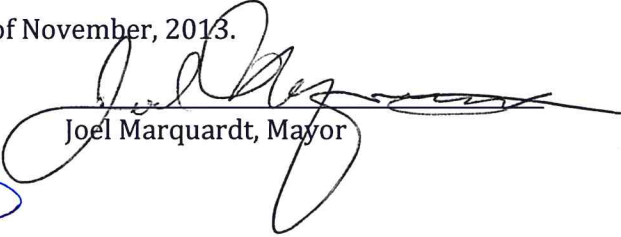
- Deputy Chief Position will be fully funded in 2016,
- Vehicles for Police are projected to be fully funded in 2015.
- Other services reductions or replacements deferred that are not funded include but not limited to: city-wide tree trimming; restore funding for the Art in R Park program;

construction of new sidewalks; park enhancements; replacement of the public works building; removal of grass from sidewalks and driveways.

4.) Mill Levy Reduction

Mill Levy reduction should be looked at for reduction when Wal-Mart site is fully re-tenanted and sales tax funds have been reviewed.

PASSED by the City Council this 4th day of November, 2013.


Joel Marquardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debra L. Mootz, City Clerk