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# Mayor Andy Schor Presents Second Executive Budget Recommendation to City Council

*Proposed FY 2020 Budget Includes Plans to Continue to Improve Neighborhoods, Invest in Infrastructure and Strengthen Public Safety*

**(LANSING)** – Mayor Andy Schor today unveiled his second executive budget recommendation for the city’s next fiscal year that reflect the priorities of Lansing. The proposal includes continued strategic investment in strengthening neighborhoods and corridors, improving streets and sidewalks and fulfilling critical public safety needs, among other vital areas.

“Budgets reflect the priorities of a community,” said Mayor Schor. “The budget that I presented today will continue to move Lansing forward by creating vibrant neighborhoods, investing in infrastructure and ensuring public safety.”

In order to increase budgetary transparency and input, the City of Lansing held eight participatory budget sessions between late 2018 and early 2019. Mayor Schor considered the feedback from each session while putting together his Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Executive Budget.

The proposed budget highlights the Mayor’s continued strong commitment to infrastructure. In 2018, Road Map Neighborhood tours were held in each ward to listen to concerns from residents regarding infrastructure. Those conversations helped in allocating funds to streets, sidewalks, trailways and more. This includes:

- \$4.5 million for major street and bridge work.
- \$2.8 million for local street repairs.
- \$500,000 for new sidewalks and trailways.
- \$300,000 for sidewalk repairs.
- \$930,000 for combined sanitary and stormwater sewer separations.
- 100% of the City road/sidewalk millage is proposed to be used for projects.

Mayor Schor’s first Executive Order created the new Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement Department. The budget continues to highlight Schor’s vision to strengthen neighborhoods, along

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with economic development by:

- Adding an additional Code Compliance Officer dedicated to rental inspections.
- Adding an additional planning/zoning position.
- Adding additional support to help coordinate neighborhood work and the new Serve Lansing volunteer program.
- Increasing funding for the city's neighborhood commercial corridor façade grant program from \$150,000 to \$175,000.
- Increasing funding for arts and culture from \$150,000 to \$175,000.

Schor commented, "We are proud of the work that the Department of Neighborhood and Citizen Engagement (DNCE) has done to foster open lines of communication and community engagement throughout all processes of city government. We will continue to expand these efforts to engage our residents and improve neighborhoods."

Mayor Schor's FY 2020 Executive Budget Recommendation also includes a number of key public safety investments, such as:

- Including an additional police officer who will primarily act as a community policing officer (CPO), expanding our total territories from 10 to 11.
- Including funding to reinstate the Lansing LPD PAL (Police Athletic League) program.
- Adding a new graduate-level crime analyst internship program in conjunction with Michigan State University.
- Including important public safety equipment and infrastructure funding.

The City's Financial Health Team (FHT) continues to work on recommendations to address legacy costs facing the city. The proposed budget contains \$49.5 million for pension and retiree healthcare costs and an additional \$3 million of that is retiree healthcare prefunding.

Mayor Schor's FY 2020 proposed spending plan for the City is \$226.7 million, a 2.8% increase from the FY 2019 adopted budget. The proposed General Fund budget for FY 2020 is \$139.5 million, a 3.9% increase from the FY 2019 adopted budget.

"The city continues to see impressive growth. In addition to \$1 billion in private investment announcements made in 2019, property values have also increased 9%. I am confident that the strategic investments laid out in the FY 2020 budget proposal will help continue to grow the city's economy and strengthen the quality of life for our current and prospective residents, business owners and visitors," commented Mayor Schor.

Mayor Schor formally submitted his FY 2020 budget recommendation to the Lansing City Council at their regular meeting earlier this evening. Mayor Schor noted that he is looking forward to working with City Council on their evaluation of his proposals. According to the City Charter, the Council has until May 20, 2019, to adopt a final city budget plan for the next fiscal year.

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