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Mayor Andy Schor's FY 2020 Budget Passed by City Council

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

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor's second executive budget, encompassing the City's fiscal year (FY) 2020, was adopted by the Lansing City Council during tonight's meeting. The budget includes strategic investment in improving neighborhoods and infrastructure, as well as strengthening public safety, among other vital areas.

"Budgets reflect the priorities of a community and I am confident that our FY2020 budget will help continue to move Lansing forward by creating more vibrant neighborhoods, investing in infrastructure and ensuring public safety," said Mayor Schor.

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

The budget highlights the Mayor's continued strong commitment to infrastructure. In 2018, Road Map Neighborhood tours were held in each ward to hear 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 to be used for projects.

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The adopted budget continues to focus on strengthening neighborhoods and economic development by:

- Adding an additional Code Compliance Officer dedicated to rental inspections.
- Adding an additional planning/zoning position.
- Increasing funding for the City's neighborhood commercial corridor façade grant program from \$150,000 to \$162,500.
- Increasing funding for arts and culture from \$150,000 to \$162,500.

Mayor Schor's FY 2020 Executive Budget 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 budget contains \$49.5 million for pension and retiree healthcare costs and an additional \$3 million of that is retiree healthcare prefunding. Additionally, the FHT has recommended the hiring of a Chief Strategy Officer, which was added into the budget during the legislative process.

Schor commented, "I am proud of the work that we have done through the last year, and am excited to see the results of our investments in all of our departments. Lansing will continue to be its best self, and this budget ensure we will focus our dollars and efforts on community, design, and living. We have prioritized and passed a budget that will focus on our neighborhoods, keep our residents and visitors safe, provide fun and exciting opportunities and amenities, and do our best to maintain and fix our infrastructure."

Mayor Schor formally submitted his FY 2020 budget recommendation to the Lansing City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019. According to City Charter, the Council had until today, May 20, 2019, to adopt a final city budget plan for the next fiscal year.

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