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Resident Survey Results Released

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today released the results of the survey that was open to Lansing residents between mid-September and the end of November. The survey was sent out through social media outlets, the City’s website and Lansing Living magazine. 1,471 residents responded to the survey.

“Resident input is an important part of decision making. This survey helped to expand the number of people that we heard from in order to provide a greater number and diversity of opinions,” said Mayor Schor. “I thank those who participated in the survey and encourage everyone to be a part of our future surveys to make sure their opinion is heard.”

The City is exploring new avenues for resident involvement and input into decision making. This includes the use of electronic and paper surveying, in addition to our traditional channels of public meetings and contacting the City directly. Surveying allows the City to appropriately sample across the population and receive a larger response.

The results are as follows:

Q1. Lansing is conducting a study to decide whether to implement traffic calming in neighborhoods – a strategy that involves physical changes to roads [including speed bumps and other measures] to address traffic speeds and cut through traffic. If the study determines that it would be successful in your neighborhood, would you support its implementation?

TOTAL SUPPORT 44%

TOTAL OPPOSE 21%

TOTAL UNSURE 35%

There is support for traffic calming and the City of Lansing’s Public Service Department will look into options with neighborhoods on an individual basis.

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Q2. Currently, parking on the street is prohibited between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. throughout Lansing. Do you support or oppose an overnight on-street permit parking program that would allow street parking between those hours?

TOTAL SUPPORT 51%

TOTAL OPPOSE 41%

TOTAL UNSURE 8%

This input helped form the recently passed parking ordinance, which will allow for parking on the street between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. with a permit beginning March 1, 2020.

Q3. Currently, streets and sidewalks in Lansing are repaired every 50 years [or more]. The City is considering a voluntary program that would allow residents in a neighborhood to pay up to 50% of the cost of having their street resurfaced and sidewalks in order to expedite repairs. The estimated cost for each resident would be \$100 to \$150 per year for up to 7 years. Do you support or oppose this program?

TOTAL SUPPORT 44%

TOTAL OPPOSE 46%

UNSURE 10%.

There is not overwhelming support or opposition to this question. The City will continue to explore options on how to make sidewalk and street upgrades within a limited budget.

The City will continue to use and expand these surveying methods. A new survey will be distributed regarding budget priorities in early 2020.

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