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SUBJECT: FY 2022 Budget Follow-Up

Following the budget work sessions on September 27th and 28th, there were a few follow-up items. Here is some additional information requested for those specific items:

Pickleball:

Currently, tennis courts, shelters and pickleball courts are free to the public for non-scheduled use. However, tennis courts and shelters can be reserved for a fee. To date, a fee has not been established for the reservation of pickleball courts. The Joplin Pickleball Group has requested various upgrades to the courts located in Landreth Park. Prior to and in preparation for the next fee review, staff will work with the Pickleball Group about any outstanding requested improvements and the ability to fund those, along with implementing a fee for the reservation of the courts.

Golf Cart Usage:

The Golf Course does not have a written policy to require groups of two or more to share a golf cart. However, most golf courses “encourage” groups of two or more to share a cart. The limited number of carts at golf courses dictates that groups of two or more ride together. Also, according to USGA, single cart usage adds unnecessary turf wear and soil compaction on the course in addition to the wear and tear to the cart itself from the additional usage. During COVID, single usage of carts was allowed due to the pandemic. At a certain point in the pandemic, golfers were allowed to ride together again based upon their own level of comfort. With the availability of vaccine, the Golf Course is again encouraging groups of two or more to share a cart. Most groups of two or more want to ride together, which has not resulted in any usage issues or cart shortages. As a result, currently there is no fee for single riders. If the establishment of a single cart fee is desired, the recommendation is \$22.00 per 18-hole per person for single cart usage when playing in a group.

Sewer Connection-Outside City

This fee only applies to new connections to our sewer system outside the City. Anybody that connects to our sewer system that is not within our city limits is required to also sign an agreement that they will annex into the City at our request when we are ready. At this point in time, one of the Council goals is to take a proactive approach to annexation. In order to attract

people to sign these agreements, it is important for this fee to remain attractive enough to meet this goal, but a little higher than the inside rate. Therefore, staff recommends revisiting this fee during the next fee review process to determine the progress made towards this goal.

Public Safety Sales Tax

Some questions arose about the long-term usage of the ½-cent public safety sales tax. The fire resource allocation has been completed. The police resource allocation study, the fire department strategic plan and the outcome of the Use Tax election are all components of the future usage of this tax. Once all this information is available, City staff will develop a long-term financial projection for this tax.