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City of Merriam, KS

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Transient Guest Tax		11	1,093,288		
Capital Improvement		11	49,405,989		
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Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate	25.855
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	**YES**

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: October 29, 2025

County Clerk

Governing Body

AMY MEEKER-BERG
COUNTY CLERK
JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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City of Merriam, KS

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Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Ad Valorem Levy Tax Year 2024	Allocation for Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	7,746,335	429,727	2,671	752	15,175	0
Debt Service						
Library						
TOTAL	7,746,335	429,727	2,671	752	15,175	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate	429,727
County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate	2,671
County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate	752
County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate	15,175
County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate	0

Motor Vehicle Factor	0.05547
Recreational Vehicle Factor	0.00034
16/20M Vehicle Factor	0.00010
Commercial Vehicle Factor	0.00196
Watercraft Factor	0.00000

City of Merriam, KS 2026

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2024	Current Amount for 2025	Proposed Amount for 2026	Transfers Authorized by Statute
General Fund	Equipment Reserve	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,200,000	K.S.A. 12-1, 117
General Fund	Capital Improvement	5,865,795	4,083,618	3,280,000	K.S.A. 12-1, 118
I-35 TIF District Fund	Capital Improvement	0	0	692,000	K.S.A. 12-1, 118
	Totals	7,865,795	5,583,618	5,172,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	7,865,795	5,583,618	5,172,000	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2025 and/or 2026 from a non-budgeted fund.

City of Merriam, KS 2026

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Date of Retirement	Interest Rate %	Beginning Amount Amount Issued	Beginning Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due Interest	Date Due Principal	Amount Due 2025 Interest	Amount Due 2025 Principal	Amount Due 2026 Interest	Amount Due 2026 Principal
General Obligation:											
2018 GO Bonds	2/15/2018	10/1/2027	3.00 to 5.00	20,395,000	7,240,000	4/1, 10/1	10/1	362,000	2,295,000	247,250	2,410,000
Series 2025A	7/17/2025	8/1/2040	4.50	22,060,000	22,060,000						
Series 2025B	7/17/2025	8/1/2047	4.75 to 5.50	14,045,000	14,045,000						
Total G.O. Bonds					**43,345,000**			**362,000**	**2,295,000**	**247,250**	**2,410,000**
Revenue Bonds:											
Total Revenue Bonds					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other:											
Total Other					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Indebtedness					**43,345,000**			**362,000**	**2,295,000**	**247,250**	**2,410,000**

City of Merriam, KS 2026

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Item Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
Tasers	9/28/2020	60	0.00	126,000	25,200	25,200	0
Totals					**25,200**	**25,200**	**0**

***If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.**

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	11,023,879	10,401,457	9,477,127
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	4,828,137	7,746,335	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	50,386	35,187	40,000
Motor Vehicle Tax	457,934	418,486	429,727
Recreational Vehicle Tax			2,671
16/20M Vehicle Tax			752
Commercial Vehicle Tax			15,175
Watercraft Tax			0
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax			0
Local Alcoholic Liquor	25,902	26,792	27,745
Compensating Use Tax	1,315,678	1,340,648	1,439,531
Local Sales Tax	10,293,878	10,137,946	10,649,113
Franchise Fees	1,308,391	1,312,565	1,345,000
Licenses & Permits	509,534	464,900	498,275
City Share of County Sales Taxes	2,584,068	2,590,337	2,640,000
Fines	742,026	780,500	811,500
Charges for Services	1,749,349	1,730,034	1,795,277
Intergovernmental	842,010	20,000	27,000
~2% Deliquency		-116,304	-120,594
Loss to TIF		-1,396,624	-1,561,626
In Lieu of Taxes (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds	591,927	250,000	408,675
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	403,345	101,000	134,500
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**25,702,565**	**25,441,802**	**18,582,721**
Resources Available:	**36,726,444**	**35,843,259**	**28,059,848**

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FUND PAGE - GENERAL

Adopted Budget General	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Resources Available:	36,726,444	35,843,259	28,059,848
Expenditures:			
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
Sub-Total detail page	0	0	0
Personal Services	10,934,454	12,281,942	12,694,552
Contractual Fire Services	2,818,130	3,109,313	3,307,320
Operating	4,226,665	4,906,259	5,292,508
Health & Welfare	475,202	485,000	721,400
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	5,865,794	4,083,618	3,280,000
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,200,000
Transfer to JAG (Non-budgeted) Fund	4,742		
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			9,477,127
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**26,324,987**	**26,366,132**	**35,972,907**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	10,401,457	9,477,127	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	26,324,987	33,335,285	35,972,907
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	35,972,907
		Tax Required	7,913,059
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	7,913,059

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Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	499,989	670,630	580,544
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	143,470	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	2,070		
Motor Vehicle Tax	17,923	14,064	
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
City Sales Tax	2,629,056	2,522,850	2,642,000
Loss from TIF Districts			
Interest on Idle Funds	39,622	30,000	15,250
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**2,832,141**	**2,566,914**	**2,657,250**
Resources Available:	**3,332,130**	**3,237,544**	**3,237,794**
Expenditures:			
Principal	2,190,000	2,295,000	2,410,000
Interest	471,500	362,000	247,250
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			580,544
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellanous exceed 10% of Total Ex			
Total Expenditures	**2,661,500**	**2,657,000**	**3,237,794**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	670,630	580,544	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	2,661,500	3,057,652	3,237,794
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	3,237,794
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

Adopted Budget **Library**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Special Highway**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	361,992	659,495	709,325
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	296,443	300,910	300,910
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds	24,992	23,920	1,090
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**321,435**	**324,830**	**302,000**
Resources Available:	**683,427**	**984,325**	**1,011,325**
Expenditures:			
Commodities	23,932	25,000	27,000
Captial Improvements	0	250,000	275,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			709,325
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**23,932**	**275,000**	**1,011,325**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	659,495	709,325	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	53,432	637,822	1,011,325

Adopted Budget

I-35 TIF Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	7,623,806	4,626,925	6,012,882
Receipts:			
TIF Revenues	4,697,492	5,858,000	5,770,000
Interfund Loan			0
Interest on Idle Funds	131,234	35,000	10,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**4,828,726**	**5,893,000**	**5,780,000**
Resources Available:	**12,452,532**	**10,519,925**	**11,792,882**
Expenditures:			
Economic Development	7,741,919	4,507,043	6,145,584
Capital Outlay	83,688		
Interfund Transfer			692,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			4,955,298
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**7,825,607**	**4,507,043**	**11,792,882**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	4,626,925	6,012,882	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	7,825,607	6,670,280	11,792,882

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Adopted Budget **Special Alcohol**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	29,309	36,491	39,282
Receipts:			
Alcohol Tax	25,902	26,791	26,000
Interest on Idle Funds	1,280	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**27,182**	**27,791**	**27,000**
Resources Available:	**56,491**	**64,282**	**66,282**
Expenditures:			
Health & Welfare	20,000	25,000	28,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			38,282
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**20,000**	**25,000**	**66,282**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	36,491	39,282	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	20,000	62,511	66,282

Adopted Budget

Special Parks & Recreation	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	15,953	23,022	30,814
Receipts:			
Alcohol Tax	25,902	26,792	27,000
Interest on Idle Funds	1,130	1,000	
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**27,032**	**27,792**	**27,000**
Resources Available:	**42,985**	**50,814**	**57,814**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	19,963	20,000	27,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			30,814
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**19,963**	**20,000**	**57,814**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	23,022	30,814	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	19,963	49,157	57,814

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Adopted Budget **Risk Management Reserve**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1,050,803	1,152,352	1,152,352
Receipts:			
Interest on Idle Funds	52,235	35,000	40,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**52,235**	**35,000**	**40,000**
Resources Available:	**1,103,038**	**1,187,352**	**1,192,352**
Expenditures:			
Contractual Services	-49,314	35,000	40,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			1,152,352
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp	Exceed 10% Rule		
Total Expenditures	**-49,314**	**35,000**	**1,192,352**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,152,352	1,152,352	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	-49,314	1,110,794	1,192,352

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Equipment Reserve	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1,722,444	2,726,658	2,674,973
Receipts:			
Sale of Capital Assets	171,200	35,000	31,250
Transfers from General Fund	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,200,000
Interest on Idle Funds	676	30,000	50,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**2,171,876**	**1,565,000**	**1,281,250**
Resources Available:	**3,894,320**	**4,291,658**	**3,956,223**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	1,167,662	1,616,685	1,401,250
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			2,554,973
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**1,167,662**	**1,616,685**	**3,956,223**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	2,726,658	2,674,973	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	1,167,662	2,779,653	3,956,223

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Adopted Budget **Transient Guest Tax**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	486,162	497,410	439,888
Receipts:			
Transient Guest Tax	567,654	550,000	570,000
Special Events	70,890	61,815	75,400
Interest on Idle Funds	18,261	15,000	8,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**656,805**	**626,815**	**653,400**
Resources Available:	**1,142,967**	**1,124,225**	**1,093,288**
Expenditures:			
Personal Services	376,570	396,525	422,960
Operating	134,951	157,719	167,200
Commodities	9,060		
Health and Welfare	124,976	130,093	133,500
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			369,628
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**645,557**	**684,337**	**1,093,288**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	497,410	439,888	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	645,557	1,131,984	1,093,288

Adopted Budget

Capital Improvement	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	32,335,690	36,943,186	41,397,617
Receipts:			
City Sales Tax	2,629,055	2,522,850	2,686,372
Grants	991,578	1,814,969	950,000
Transfers In	5,865,794	4,083,618	3,972,000
Interfund Loan			
Interest on Idle Funds	2,015,228	999,800	400,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**11,501,655**	**9,421,237**	**8,008,372**
Resources Available:	**43,837,345**	**46,364,423**	**49,405,989**
Expenditures:			
Program	290,312	241,806	343,372
Capital Improvements	6,603,847	4,725,000	11,261,875
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			37,800,742
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**6,894,159**	**4,966,806**	**49,405,989**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	36,943,186	41,397,617	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	6,894,159	38,687,681	49,405,989

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0 **NON-BUDGETED FUNDS (A)** 2026

(Only the actual budget year for 2024 is reported)

Non-Budgeted Funds-A

(1) Fund Name:		(2) Fund Name:		(3) Fund Name:		(4) Fund Name:		(5) Fund Name:		
Special Law Enforcemer		**Grant**		**0**		**0**		**0**		
Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Total
Cash Balance Jan 1	7,520	Cash Balance Jan 1	-27,627	Cash Balance Jan 1		Cash Balance Jan 1		Cash Balance Jan 1		-20,107
Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		
Forfeitures, Fines	0	Grant	1,821,759							
Interest	72	Interest	16,124							
		Transfer In	4,742							
Total Receipts	72	Total Receipts	1842625	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	0	1,842,697
Resources Available:	7,592	Resources Available:	1,814,998	Resources Available:	0	Resources Available:	0	Resources Available:	0	1,822,590
Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		
Public Safety	675	Public Safety	107,813							
		Capital Outlay	1,691,062							
Total Expenditures	675	Total Expenditures	1,798,875	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	1,799,550
Cash Balance Dec 31	6,917	Cash Balance Dec 31	16,123	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	**23,040** **
										23,040 **

**Note: These two block figures should agree.

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State of Kansas
City

2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City of Merriam, KS

will meet on August 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Merriam City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax, and the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Detailed budget information is available at Merriam City Hall - City Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	26,324,987	22.267	26,366,132	26.694	35,972,907	7,913,059	26.412
Debt Service	2,661,500	0.662	2,657,000		3,237,794		
Library							
Special Highway	23,932		275,000		1,011,325		
I-35 TIF Fund	7,825,607		4,507,043		11,792,882		
Special Alcohol	20,000		25,000		66,282		
Special Parks & Recreation	19,963		20,000		57,814		
Risk Management Reserve			35,000		1,192,352		
Equipment Reserve	1,167,662		1,616,685		3,956,223		
Transient Guest Tax	645,557		684,337		1,093,288		
Capital Improvement	6,894,159		4,966,806		49,405,989		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	1,799,550						
Totals	47,382,917	22.929	41,153,003	26.694	107,786,856	7,913,059	26.412
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*25.855*
Less: Transfers	7,865,795		5,583,618		5,172,000		
Net Expenditure	39,517,122		35,569,385		102,614,856		
Total Tax Levied	6,148,680		7,746,335		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	268,127,155		290,150,828		299,603,290		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	12,110,000	9,430,000	43,345,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	75,600	50,400	25,200
Total	12,185,600	9,480,400	43,370,200

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

*** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City of Merriam, KS

will meet on August 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Merriam City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax, and the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Detailed budget information is available at Merriam City Hall - City Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated
General	26,294,042	22.267	26,366,132	26.694	35,788,289	7,914,021	26.415
Debt Service	2,661,500	0.662	2,657,000		3,232,544		
Library							
Special Highway	53,432		275,000		1,011,325		
I-35 TIF Fund	7,825,607		4,507,043		11,792,882		
Special Alcohol	20,000		25,000		66,282		
Special Parks & Recreation	19,963		20,000		57,814		
Risk Management Reserve	-49,314		35,000		1,192,352		
Equipment Reserve	1,167,662		1,616,685		2,771,068		
Transient Guest Tax	645,557		684,337		1,093,288		
Capital Improvement	6,894,159		4,966,806		49,405,989		
Grants	1,798,875						
Non-Budgeted Funds	675						
Totals	47,332,158	22.929	46,736,621	26.694	106,411,833	7,912,671	26.415
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*25.855*
Less: Transfers	7,870,536		5,583,618		5,172,000		
Net Expenditure	39,461,622		41,153,003		101,239,833		
Total Tax Levied	6,148,680		7,746,335		XXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	268,127,155		290,150,828		299,603,290		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	12,110,000		9,430,000		7,240,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	75,600		50,400		0		
Total	12,185,600		9,480,400		7,240,000		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

** *Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Juliana Pinnick

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8/12

RESOLUTION NO. 968

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF MERRIAM, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, following proper notice as prescribed by law, the Governing Body of the City of Merriam, Kansas held a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, hearing objections and receiving feedback regarding the City's proposed 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was properly held before the Governing Body on August 25, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MERRIAM, KANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1. Adoption of Budget. The City of Merriam hereby adopts its budget for the year 2026, as presented at the August 25, 2025, City Council meeting. Copies of said budget shall be open for inspection in the office of the City Clerk during business hours. Upon filing of the budget with the County Clerk of Johnson County, Kansas, said budget shall constitute an appropriation for each fund, and the appropriation thus made shall not be used for any other purpose, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2934.

SECTION 2. Take Effect. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect after adoption of such by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED BY THE Governing Body this 25th day of August, 2025.

CITY OF MERRIAM SEAL STATE OF KANSAS

Bob Pape

Bob Pape
Mayor

ATTEST:

Juliana Pinnick

Juliana Pinnick, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 967

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERRIAM, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Merriam, KS was calculated as 25.855 mills by the Johnson County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Merriam, KS will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 25, 2025 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Merriam, KS, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MERRIAM, KS:

The City of Merriam, KS shall levy a property tax rate of 26.412 mills exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 25.855 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 25th day of August 2025 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Bob Pape

Bob Pape, Mayor

ATTEST:

Juliana Pinnick

Juliana Pinnick, City Clerk

CITY OF MERRIAM SEAL STATE OF KANSAS

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Merriam, Kansas

Monday, August 25, 2025	7:00 PM	City Hall, 9001 W. 62nd Street

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bob Pape called the meeting to order at 7pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Present:
Bob Pape
Jacob Laha
Jason Silvers
Whitney Yadrich
Chris Evans Hands
Bruce Kaldahl
Staci Chivetta
Reuben Cozmyer

Council Absent:
Amy Rider

Staff Present:
Juli Pinnick, City Clerk
Caitlin Gard, Assistant City Administrator
Alan Long, Fire Chief
Anna Slocum, Parks and Recreation Director
Bryan P. Dyer, Community Development Director
Celia Kumke, Public Works Director
Chris Engel, City Administrator
Darren McLaughlin, Police Chief
Lauren Krivoshia, Assistant to the City Administrator
Meagan Borth, Finance Director
Ryan Denk, City Attorney

III. PUBLIC ITEMS

Members of the public are encouraged to use this time to make comments about matters that do not appear on the agenda. Comments about items on the regular agenda will be taken as each item is considered. ***Please note: Individuals making Public Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.*** In accordance with the *Governing Body Rules of Procedure*, the City reserves the right to refuse Public Comments that are personal, impertinent or slanderous.

Billy Croan, 6633 Wedd St., commented that the neighbors near the 7-11 on Antioch were concerned that nothing has occurred after the fire, and it does not appear that much is happening on the site as far as clean up or rebuilding is moving forward. He further commented that Chatlain Park has weeds over 5 feet tall and he would expect the city to better maintain their properties. It appears that WaterOne has another leak at 67th and Antioch and it has been leaking for a while.

Sandra Baldwin, 9503 W. 47th Ter., she is concerned about her Johnson County tax bill and she wanted to speak in regard to that. She received a notice from the County that her taxes were going up and that the hearing was at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Pape clarified to Ms. Baldwin that this meeting was for the Merriam budget and that the County holds their own budget hearing at the County offices. He believes that the County has already had their Budget Hearing.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held August 11, 2025.

   Councilmember Hands made a motion to approve consent agenda item 1 Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Proclamation - National Emergency Management Awareness Week

   Mayor Pape read the Proclamation declaring August as National Emergency Management Awareness Month and presented to Proclamation to Police Chief Darren McLaughlin and Fire Chief Alan Long.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider a Resolution to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate

   Finance Director Meagan Borth presented an overview of the Revenue Neutral Rate. Approval of the resolution will allow the City to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 25.855 mills. The RNR is the rate that would provide the exact same amount of property tax revenue as the prior year ($7,746,335). The RNR provides no allowance for CPI growth or for new construction.

   Staff recommends a 2026 mill levy rate of 26.412 with a resulting tax levy of $7,913,059. The difference in total revenue between the RNR and the proposed rate is a loss of $166,704 to the General Fund. The proposed rate is a .25 mill levy reduction from the 2025 mill levy rate.

   Councilmember Laha asked Director Borth to explain how property taxes increase when we are reducing the mill levy.

   Director Borth explained that as property assessments increase, the taxes increase. She provided an example as the average assessment on a home in Merriam for the 2026 taxing year is $310,000; in 2025 the average home valuation assessment was $300,000. The increase for Merriam residential property taxes for 2026, based on the $10,000 valuation increase is approximately $19 per year.

   Mayor Pape opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm.

Sandra Baldwin, 9503 W. 47th Ter., commented that she has seen her property taxes double in the 20 years since she moved to Merriam. She has appealed these increases with the County a few times and they have been adjusted. However, now they are very high and she has not made any improvements to her property, She is unsure how she can go about getting her property assessment lowered.

Mayor Pape advise Mrs. Baldwin that Johnson County Appraiser is who assess the property values in Merriam and she would need to file a tax appeal with them. He encouraged her to apply for the Merriam Property Tax Rebate as she may qualify for that program. Merriam taxes represent approximately 25% of the total tax bill, the remaining taxes are assessed by other entities such as the County, Library District, and School District.

Billy Croan, 6633 Wedd St., commented that he objects to exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. He feels that the City should stop providing incentives to developers and reduce Merriam property taxes.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Pape closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 pm.

Councilmember Hands made a motion to approve a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider a Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Operating Budget

Finance Director Meagan Borth provided an overview of the 2026 proposed budget.

Mayor Pape opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 pm.

Billy Croan, 6633 Wedd St., commented he opposes the budget as proposed because it exceeds the Revenue Neutral Rate.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Pape closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 pm.

Councilmember Hands made a motion to approve a resolution to adopt the 2026 Operating Budget. Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

VIII. PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Consider approval of a request for a change in use to add automobile sales and service to an existing PUD-G District and associated preliminary development plan located a 7220 W. Frontage Road.

Community Development Director Bryan Dyer provided the background for this item.

Walser Automotive Group is the applicant and property owner. Walser Automotive Group owns a number of dealerships in Minnesota and Kansas and purchased the subject property in June 2025. Walser Automotive is represented by Kevin Pinkowski, PE, with BHC. The applicant is requesting approval of a change in use and an associated preliminary development plan. The change in use is to add automobile sales and service (no outside service) to the existing Planned Unit Development – General (PUD-G) District that encompasses the subject property. The process for considering a change in use is the same as a rezoning request. The request includes a preliminary development plan for the development of a 21,545 square foot building that will serve as a Genesis automobile dealership, which is Hyundai Motor Company's luxury vehicle brand.

The subject property is located at 7220 W. Frontage Road. There are two existing buildings on the subject property. The building on the east side of the property is approximately 60,000 square feet and is visible from I-35. The development plan shows this building being demolished and a new automobile dealership being developed in its location. The second building is a 14,040 square feet office/sales/warehouse building that is on the west portion of the property. This building and its current tenant will remain.

In 1993, at the request of the subject property's previous owner, the Planning Commission and City Council approved rezoning the property to PUD-G District and a development plan for the construction of the 60,000 square foot building for two retail commercial businesses - Holiday House and National Equipment Company.

In 2013, the City approved adding automobile service with no automobile sales to the property's PUD-G District. Restricting automobile sales was based on the subject property not having the required parking and/or vehicle display area for automobile sales. The last major revision to the subject property was made in 2016 with the City's approval of a development plan for the construction of the 14,040 square foot office/sales/warehouse building to the west of the existing building.

The subject property is located on W. Frontage Road between I-35 and the BNSF railroad line. In the immediate vicinity of the subject property are several automotive related businesses including European Motor Sports, Eveland Brothers Collision Repair Center, Hyundai, Jeep/Chrysler/Dodge/Ram, Nissan/Infiniti, Lexus, Toyota, and Aristocrat Motors campus.

Change of use requests are evaluated by using the same process as a rezoning request.

On August 6, 2025, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and received a comment from the public which is reflected in the draft meeting minutes. Following the closing of the Public Hearing the Planning Commission, based on information supplied by the applicant and public and the criteria in Merriam Code and Kansas law, which is outlined in the Planning Commission Staff Report, unanimously voted to recommended

approval of the change in use and associated preliminary development plan, with the following conditions:

- A final plat application for the subject property is submitted to the Planning Commission prior to the approval of the final development plan.
- Building permits for vertical construction will not be issued until after the plat for the subject property is filed with Johnson County.
- Applicant must obtain a right-of-way permit/approval from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for any work or landscaping done in the right-of-way. The applicant must provide the City with a copy of the permit/approval.
- Final development plan must show the installation of filters at the stormwater inlets for the purpose of stormwater quality BMPs.
- The Community Development Director can administratively approve the final development plan.

A copy of the Planning Commission Staff Report and associated minutes were included with the agenda materials.

The Governing Body has three (3) options regarding this application:

Vote to Approve (5 affirmative votes required);
Vote to Deny (6 affirmative votes for denial required); or
Refer the Application back to the Planning Commission with specific recommendations (majority of those present required).

Staff has provided a draft ordinance for City Council's consideration based upon the Planning Commission's recommendation and conditions of approval. The City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance.

Scott Slaggie, Slaggie Architects, 4600 Madison St., presented a rendering of the proposed dealership. Mr. Slaggie pointed out the truck turnaround area for the car haulers to unload and turn the trucks around to exit. The building will have a lot of natural light with the wraparound glass on the front and sides. The building is not seeking LEED certification, however there are several sustainable measures that will be utilized. Interior materials on the existing build are being recycled. Once that is completed, demo will begin. Extra landscaping will be installed, long lasting exterior materials will be used as to not need ongoing maintenance or replacement. The building will be constructed with pre-cast concrete sandwich panels that contain proper insulation.

Councilmember Yadrich expressed disappointment that a local business has been displaced due to this development. This business was very important to our local Croatian community.

Councilmember Hands made a motion that the council concur with the

recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve, with conditions, a request for a change in use to add automobile sales and service to an existing PUD-G District and associated preliminary development plan located a 7220 W. Frontage Road.
Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

IX. COUNCIL ITEMS

1. Consider approval of a Resolution of Intent to issue IRB's to provide sales tax exemption on construction of a commercial facility located at 7220 W. Frontage Rd.

City Administrator Chris Engel provided the background for this item. Walser Automotive Group, LLC (the "Company"), has submitted an Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) application to the City. The IRBs requested are for a new ~21,500 square foot commercial facility at 7220 W. Frontage Road, and will serve as a Genesis automobile dealership, which is Hyundai Motor Company's luxury vehicle brand.

The Resolution of Intent for the issuance of taxable IRBs in the principal amount not to exceed $18,619,000. The issuance of the IRBs will allow a sales tax exemption on the costs of constructing, equipping, and furnishing the new dealership.

Pursuant to the bond documents, the City will take a leasehold interest to the Project upon issuance of the IRBs and lease the Project back to the Company. The IRBs are payable solely from lease payments to be made by the Company under the lease between the City and Company. The City has no obligation to pay the principal of or interest on the IRBs under any circumstances. K.S.A. 12-1743 provides: "… the revenue bonds shall not in any respect be a general obligation of such city or county, nor shall they be payable in any manner by taxation."

Per City Policy, the Company will pay all origination and administrative fees upon issuance of the bonds. The Company will also pay all expenses including costs of publication and any other fees associated with issuing the IRBs.

If the City Council approves the issuance of IRBs, the total benefit to the developer is estimated to be approximately $947,000 dollars in total sales tax relief, the majority of which comes from the State (6.5%) and the Johnson County (1.475%) portions of the overall sales tax rate of 9.475%. The maximum amount of relief provided by City sales tax (1.5%) would be approximately $150,000. These amounts optimistically assume 100% of all taxable materials would be sourced within Merriam and the total cost of construction and materials is $10.0MM dollars. The Resolution was prepared by Jacob Lowry, Bond Counsel with Kutak Rock.

On August 6, 2025 the Planning Commission conducted a Public Hearing and approved, with conditions, a change in use to add automobile sales and service (no outside service) to an existing Planned Unit Development - General (PUD-G) District

and also approved the associated preliminary development plan for the new dealership.

Pete Heaven, 6201 College Blvd, representing Walser Automotive was present to answer questions.
Don Shilling, Walser Automotive was present to answer questions.

Councilmember Chivetta asked about Walser's community involvement in regard to philanthopy.

Mr. Shilling responded that the Walser Foundation receives 5% of the pretax dollars from each dealership. The funds are then distributed to charitable organizations within the local communities where the dealerships are located.

Councilmember Laha asked what the sales tax incentive will do for the development and what would they not be able to do without it?

Mr. Heaven responded that while he understands it is an incentive but they would still build the dealership without the incentive. The savings will be passed along to customers for the long term. Mr. Heaven further commented that the sales tax expected to be generated by the dealership is $900,000 annually. In addition, they will be paying $180,000 in real estate taxes. At full capacity, the dealership will employ approximately 49 full time employees.

Councilmember Yadrich asked what specific programs does the Walser Foundation support.

Mr. Shilling responded that they mainly support education programs as well as low income single parent families with educational needs.

Billy Croan, 6633 Wedd St., commented that this dealership will displace a local business and this will erode a diverse tax base. He feels providing this incentive should not be awarded for displacing a local business.

Councilmember Chivetta made a motion to approve a Resolution of Intent to issue Federally Taxable Private Activity Revenue Bonds (Industrial Revenue Bonds) in the principal amount not to exceed $18,619,000. Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was APPROVED 6-1. Councilmember Cozmyer voted nay.

2. Approval of a Bond Ordinance and accompanying documents for the issuance of IRBs for the Merriam Grand Station Apartments Project (waive first reading)

City Administrator Chris Engel provide the background for this item. On August 22, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 926 expressing the City's intent to issue taxable industrial revenue bonds (IRBs) in a principal amount not to exceed $93,000,000 to finance certain costs associated with the Merriam Grand Station

Apartments project (the “Project”), located at the SW corner of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Antioch, and to lease the Project to MGS Lofts, LLC, formerly Merriam Grand Station, LLC, (the "Company"). The purpose of the IRBs is to provide an exemption for sales taxes on construction materials, equipment, labor and furnishings on the Residential Project and provide a property tax abatement for 100% of the ad valorem property taxes for the Residential Project up to 10 years commencing January 1, 2026 (less the PILOT payments referenced below).

At the August 25, 2025, meeting the City Council will consider an Ordinance authorizing the actual issuance of those IRBs in a principal amount not to exceed $93,000,000. This series of bonds will finance the costs associated with the Project, including the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping two multi-family residential buildings totaling approximately 200,000 square feet with no less than 350 Class A units, including real estate, buildings and improvements, and further including structured and surface parking facilities and related infrastructure improvements. MGS Lofts, LLC, will lease the Project to the City pursuant to a Base Lease Agreement and the City will lease back the Project to MGS Lofts, LLC, pursuant a Lease. The rent payments under this Lease are required to be sufficient to pay these IRBs.

The IRBs are payable solely from lease payments to be made by MGS Lofts, LLC, under the Lease. The City has no obligation to pay the principal or interest on the bonds under any circumstances. K.S.A. 12 1743 provides: “… the revenue bonds shall not in any respect be a general obligation of such city or county, nor shall they be payable in any manner by taxation.”

In addition to the IRB documents, attached is a payment in lieu of tax agreement ("the PILOT Agreement") by and between the City and the Company, wherein the Company, or its assigns as approved by the City, agrees to pay the amount of $24,741 for each year through the term of the Bonds, which provides all taxing jurisdictions deriving property taxes from the Project with the property tax revenues such taxing jurisdictions received in the base year of 1994, in lieu of the ad valorem taxes that would otherwise be payable on the Project.

The following documents related to the issuance of the IRBs prepared by Jacob Lowry, Bond Counsel with Kutak Rock were included in the Council Agenda Packet:

- Resolution 926 adopted on August 22, 2022;
- Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the IRBs in one series, Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed $93,000,000;
- Ordinance Summary for publication in The Legal Record on September 2, 2025;
- Trust Indenture prescribing the terms and conditions of issuing and securing the IRBs in an amount not to exceed $93,000,000 for the Project;
- Base Lease Agreement pursuant to which the City will lease the Project from MGS Lofts, LLC;
- Lease providing for the City to lease back the Project to MGS Lofts, LLC;
- Bond Purchase Agreement providing for the sale and purchase of the IRBs to MGS Lofts, LLC for the Project;

- PILOT Agreement.

Councilmember Hands made a motion to waive the first reading of a Bond Ordinance issuing the IRBs. Councilmember Chivetta seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Councilmember Yadrich made a motion to approve a Bond Ordinance issuing the IRBs and authorize the signing of the bond documents. Councilmember Chivetta seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

3. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Merriam Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article V - Public Records and amending the Fee Schedule (waive the first reading)

City Clerk, Juli Pinnick provided the background for this item. At the July 28, 2025, City Council meeting, staff presented information regarding public records requests and concerns of the increased toll such requests are taking on staff as well as the underlying costs associated with the increased number of records requests. After discussion, the council requested staff research to find ways to streamline the process and help reduce unreimbursed costs associated with providing public records.

At the August 11, 2025, staff presented proposed code and fee schedule changes to better reflect our practices and provide clear, concise expectations for public records requests and to help staff manage the increased number of records requests.

For consideration tonight, is an ordinance incorporating all the proposed changes. There were two changes that need to be addressed. After the Agenda Packet was posted the City Attorney noticed two sections that need to be removed. Both sections contain the same the language in which it states that a specific form must be used when requesting records. This conflicts with State Statute and can not be in the ordinance. These two sections were in the existing Code since 1994 and were not part of the new proposed changes. A revise ordinance was provided to the council.

Additionally, council will need to approve the proposed Fee Schedule updates to reflect changes to the code and State Statutes in regard to public records. Staff is recommending waiving the first reading of the ordinance as the Statute changes became effective July 1, 2025.

Billy Croan. 6633 Wedd St., commented that he feels that this ordinance will only make it more difficult and costly for residents to be informed of the inter workings of their own city. He feels that passing this ordinance makes the Mayor a liar as he talks about transparency.

Councilmember Hands made a motion to waive the customary first reading and approve an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V of the Merriam Code of Ordinances. Councilmember Chivetta seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Councilmember Hands made a motion to approve an ordinance amending

Chapter 2, Article V of the Merriam Code of Ordinances and approve the associated changes to the 2025 Fee Schedule. Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

X. STAFF/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Community Development Update

   Community Development Director Bryan Dyer provided the following updates:
   In regard to the 7-11 property on Antioch, this is a corporate owned store and staff has been working with them to identify any issues in regard to code violations. They have not indicated what they plan to do with the property as far as rebuilding.

   The Property Tax Rebate grant application period will end this Friday. The program has been very successful and citizens are very pleased with this program.

   The department recently issued a building permit for Trader Joe's.

2. July Financial Update

   Finance Director Meagan Borth provided the July Financial Update.

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Planning Commission minutes were included in the Council Agenda Packet.
2. Public Art Committee minutes were included in the Council Agenda Packet.

City Administrator Chris Engel commented that with the purchase of one of the buildings on Merriam Drive, the previous owner, Baker Marble left a lot of marble slabs at the site. While staff has tried to find someone to take this marble by contacting other marble distributors and contractors and no one in the industry seems to want it. Staff is considering a plan to allow Merriam residents to come haul off the marble for free. Basically if you can move it, you can have it. Some pieces are very large and heavy and are difficult to move. We will staff the event, however, we will not be loading the marble into vehicles and the pieces that will be offered will smaller sizes and it can be dangerous to move the larger pieces without specialized equipment.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Hands move to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Councilmember Yadrich seconded and the motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Pinnick
City Clerk