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Windsor Heights City Council Approves Capital Improvement Plan

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, Iowa –During the January 16, 2017 regular meeting, Windsor Heights City Council held a public hearing and approved the FY 2017-21 Capital Improvement Plan for the City. The Plan includes over \$13 million in infrastructure investments throughout the community.

Mayor Willits said *“this Council is thrilled that this Plan not only supports and meets our core objectives, but also emphasizes on maintaining the City’s infrastructure for streets, trail, sidewalks, stormwater management and underground utilities.”*

While the plan proposed a 50% increase in debt service levy from \$1.48 to \$3.00 per 1000 in property valuation and assess property owners for sidewalk projects. The plan also includes a comprehensive list of many necessary improvements that City leaders state are long overdue. Notably, three (3) major Complete Street Reconstruction Projects, including streets, water, sanitary, storm and sidewalks will be constructed, four (4) new Sidewalks to Schools Projects, three (3) Trail/Hub Projects, replacement of thirty (30) Stormwater intakes, redesigning University Avenue from 63rd to 73rd, including Streetscape, accomplishes 7/24 or 30% of the comprehensive project list, retrofits approximately twenty-six (26) blocks of water main throughout the community, accomplishes 13/17 or 76% of Des Moines Water Works project list for Windsor Heights, reconstructs three (3) major Water Main Reconstruction Projects, replaces the Lions Park Parking Lot, repairs the Public Works Facility and Parking Lot, and repairs approximately 10 blocks of crack and seat/overlay throughout the community.

The Capital Improvements Plan for 2017-2021 totals \$13,196,202. Of this total, 57% for infrastructure reinvestment and transportation projects, 19% for parks facilities, 17% for utility projects, 8% for safe routes to schools/sidewalks, and less than 1% is for public works facilities. The Capital budget requirements just for FY 17 total approximately \$2,922,020.

“This Plan represents a concerted effort to ensure that needed capital projects and infrastructure are in place in a timely manner to accommodate continued economic growth and residential development in our community,” Willits added.

To learn more, view the Capital Improvements Plan documents on the City’s website at www.windsorheights.org, by clicking *What’s New* and the *Projects Page*. You can also call City Administrator Elizabeth Hansen at 515-279-3662 or email questions to ehansen@windsorheights.org.

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