



CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO THE 2020  
**PROPOSED  
BUDGET**

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TAKING THE NEXT STEP FORWARD





**WELCOME**

## To ensure that our City truly works for all of us

our proposed budget must ensure that every member of our community feels SAFE, WELCOME and INCLUDED in Lawrence's prosperity and growth. We share enormous dreams for our children, ourselves, our neighbors and so much more beyond that. The ideals

we have for our individual and collective potential are intertwined in our willingness to help each other.

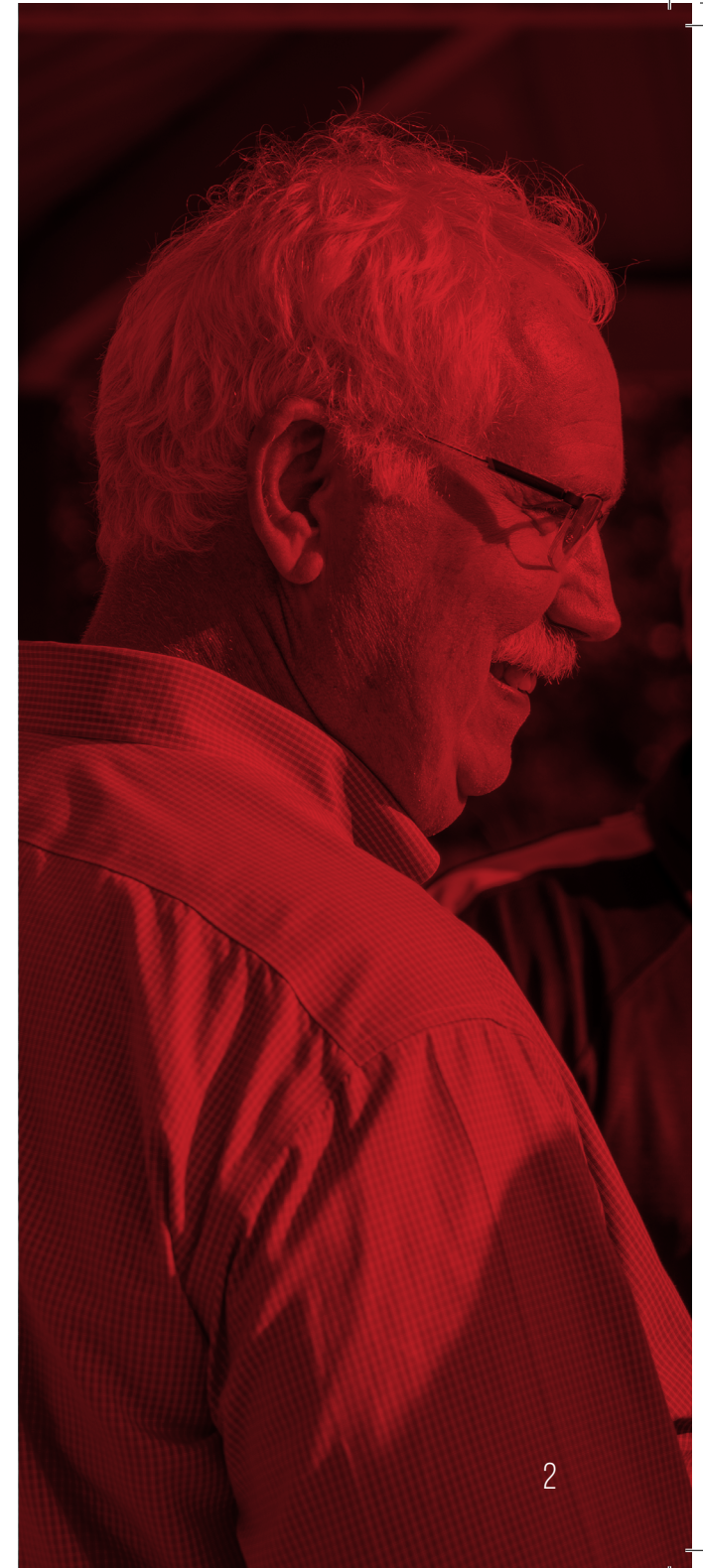
Sincerely,

**Steve Collier**

Mayor, City of Lawrence



As a leading city in Central Indiana, Lawrence is taking the next step forward for growth and success for its businesses and residents alike. Celebrating and embracing our diversity creates an environment for quality economic and cultural growth. - Mayor Steve Collier





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# EXCELLENT

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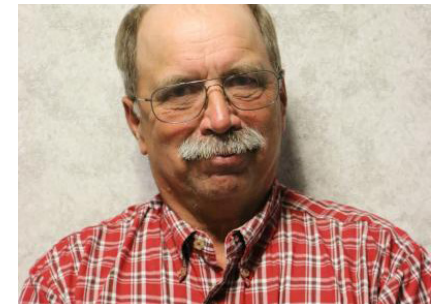
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# WE'RE PUTTING



# PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE FOREFRONT

### FLEET REPLACEMENT

Funding for the purchase of new police vehicles, further continuing the 5-year fleet replacement program

### NEW FIRE ENGINE

Purchase of a new fire engine, marking a significant milestone - complete replacement of the entire Fire fleet

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continued emphasis on funding for police officer training - in excess of over 400% increase since 2016

### PAY RAISES

A 6% salary increase for all first responders

### NEW OFF ROAD VEHICLES

Purchase of additional gators for public safety and enhanced rescue efforts

## \$25.8 mm

In Proposed spending on Public Safety in 2020

## 7.7%

This represents a 7.7% increase from the 2019 Proposed Budget

## 37%

The 2020 Proposed Budget has increased almost 37% since 2016.



“ This is an exciting time for the Lawrence Fire Department! As we continue to serve our community with pride in the year 2020, we also have hit a huge milestone. This is the first time in the history of our department that we will have completely replaced all of our frontline fire apparatus and ambulances in the city; this was all in 4 years. We are also replacing our 12-year-old SCBA packs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) the tanks firefighters wear on their backs while firefighting.

When citizens expect firefighters to do their job with proficiency, we must give them the safest and most modern tools to do so. We are also very excited about replacing Fire Station 38 on McCoy Street which is 34 years old.

- Chief Dino Batalis

“ This is an exciting time for the Lawrence Police Department! As we continue protecting and serving Lawrence in 2020 and beyond, we are enthusiastic to transition into our new home at 5150 N. Post Road, which will include our Lawrence 911 Public Safety Communications Center. This desperately needed building is designed to be a modern, efficient and welcoming location for the entire community to meet their public servants, to use, and to enjoy.

We also are expanding our community outreach efforts and building relationships we have already established. It's our constant goal to fight crime, reduce fear and improve our community for all residents, as Lawrence continues to be a welcoming destination in which to live, work, play and raise a healthy family.

- Chief David Hofmann







**WE'RE PAVING THE WAY!**

Additional funding for paving - over \$7 million since 2016



**NEW HIRES COMING IN 2020!**

Funding for the hiring of two additional Street Department employees



**NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR FLEET!**

Additional fleet and equipment upgrades

# UNPRECEDENTED COMMITMENT TO OUR **STREET DEPARTMENT** With cumulative funding increasing over \$10 million since 2016



Lawrence DPW will continue to focus efforts on improving the contractor licensing and permitting process by incorporating e-Permitting and licensing features and will also continue to take proactive measures with respect to Code Enforcement efforts to encourage Lawrence residential and business property owners to clean and maintain their properties to improve the appearance of our neighborhoods. We will also continue to work with Indianapolis DPW to finalize the Interlocal Agreement for Storm Water, which will be designed to expedite the scoping, design and construction of Lawrence storm water improvements projects that are managed by Indianapolis DPW utilizing Lawrence property owner's storm water impact fees.

**- Scott Salsbery**

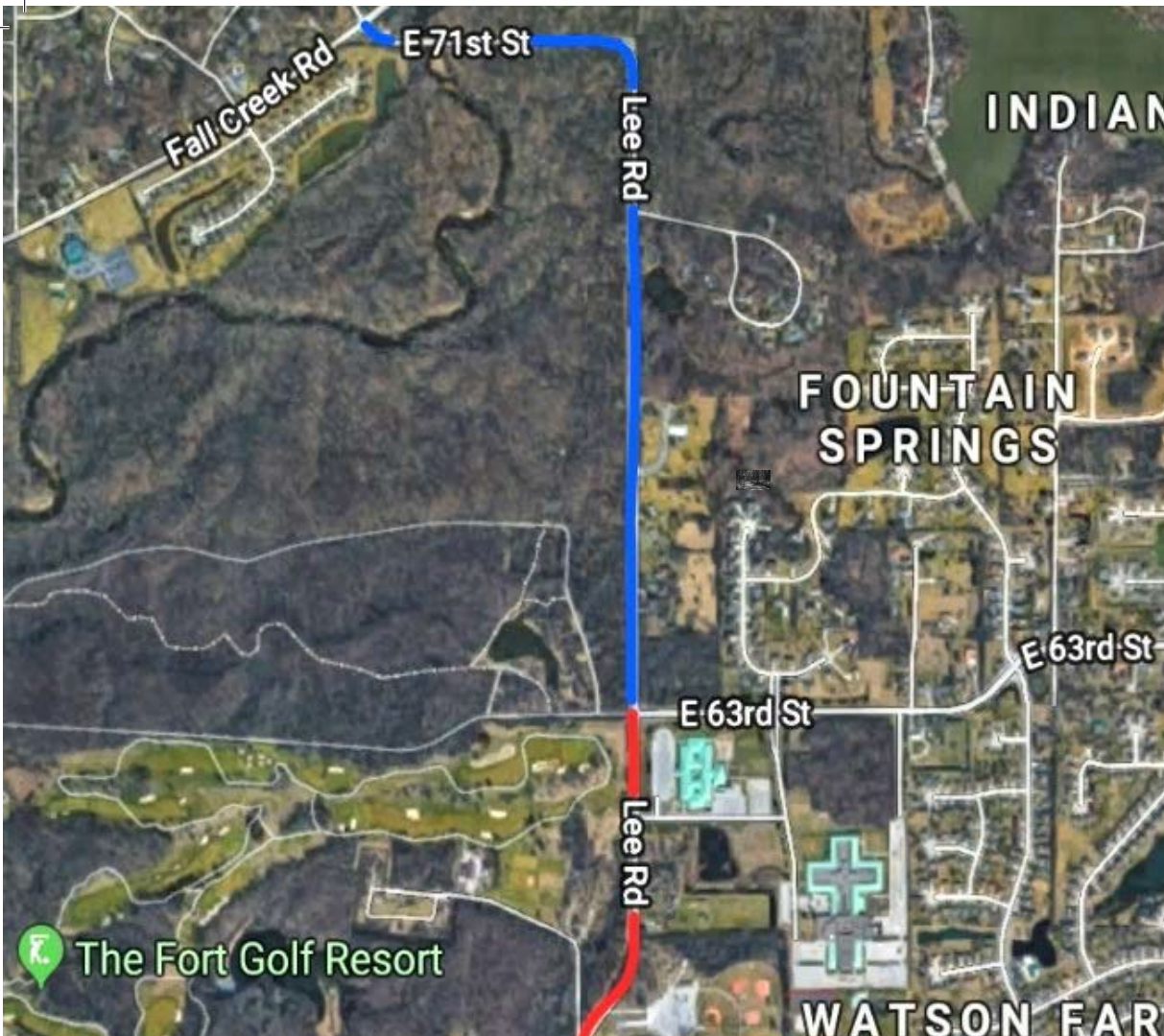


Lawrence Street Department will continue to seek Community Crossing Grants to maximize local paving projects and will add additional staff in order to meet its maintenance obligations with respect to snow and ice control, street, sidewalk and curb repairs, right of way maintenance, tree trimming/removal and the many other routine tasks that they regularly perform.

**- Jim Heneghan**







# CONNECTIVITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

**Due to our strong financial health, we are able to begin to take the next step forward for connectivity and quality of life by allocation of resources for the following:**

- Approximately \$500,000 for the City's match for the Amy Beverland sidewalk
- Funding to apply for a Next Level Trails matching grant to connect Fall Creek trail to 59th Street via Lee Rd
- This important initiative will begin connectivity to our City Center and Fort Harrison State Park







# TAKING THE NEXT STEP FORWARD

WITH QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES FOR THE PARKS DEPT.



**CUMULATIVE FUNDING HAS INCREASED  
NEARLY \$2.6 MILLION SINCE 2016**

## WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2020

- Funding for new play ground equipment at Alexander Park
- Funding for improvement to Louis J. Jenn Memorial Park
- Funding for the preparation of a Parks Master Plan
- New Mowers
- New maintenance vehicle

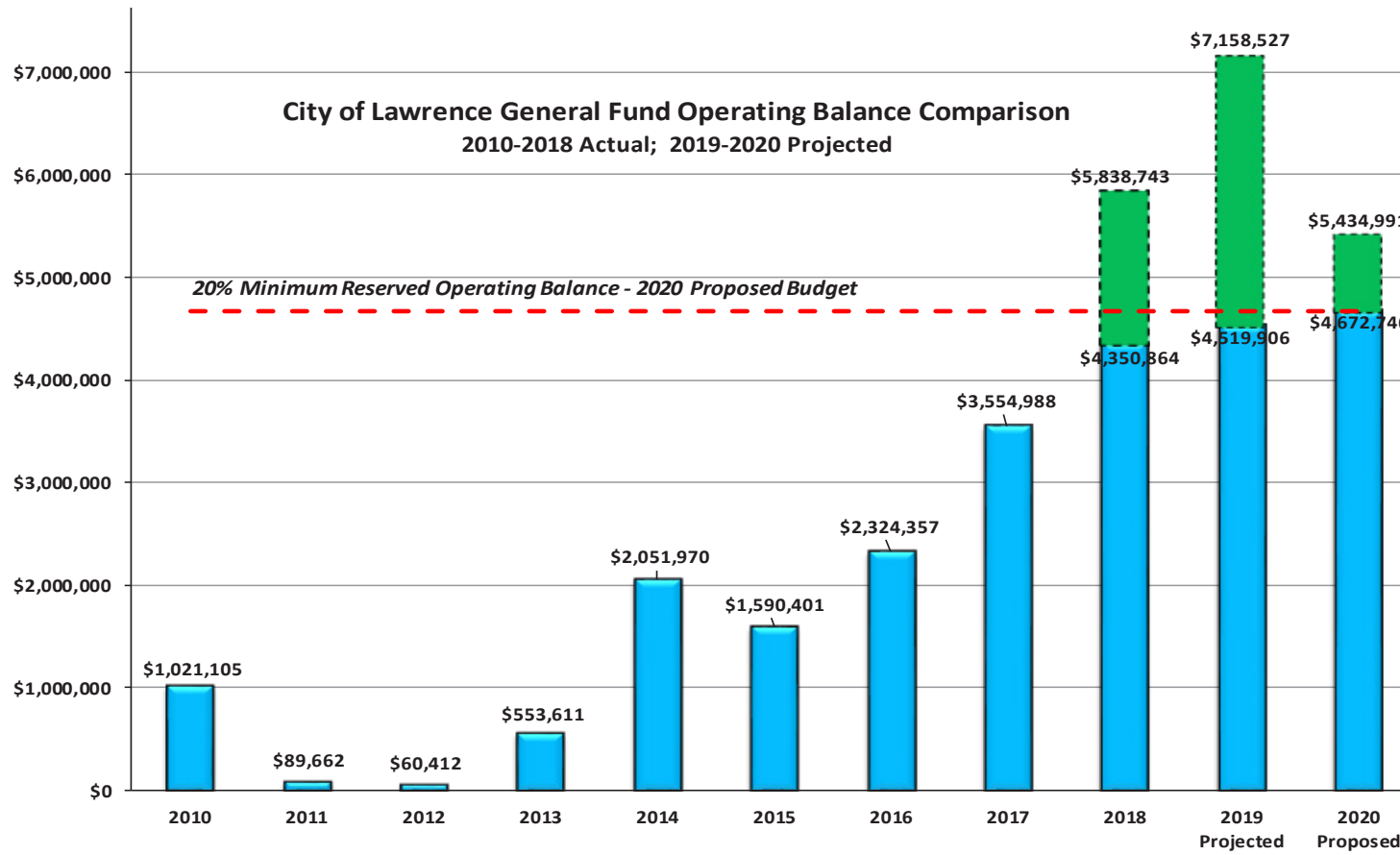
The Department of Parks and Recreation is excited to be able to offer a new online reservation system to the citizenry of Lawrence in 2020. Park users will soon be able to book shelters, ball diamonds, banquet facilities and join park programs directly from the City's website. This customer service portal has been a long time in its development, but we feel the wait has allowed us to offer a more robust scheduling program which the customer will be able to easily navigate. **- Eric Martin**







# QUADRUPLED GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS

- Fourth consecutive balanced budget
- Our savings account has never been stronger – we will maintain a 20% operating reserve for the second consecutive year (compared to 13.3% for the State of Indiana!)
- Provides a strong safety net against unexpected emergencies
- Substantial borrowing cost savings – City no longer borrows for cash flow purposes
- Allows the City to aggressively invest in one-time capital investments
- Third consecutive GFOA Distinguished Budget Award Presentation



**Note:** 2010 - 2018 actual reported operating balance (including audit adjustments)

 Unreserved Operating Balance  
 Reserved Operating Balance









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