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Thank you for showing interest in the finances of the local city government! The City of Garden City Commissioners and staff use the Financial Profile as a way to communicate the "story" of the Annual Budget, as well as, the outcome of our annual financial reporting documents. We hope that you will find the 2020 edition easy to read, transparent in its information about City finances, and thought-provoking as you consider how you wish to see your local government collect and spend money.

In the summer of 2019, the City Commission approved a 2020 annual budget with the authority to spend $123,336,435. Using 45 different funds, the City government is able to budget for and more efficiently manage operations that are supported by a combination of sales tax, property tax, user fees, and outside sources such as grants.

As you read through these pages, please take note of questions you may have of your elected City Commissioners or appointed City Staff. Contact information for all of the City Commissioners, administration and department directors are included in this document with the expectation that you will contact us with questions or let us know what you think of the public service job we are doing.

I look forward each year to seeing how our Communications staff works with Finance Director, Melinda Hitz and the management team to blend words and pictures that come from looking at the year ahead and year in review with numbers from the recently concluded Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and recently adopted Annual Budget. I’d like to give a special "thank you" to Communications staff members Jamie Stewart and Lauren Lohfink for their wonderful work! This year’s edition is fantastic, and I hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,

LETTER FROM
THE CITY MANAGER
GOALS: 2019-20

- Encourage Development
- Expand Garden City Regional Airport
- Strategically Address Regional Water Quality and Quantity
- Evaluate Housing Opportunities
- Diversify the City’s Energy Portfolio & Protect City Customers from Electric Market Fluctuations
- Seek Opportunities for Beautification as a Way to Enhance Community Pride
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process begins at the department level. CIP projects are reviewed by a citizen committee before the plan is reviewed by the Commission for the upcoming budget cycle.

City departments prepare budgets to present to the City Manager who then finalizes a proposed budget to present to the City Commission.

Public budget presentations are made to the City Commission.

Finalized budget is sent to the County Clerk. Debt is issued for approved projects. Official statement is updated.

In February an external auditor & City Staff begin working on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and audit for the previous year.

Cycle begins again.
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Throughout the year, the City of Garden City employs 350 full-time staff along with part-time and seasonal staff members who carry out the day-to-day operations that make Garden City a safe, enjoyable place to live, work, and visit.

You may encounter some of these employees regularly. They include police officers and firefighters who make Garden City a safe place to live. They also include Public Works crews who are responsible for the maintenance of city streets, trails, and parks, as well as solid waste services.

City staff also run several specialized departments. They include Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City Regional Airport, Buffalo Dunes Golf Course, Sunset Memorial Gardens, Valley View Cemetery, and The Big Pool.

You may not encounter other City employees as often, like the Public Utilities crews, who are responsible for the management of electric, water, and wastewater utilities, or the neighborhood and development services personnel who are responsible for maintaining the structural standards of the community through the planning and enforcement of the City’s building codes and comprehensive plan.

The administration and finance departments are responsible for the general and financial administration of the City, and include municipal court and prosecution, general counsel, human resources and information technology.

The following are a few highlights from 2018-2019. For more information on any of the highlights, please contact City Staff.

Parks Crews completed the landscape renovation at City Administrative Center. The west and southwest sides of the building, as well as the south parking lot, were renovated. The turfgrass was removed in these areas, and drip irrigation instead of overhead will service the plants’ water needs. The change will reduce water use for landscaping at City Administrative Center.

In 2018 Garden City Regional Airport Terminal Area Plan was completed with $344,625 (90% FAA funds and 10% City funds). The Terminal Area Plan was an 18-month study of the Garden City Regional Airport’s terminal, and it provided recommendations for the construction of a new terminal.

Lee Richardson Zoo promoted three employees to a senior management team. Max Laken as Deputy Director, Angela Herman as Animal Care Manager - Health Services, Permits and Records, and Pablo Holguin as Animal Care Manager - Enhanced Programs and Hoofed Stock.

The City Commission adopted a new ordinance that bans smoking at playgrounds and parks around Garden City.

Southeast Park Trail was selected by the Trails Advisory Board for funding in the amount of $156,700. This is part of Phase 1 of Southeast Community Park.

The City Commission voted to make changes to the grant opportunities given to the community. The Alcohol Fund Advisory Committee (AFAC) has been made into two different grant opportunities with the money being split 50/50. Applicants can apply for both grants. The Community Grant will now be reviewed by the Community Health Advisory Board. This change will allow for an improved review process of applications. The Art Grant’s allotted funds have changed to $12,000 with the remaining $3,500 being used to create a City Commission Public Art Project.

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Pioneer Pathway, a multi-use pathway that connects Third Street to Campus Drive on the north side of town, will be completed later this year.

The Central Fire Station was renamed to Allen Shelton Central Station to honor former Fire Chief Allen Shelton after his 44 years of dedicated service to the Garden City Fire Department.

In light of Ms. Tommy Austin’s love for and countless hours of service to the people of Garden City and Southwest Kansas, the Park and Tree Advisory Board unanimously voted to dedicate and name the Kansas Avenue landscape project in her honor to remember her impact on our community.

Due to heavy snow and freezing temperatures this past winter, Public Works identified approximately 137 potholes scattered across the streets in Garden City that needed to be filled. The community had the opportunity to follow the progress on an interactive map.

The Garden City Regional Airport completed an apron rehabilitation project for $303,939.17 in 2018.

Human Resources Department implemented its new Application Tracking System to allow for applicants to see up-to-date information on their applications.

Jack, the new automated payment kiosk outside of the City Administrative Center, is now open for business. The kiosk can be operated in English or Spanish. It accepts cash, credit cards, and checks and allows for 24-hour bill payment.

Twelve residents graduated from Citizens Academy, which gives participants a behind the scenes look at local government.

The Garden City Police Department updated furniture and equipment in the Records Division and Communications Center. The new furniture allows for Records employees to utilize their office space better. Most of the updated equipment for the Communication teams were purchased through E911 funds.

The City held a bid process for a potential new pool facility. Two firms were interviewed, Waters Edge and Barker Rinker Seacat, Confluence, Water Technology Inc. Firms were asked to create proposals based on information gathered through the community surveys. The proposal interviews were recorded and posted for community members to view.

Commissioner Melvin Dale retired from the City Commission, after six years on the board. The Commission appointed Shannon Dick to fill the vacant seat. Mayor Roy Grone passed the gavel to Mayor Dan Fankhauser.

Buffalo Dunes and Friends of Buffalo Dunes have started fundraising efforts for a new Golf Clubhouse.

The Garden City Reuse Feasibility Study was completed in January 2019. This study helps the City plan for expanded water reuse in the future to help maximize water resources. It was funded by a grant from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

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City Staff conducted a community input survey regarding interest in a new water recreation facility in replacement of The Big Pool. This process included public presentations for community members as well as visiting 3-12 grade classes in Garden City and surrounding school districts.

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**2018 FINANCIALS**

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The City of Garden City's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of 2018 by $125,309,905. Of this amount, $27,811,158 is unobligated and may be used to meet the City’s ongoing obligations. The City’s total enterprise fund balance increased by $5,164,396. This growth in fund balance is attributable to an increase in charges and usage for services in the enterprise funds (listed below). This growth is also attributable in part to the stabilization of wholesale power expenses.

At the end of 2018, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was $7,996,936 or 38.037% of total general fund expenditures. Another way to look at these funds is as the ending cash balance of the general fund. These funds are available for use in the next fiscal year.

The City of Garden City’s total long-term debt increased by $5,415,000 during the 2018 fiscal year. The City issued $10,730,000 of general obligation bonds for internal improvements, and $212,969 in capital lease financing. This was offset by payments of $5,315,000 in general obligation bonds and $863,394 in capital leases.

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**TERMINOLOGY**

- **Assets** | Items of economic value owned by the City, including cash
- **Governmental Activities** | The City’s basic services such as Police, Fire, Public Works, Zoo and Parks, which are funded mostly by property tax, sales tax and franchise fees
- **Capital Assets** | Stationary assets of the City that include machinery, equipment, real estate, streets, sidewalks, water, sewer and drainage systems
- **Net Assets** | The difference between assets and liabilities
- **Fund Balance** | The difference between assets and liabilities of a fund
- **Liabilities** | Debt or obligations of the governmental unit that are to be met using the governmental fund’s expendable financial resources
- **Enterprise Funds** | Airport, Golf Course, Electric, Solid Waste, Water, Sewer, Storm water - all funded by fees charged to users
As we strive to effectively, efficiently, and equitably provide services and facilities that meet public needs and work to enhance the quality of life in the community, the City and its staff sometimes receive local, state and national recognition. Here are some of the awards that were earned recently by the City of Garden City and its staff.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- **Buford M. Watson, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Management**
  - Matt Allen

- **2019 Mildred Vance City Clerk of the Year for the State of Kansas**
  - Celyn Hurtado

- **Assistant Excellence in Leadership Award in Memory of Buford M. Watson, Jr.**
  - Jennifer Cunningham

- **2018 First Quarter Safety Award**
  - Vanessa Garcia

- **2018 Second Quarter Safety Award**
  - Jared Kuhlmann

- **2018 Department Safety Award**
  - Bob Arellano

- **2018 Fourth Quarter Safety Award**
  - Keo Bounpaseuth

- **2018 Annual Safety Winner**
  - Ralph Rochat

- **2018 Annual Safety Winner**
  - Allen Shelton

- **2018 Fourth Quarter Safety Award**
  - Garden City Regional Airport

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- **GCPD Bronze Valor Award**
  - Richard Colburn

- **2019 GCPD Employee of the Year**
  - Jason Chase

- **GCPD Bronze Valor Award**
  - Bob Quint

- **GCPD Marksmanship Award**
  - EJ Ochs

- **40 Years of Service in the Electric Department**
  - Cliff Sonnenberg

- **2019 ArrivaList - Most Visited Place in Kansas**
  - Lee Richardson Zoo

- **Outstanding Public Servant of the Year by the American Society of Public Administration**
  - Matt Allen

- **2018 First Quarter Safety Award**
  - Bob Quint

- **2018 Second Quarter Safety Award**
  - Jared Kuhlmann

- **2018 Third Quarter Safety Winner**
  - Keo Bounpaseuth

- **2018 Annual Safety Winner**
  - Allen Shelton

- **2018 Fire Chief of the Year**
  - Allen Shelton

- **2018 Fourth Quarter Safety Award**
  - Keo Bounpaseuth

- **2018 Annual Safety Winner**
  - Allen Shelton

- **2018 Employee of the Year**
  - Jason Chase

- **2019 GCPD Employee of the Year**
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Joe Campos retired from the City of Garden City in June 2019 after 69 years of service. Joe started his career with Garden City in the Sanitation Department in 1950. He then went on to work in both the Water Department and the Electric Department. For Garden City’s municipal electric utility, Joe worked as a groundsmen. Joe always had a smile on his face and whistled the same ole tune while he worked and will be greatly missed!

Fire Chief Allen Shelton retired in July 2019 after 44 years of service to the Garden City Fire Department. Chief Shelton was appointed Fire Chief in 1984. Chief Shelton devoted his entire professional career to transforming the all-volunteer department to a department with 38 paid employees and two fire stations with plans for a third to open in 2024. He made sure his department had the personnel, equipment, and training capabilities for serving Garden City. It is hard to imagine Garden City Fire Department without Chief Shelton, but we wish him well in his retirement!
The 2019 mill levies were set in the summer of 2018. The charts below illustrate how mill levies in Garden City compare to other full-service cities in Kansas.

2019 City Mill Levies

2019 Total Mills Levied per Community

How does your monthly property tax rate compare to your other monthly expenses?

Based on national averages, Garden City’s monthly property tax rate accounts for 1% of average monthly expenses. Amounts are in dollars.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The property taxes that you pay provide funds for several services that you benefit from directly including:

- Policing and Fire Protection
- Traffic Control and Signals
- Regional Airport Services
- Recreation and Park Facilities
- Police and Fire Protection
- Neighborhood and Development Services
- Street Repairs and Upgrades
- Cemetery Maintenance and Operations
- Other Taxes
- Healthcare
- Entertainment

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Over the years, several programs have been created to help the City and its residents work together to keep the community clean, comfortable and safe. In 2018, 387 tons of trash were collected and disposed of during the spring and fall citywide cleanups. Another 661 tons of waste were recycled through the City’s recycling center. The Tree Rebate Program and the Tree Loan Program helped plant 44 new trees in residential neighborhoods.

AFAC
The State of Kansas provides funds generated from a special tax on liquor sales to cities and counties. A portion of the funds are devoted to alcohol and drug treatment or prevention. The City of Garden City and Finney County empower a joint Alcohol Fund Advisory Committee (AFAC) to solicit applications and make recommendations for use of the local funds by programs that aid in the abatement of drug and alcohol abuse.

Art Grant
The Art Grant program is designed to award funds to persons or organizations that undertake art projects or begin art programs that benefit the community. Any person, civic group, not-for-profit agency, or private entity will be considered for receiving funds, except for those that would qualify for AFAC funds, those that receive Community Grant funds, and those applicants that have the ability to levy funds.

Citywide Cleanups
The City helps residents clean up personal property by having citywide cleanups the first two weeks in April and again the first two weeks in October. During these cleanups, City crews gather tree trimmings, old furniture, boxes, and old appliances from residential areas that homeowners have placed at the curb for disposal.

Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling
The City’s Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 206 Isabel, accepts common household hazardous waste including paint, fluorescent bulbs, aerosols, antifreeze, and more from Garden City residents free of charge. Electronic waste and recyclable material are accepted at the City’s Recycling Center, 123 J.C. Street.

Community Grant
The Community Grant program is designed to award funds to persons or organizations that undertake projects or begin programs that benefit the entire community or significantly benefit a targeted segment of the population. The Community Grant is intended to award money for projects or programs that would not customarily be funded through the annual City Budget, but serve to meet the identified goals and objectives of the City. Any person, civic group, not-for-profit agency, or private entity will be considered for receiving funds, except for those that would qualify for the AFAC funds, Arts Grant funds, and those applicants that have the ability to levy funds.

Home Insulation Loan
The Home Insulation Loans are interest-free loans provided by the City to homeowners wanting to replace windows, storm doors, insulation, thermostats and attic fans. The purpose of the program is to improve the image of homes and to make them more energy efficient. The maximum loan amount is $1,500 with a down payment of 10% and a maximum term of 60 months.

Neighborhood Revitalization
The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is a tax rebate program for homeowners whose taxes have increased due to a home improvement. Depending on where the home is located, a homeowner may receive a 95% rebate on the difference between the current year and the application year for a seven-year period or a ten-year period. The program is also available to commercial businesses at a rate of 75% for seven or ten years. The project application must be filed within 180 days of permit issuance.
During the summer of 2019, the City Commission adopted its financial guidelines for 2020 by approving a total budget of $123,336,435. The mill levy was set at 38.566, which is slightly higher than the 2019 levy. In 2020, $8,156,601 is expected to be generated by property tax for the City budget. Other revenue sources are sales tax, franchise fees, reimbursements, service charges, and utility user fees. Here are a few items you can expect to see progress on in 2020.

**CITY PROGRAMS**

**Sidewalk/Driveway Approach Program**
The City’s Sidewalk Program is designed to help property owners install new or replace broken sidewalks and driveway approaches. The cost share program is available to both residential and commercial property owners without income qualifications.

**Rent-A-Truck**
The City’s Rent-A-Truck Program assists residents of Garden City in cleaning projects around their property. For a prepaid fee, the City will park a dump truck on the homeowner’s property and pick it up the next business day. This allows homeowners to load debris for the City to haul away for disposal.

**Tree Loan**
The City has a revolving interest-free loan fund to assist homeowners with the removal of dead trees and tree stumps and with the pruning of trees. The maximum loan amount is $1,000 with a maximum loan term of one year. A 10% down payment is required.

**Tree Rebate Program**
The City encourages Garden City residents to plant trees by offering a Tree Rebate Program. Homeowners can purchase two trees per year from a pre-approved tree list from local vendors between April 1-June 1 or September 1-November 30. The City reimburses homeowners for half of the cost of each tree, up to a maximum of $50 per tree.

**LOOKING AHEAD: 2020**

During the summer of 2019, the City Commission adopted its financial guidelines for 2020 by approving a total budget of $123,336,435. The mill levy was set at 38.566, which is slightly higher than the 2019 levy. In 2020, $8,156,601 is expected to be generated by property tax for the City budget. Other revenue sources are sales tax, franchise fees, reimbursements, service charges, and utility user fees. Here are a few items you can expect to see progress on in 2020.
LOOKING AHEAD: 2020

Work will begin after the summer of 2020 on a new pool facility in the same location with an anticipated opening date of Summer 2021 that will coincide with the 100th anniversary of The Big Pool.

Garden City Regional Airport will continue to acquire funding solutions to construct a new terminal.

Lee Richardson Zoo will be building an expanded Animal Health facility to keep up with the veterinary needs of the zoo residents complete with a sterile surgery room, dedicated quarantine space, and treatment space. This project is funded by sales tax passed in November of 2017 and will cost approximately $1.2 million.

The construction for widening Jennie Barker Road from Highway 156 to Schulman Avenue is set to take place in 2020.

The City of Garden City will be undergoing a pay study conducted by McGrath Consulting Group by using an Electronic Evaluation System and Employee Engagement Survey. This study is anticipated to be completed in late 2019 or early 2020.

The Eastside Retention Pond is under design with Jennie Barker Road improvements on the east side of town.

The IT & Communications Department will replace five of the current small uninterruptable power supply (UPS) with two larger UPS to handle extended power outages if they happen. This will enable City services to continue without interruption.

The Service and Finance Department is introducing the Garden City Utilities Customer Portal that will be accessible on the City’s website. This will allow customers more control in monitoring their usage and the ability to set up alerts for usage or billing.

A new flamingo habitat will be built at the east edge of the duck pond with improved year-round viewing and sidewalk access in the northern part of Lee Richardson Zoo. This project is funded by the November 2017 sales tax and will cost approximately $500,000.

Eighth Street from Buffalo Jones Avenue to St. John Street will receive new landscaping and repairs starting in 2020. New trees and flowers will be planted, and repairs to sidewalks and the brick street will be made.

Neighborhood & Development Services will begin spreading the word about participating in the 2020 Census. This will include forming a Complete Count Committee which will assist with gathering increased participation in the community.

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A new, improved habitat for primates will be built in the center of the Lee Richardson Zoo. This new habitat will provide more room for the primates and staff and year-round viewing for zoo guests. This project will be funded by sales tax and Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo and cost approximately $1.6 million.

Construction will begin to widen Kansas Avenue from Third Street to Belmont Place.
Calculating your City property tax may not be as simple as 1+1=2, but it can be figured through a couple of easy steps. You can use this same process to calculate your monthly property tax for each of the local taxing entities identified on the next page.

**Property Tax Value**

**How to calculate your monthly property tax amount**

1. **Start with your residential home’s appraised value.**
   - Appraised Value: $150,000

2. **Then, compute your property’s assessed value.**
   - Assessed Value = Appraised Value × 11.5%
   - $150,000 × 0.115 = $17,250

3. **Next, find your annual property tax rate.**
   - Property Tax Rate = Assessed Value × City mill levy
   - $17,250 × 0.038566 = $665.26

4. **Finally, compute your monthly property tax amount.**
   - Monthly Property Tax Amount = Annual Tax / 12 months
   - $665.26 / 12 months = $55.44

In addition to the City of Garden City, property taxes are levied by Finney County, the State of Kansas, Garden City USD 457, and Garden City Community College. Some residents also pay property taxes to drainage districts. In Garden City, the overall mill levy is 157.285. Of that, 1.500 is levied by the State; 48.482 is levied by the County; 38.566 is levied by the City; 48.841 is levied by USD 457; and 21.386 is levied by GCCC. An estimated $60,518,407 will be generated by local taxing entities in 2020. The graph above shows what is estimated to be collected based on the assessed valuation of each entity.
YOUR CITY

Staying Safe
The general fund also provides for safety and sanitation measures.

- **4,56 minutes** average response time to priority 1 police calls
- **186** acres of parks
- **39** sport fields
- **16,698** rounds of golf
- **101** animal species
- **361** animals
- **16,698** tons gathered during citywide cleanups
- **387** tons recycled
- **836** fire calls answered
- **651** tons gathered during citywide cleanups
- **836** fire calls answered
- **207,229** zoo visitors

YOUR BUDGET

**$123,336,435 total 2020 budget**

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**2020 General Fund Departments**

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**YOUR CITY COMMISSION**

The plan includes proposed major public improvements scheduled through the year 2025.

A few projects included in the CIP are:

- A $2.43 million project to improve Farmland Road from US-50/400 south to the railroad crossing
- Construction of a new $750,000 irrigation system in Valley View Cemetery
- A $2.7 million project to reconstruct Eighth Street between Walnut Street and St. John Street
- Construction of Southeast Park. Phase 1 will include irrigation and landscaping. Phase 2 will be construction of a building, restroom and walking trail.

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**YOUR VOICE**

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**YOUR CITY COMMISSION**

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Interested? The City has several advisory boards that assist in the affairs of the City. Members are appointed by the City Commission and/or County Commission. Ad hoc boards may also be appointed by the City Commission to serve until the need has been met. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please return the application on the next page.
Advisory Boards

Cultural Relations Board
Advises the City Commission on matters related to minority communities within the city, monitors the policies and practices of the City to ensure fair and equitable application, and acts as a resource for inter-cultural awareness, education, and celebration among all people.

Public Utilities Advisory Board
Advises the City Commission with regard to vehicle and pedestrian traffic control on City streets and rights-of-way.

Traffic Advisory Committee
Advises the City Commission with regard to vehicle and pedestrian traffic control on City streets and rights-of-way.

Landmarks Commission
Makes recommendations to the City Commission on historic resources and looks after the architectural and cultural heritage of the community through the preservation of historic landmarks and historic districts. Three members must be part of a preservation-related profession as defined by the National Park Service.

Police/Citizen Board
Studies problems, concerns, policies and programs of the Police Department in an effort to resolve issues and promote a smooth, harmonious relationship between police and public. The board requires one representative each from 12 special interest groups.

I Am Willing to Serve on a Planning or Advisory Board/Committee
Name:
Home phone:
Address:
Work phone:
E-mail address:
Occupation (if employed):
Place of employment:
How long have you been a resident of Garden City?
Describe why you are interested in serving on a board/commission:
Other applicable experience:
Please list the board(s) on which you are interested in serving:

Return This Form to:
City Manager’s Office – Attn: Celyn Hurtado
City Administrative Center
P.O. Box 998
Garden City, KS 67846-0998

Questions? Comments? Contact the City Manager’s Office | 620-276-1160 | CIP@gardencityks.us | www.garden-city.org/cip

Capital Improvement Plan
City of Garden City

Make your opinion heard!
Who decides which roads are improved? What’s the plan for our City parks? Which City facilities need to expand? How can you make a suggestion?

The answers are in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). As one of the most important City documents, the CIP is an inventory of recommended and current projects and major purchases that the City uses to support its services and programs.

The City Commission and City Staff encourage you to begin participating in the CIP process by submitting your suggestions. To do so, complete this form and mail it to the address below or complete it online at www.garden-city.org/cip. You can also send an email to cip@gardencityks.us.

Your suggestions might inspire new projects or influence existing ones. Either way, you’re making a valuable contribution to your community!

If you would like to serve on the citizen committee that reviews all CIP projects, please call the City Manager’s Office at 620-276-1160 to sign up by October 18. The CIP Committee’s first meeting is November 7.

Describe your project/suggestion:

Why is this project necessary or important?

Name and contact information (optional):

Mail completed form to: CIP Public Input, PO Box 998, Garden City, KS 67846

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