



1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton,
and Deneault

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A.** General Overview of the Proposed 2027 General Fund, Library Fund, and Debt Service Fund Budgets, and Proposed 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Vertical and Transportation projects.
Mayor Bacon called the meeting to order.

Jamie Robichaud, Director of Economy, thanked those in attendance for participating in the first budget workshop and introduced Clara Bernauer, Budget Manager, and Kate Messer, Financial Strategy Manager, who presented the proposed 2027 budget.

Ms. Bernauer began by reviewing current economic trends and indicators to provide context for the budget discussion. She then outlined revenue and expenditure trends and summarized several challenges the City may face in the coming years, including potential property tax caps and the loss of sales tax revenue. In addition, she presented an overview of the proposed 2027 budget and highlighted key components. Ms. Bernauer also provided an update on the Property Tax Rebate Program and its impact on the community.

Ms. Messer presented information regarding the debt service fund, the proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and the proposed Library Fund. She also reviewed proposed changes to the CIP and presented a list of current projects.

Ms. Bernauer concluded by outlining the next steps in the 2027 budget process and identifying key upcoming dates for the Council's awareness. She noted that budget documents are available to the public on the City of Olathe website at <https://www.olatheks.gov/government/budget>.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Consideration of Resolution No. 26-1057 of the City of Olathe, Kansas regarding the Governing Body's intent to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter, to approve Resolution 26-1057. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton, and Deneault

- B.** Confirm selection of Aetna for network, medical, and pharmacy claims administration for 2027 through 2031.
Erin Vader, Exceptional Services Director, provided a short overview and update for the Council.

Councilmember Essex asked about the process and Ms. Vader said that after the approval of the letter of understanding, there would be negotiations to finalize the terms of the agreement.

Councilmember Deneault asked about the discount guarantee. Matt Filing with Lockton, provided additional clarification as well as thanking the Council for their thoughts and working through this process.

Mayor Bacon said he hoped employees would have a seamless transition and Ms. Vader said there is a change management team in place to assist with implementation to ensure a seamless transfer.

Councilmember Creighton asked what flexibility would be in place for staff currently in treatment to ensure no lapse of care. Ms. Vader said they would work with staff on a case by case basis.

Motion by Vakas, seconded by Felter to approve a health plan carrier agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bacon, Schoonover, Felter, Vakas, Essex, Creighton,
and Deneault

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Brenda D. Swearingian
City Clerk