



# City of Lansing

10 September 2025  
Citizens' Academy

Presentation by  
Mayor Tony McNeill

# Agenda



INTRODUCTIONS



FORM OF  
GOVERNMENT AND  
GOVERNING BODY



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SERVE: BOARDS AND  
COMMITTEES



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Introductions

# Mayor-Council-Administrator

Tony McNeill  
Mayor

## Ward 4

Pete Robinson  
Councilmember

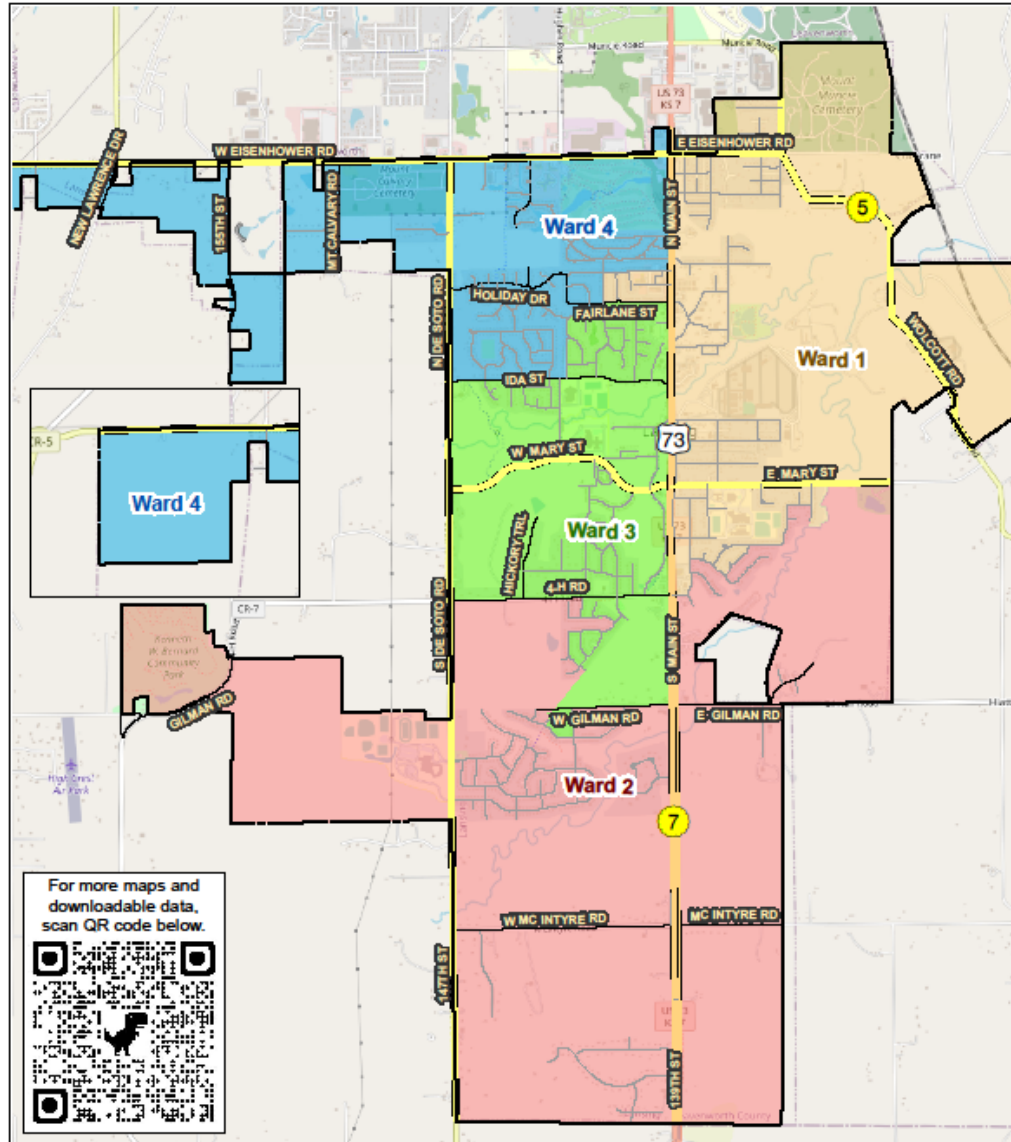
Dan Clemons  
Councilmember

## Ward 3

Jesse Garvey  
Councilmember

Kerry Brungardt  
Councilmember

*Mayor is elected  
at-large; City  
Admin. is a  
Contracted  
Employee*



Legend

Official Ward Map

## Ward 1

Gene Kirby  
Councilmember

Kevin Gardner  
Councilmember

## Ward 2

Jake Kowalewski  
Councilmember

Don Studnicka  
Councilmember

*All elected officials  
hold 4-year terms of  
office/Council is on  
staggering terms  
Currently contested  
City Council races in  
Wards 1, 3, and 4*





# MAYOR'S ROLE

# Mayor's Role

**Legislative Role:** In our City form of Gov't, The Mayor is the leader and the presiding officer of the governing body, but does not have a strong legislative role. The Mayor does have the power to veto ordinances and vote to break ties, but that is about it.

**Presiding Officer:** The Mayor is the presiding officer of Governing Body meetings. The Mayor helps with **Meeting Planning**: Helping to determine the type of meeting required (regular business meeting, working session, special session, committee/ Working Group meeting, **Goal Setting**: Help the Council Set Goals and then keep them focused on those goals throughout the year.

**Rule Enforcement:** Responsible for ensuring the rules of procedure are followed. Must be fair and impartial. Mainly let everyone have a voice (do not cut members off, or just reprimand certain members), and give them time to discuss topics.

**Communications:** One of roles the Mayor has is to help communicate the Governing Body's priorities and vision. Both internally to the citizens of the City, and externally to other stakeholders (other Governing Bodies, Business Prospects, Developers...etc).

# Mayor's Role Con't

**Representative of the City:** Typically represents the City at public events (groundbreaking ceremonies, ribbon cutting, meetings with other representatives of government and/or businesses. These are sometimes shared with the City Administrator, Council President, and other members of the Council.

**Compliance with the Law:** The Mayor is ultimately responsible for ensuring we are running the City's matters in accordance with the Law. For example, meeting notifications under the Kansas Open Meetings Act. The administration of meeting notifications are normally delegated to the City Clerk, but the Mayor will be held responsible.

**Governing Body's Focus:** Community growth, Land use development, Capital improvements and financing, and Strategic planning.

# Major City Projects

## Town Center

- 41 total acres. Previous owners had price of \$250k/acre; City's price is closer to \$80k/acre
- Family EyeCare-1.5 acres
- KCKCC-15 acres, Construction slated for 2027/2028 timeframe
- Retail Prospect Under Contract for 12 acres to Construct 75,000 SF Commercial Retail Center (+3 pad sites)

## Paving & Curb Replacement (CIP)

- \$822,000 spent on repaving roads this summer(recently completed)
- Working to get caught up on crumbling curb issues
- Multiple drainage projects along 4H Road, Sherwood Forrest, KBP Bridge

## Parks & Recreation

- Bernard Park Improvements Completed!
  - *\$4,573,800 paid for by special sales tax approved in 2017*
- Aquatic Center Completed in June 2025!
  - *Approximately a \$7million project*

## Eisenhower Road & K7 Intersection –

- Adds dedicated southbound right-turn lane, dual northbound left turn lanes onto Eisenhower, and adds a dedicated right turn lane north of TSC-Safer & Improved Traffic Flow
- \$1,685,259.30 project (80% covered by KDOT, remainder funded 2/3 Lansing, 1/3 Leavenworth)
- Completed 2023!



# Aquatic Center

On November 8, 2022 Lansing Voters Approved Special Sales Tax For Pool

- Project out to bid late 2023/early 2024. Construction throughout 2024
- Two Waterslides, family slide, climbing wall, lazy river, splash pad, six lap lanes, zero depth entry





# Aquatic Center Grand Opening



# Boards and Committees

(Current Opening on P.R.A.B.)

**Planning Commission:** Voluntary, appointed by the City Council to 3 year terms. Meets Monthly. Members help plan and ensure all residential, commercial, and industrial development complies with the city's platting and zoning policies. Ensures developments are in line with future transportation, Land use and community facilities as laid out in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** Volunteers, appointed by the City Council to 3 year terms. Holds meetings as needed to hear and act upon requests for variances from the City's Zoning Ordinances.

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:** Volunteers, appointed by the City Council to 2 year terms. Meets Monthly. Members oversee the City's Parks and Rec programs and make recommendations to the City Council concerning current and future Parks and Rec programs.

**Lansing Community Library Board:** Volunteers, appointed by the City Council to 4 year terms. Meets Monthly. Members help the Library Director with strategic planning, budgeting and financing, and library programing.

**Tree Board:** Volunteers, appointed by the City Council to 3 year terms. Provides recommendations to the Governing body concerning trees in public areas. Attends City events to promote trees in our community.

# City Information/Stats



# Lansing in 2025

Population	11,239
Square Miles	12.3
Lane Miles of Road	133 (K7/K5 included but maintained by KDOT)
Treatment Plant Capacity	3.2 MGD – 45% capacity
Number of full-time city staff	75 (40 PT/Seasonal)
Budget	\$21 million
Parks	5 (City Park, KBP, Willow Park, Kelly Grove Park, Highland Playground/Park). Angel Falls is part of the Trail System. Aquatic Center to open next summer.

# Lansing Mill Levy & Taxes

Assessed Valuation for 2024: \$120,871,115

	City	County	USD 469	Fire District No. 1	State Mill Levy		Total Mill Levy	City Levy produces
2020	41.554	37.184	58.946	8.920	1.500		148.104	\$3,603,556
2021	41.571	36.946	58.958	8.922	1.500		147.898	\$3,753,166
2022	41.031	36.691	57.371	8.923	1.500		145.516	\$3,979,100
2023	36.448	35.924	57.377	8.925	1.500		140.174	\$3,979,090
2024	32.920	35.924	51.236	8.925	1.500		132.435	\$3,979,097
2025	41.909	37.561	58.188	0	1.500		139.158	\$5,297,075

Property Value x Assessment % (11.5%) x Mill Levy / 1000 = **Property Taxes**

Example: 350,000 x .115 x 132.435 (total Mill Levy) / 1,000 = **\$5,601.11 Total Property Taxes**

City Specific: 350,000 x .115 x 41.909 (City Mill Levy) / 1,000= **\$1,686.84 City Property Taxes**



42¢  
USD 469

30¢  
City of  
Lansing

27¢  
Leavenworth  
County

1¢  
State  
Government

# BREAKING DOWN PROPERTY TAXES

# Challenges/Opportunities

Citizen Desires

➤ Economic Development

➤ Park Improvements

➤ Solid Waste Services

➤ Wastewater Expansion

➤ Streets & Sidewalks

Taxes

Competition

Funding

Debt



# Questions?