

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of July 18, 2022

Upcoming



Question P

VOTE AUGUST 2
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Local Use Tax **Providing for Public Services:
Police, Public Works & Parks**

Endorsed by:



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Generates local revenue Funds essential services Not a double tax

- **Question P: Providing for Public Services** On Aug. 2, Raymore voters will see "City of Raymore Question P" on the ballot. Question P has been endorsed by the [Raymore Chamber of Commerce](#) and was endorsed by the [Raymore Journal](#) this week.

Voter approval of Question P will impose a local use tax of 2.5 percent on the purchase of goods from certain online and out-of-state sellers the same way residents currently pay a 2.5 percent local sales tax on goods purchased at Raymore stores.

Approval of Question P will eliminate the disparity in tax rates collected by local and out-of-state sellers by imposing the same rate on all sellers, while generating revenue to provide essential personnel so the City can continue to provide the high level of service our residents have come to expect.

The City of Raymore's staffing levels for Police, Public Works and Parks personnel fall significantly below the corresponding staffing levels of comparable communities, as well as industry standards.

Voter approval of Question P will generate an estimated \$1.2 million in revenue per year. The revenue will be used to create new positions in those understaffed departments. Current staffing levels are not sustainable in order to maintain current service levels.

Learn more about Question P at www.raymore.com/QuestionP. Have questions about the budget? We invite you to contact us to set up a time to meet and review the City's current budget to learn more about operational expenditures and revenues. Contact Communications Manager Melissa Harmer at mharmer@raymore.com or 816-892-3002.

- **REGISTER today for the Community Conversation, 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle.** Raymore residents, business owners and stakeholders are invited to attend a Community Conversation. We want to hear from you as we plan long-term for Raymore's future. Learn more and RSVP at www.raymore.com/community
- **Movie in the Park: Jurassic Park, tonight at dusk at T.B. Hanna Station, 214 S. Washington St.** Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy complimentary refreshments for a free showing of Jurassic Park! This event is sponsored by the Community Bank of Raymore.



Admin

- Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock and multiple members of the Raymore Police Department participated in the first step of the space needs analysis study and began contemplating future use needs for not only the police department, but for Animal Control and court proceedings.

City Clerk

- The materials for the Raymore City Council meeting on Monday, July 25, have been posted [online](#).

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer gave an update to City Council at Monday's work session on Question P communications information.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer presented information on Question P at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Tuesday.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer shared information about Question P with the Morningview Mens Club at their weekly breakfast. Thank you to Mr. Tom Engert and everyone in attendance for the opportunity to visit with you and for the delicious breakfast!

- The Raymore Arts Commission hosted the Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band at Centerview on Thursday to a full house. Concert goers enjoyed a wonderful performance of several songs by the 50-piece band including Wizard of Oz and Disney medleys, and even joined in on Sweet Caroline. Thank you for a great evening in your final concert of 2022!



- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with the electrical contractor to view the installation of stage lights at the Hawk Ridge Park amphitheater. The Raymore Arts Commission is hosting free concerts at the amphitheater at 7 p.m. on Aug. 4, Sept. 1 and Sept. 30. Learn more at www.raymore.com/arts



Development Services

- The Planning Commission at its July 19, 2022 meeting voted to approve two site plans, [Ascend at Raymore](#) and [Ridgeview Estates](#). The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 2, 2022.
- Economic Development Director Brandon Keller and Development Services Director David Gress attended the monthly Board meeting of the Raymore Chamber of Commerce.
- Building Official Jon Woerner and South Metro Fire Marshall Brett Palmer conducted a site tour of a Southern Glazer's facility in Lawrence, KS to learn more about the tenant finish work occurring in Building 1 of the [Raymore Commerce Center](#). Southern Glazer's has started interior work to build out their future Missouri distribution hub, located here in Raymore!

Human Resources

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur met with an auditor from Cowell James Forge Insurance Group to prepare for the annual Workers Comp audit.

Parks & Recreation

- An early reminder that Centerview and the Raymore Activity Center (RAC) are polling sites for the Tuesday, Aug. 2, Missouri primary election. All parks and recreation activities, classes, camps, and programs have been canceled for that

day. **Summer Camp** at the RAC and **The Raymore Farmers Market** will **not** be held on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs met with electrical contractors installing new stage lighting at the amphitheater.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs met with summer camp supervisors and Recreation Coordinator Corinne Harkins at the RAC.
- Assistant Recreation Coordinator Emily Bond noted great attendance at the [Snack & Splash](#) event at the Variety KC Inclusive Sprayground at T.B. Hanna Station. Over 250 park goers enjoyed free root beer floats! Local food truck, The Jiggy Pig, was onsite and made for an exciting fun afternoon in the park!



- The [Raymore Summer Camp](#) "Blasted Off" to an out-of-this-world experience. The space and science theme week included creating individual space books, talks about astronaut training, building rockets and creating LEGO moon rovers! A trip to Science City at Union Station was the highlight of the week where campers participated in science experiments and listened to presentations about space!



- Through a sponsorship with [McCarthy Chevrolet of Lee's Summit](#), Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon will receive a \$500 donation to the department in an on-the-field check presentation at Kauffman Stadium before the start of the [Kansas City Royals](#) baseball game Friday, July 22. Raymore Parks and Recreation was provided an allotment of tickets for tonight's game that were dispersed amongst the participants of the Raymore Parks and Recreation Baseball & Softball programs.
- [Dinosaurs](#) are running free at T.B. Hanna Station on Friday, July 22, with the premier showing of Jurassic Park brought to you by the [Community Bank of Raymore](#). Free movie begins at dusk. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy complimentary popcorn and drinks!

Police

- The Raymore Police Department welcomes back John Keltner who will be joining us again as a police officer.
- Capt. Aly Abdelgawad assisted the Belton Police Department with a promotional process for the



positions of Lieutenant, Sergeant and Corporal.

- Courtney Langston, from the new Compass Crisis Access Point that is opening in Raymore, attended shift change for both rotations of Patrol to discuss and answer questions about the new facility.
- Officer Stephanie Hornbeck and Capt. Aly Abdelgawad attended the Mid America Crisis Intervention Team Council meeting via Zoom.
- On Wednesday, Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Cass County ESB meeting and the PSAP Supervisor's Meeting in Harrisonville.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman made a number of visits to the gyms who trained first responders who boxed in Guns N Hoses.
- Deputy Chief Jim Wilson attended a recruit luncheon meeting at the Central Missouri Police Academy in Warrensburg.
- Deputy Chief Jim Wilson attended the Rotary meeting in Raymore.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart, Captain Roger Mayberry, Deputy Chief Jim Wilson, Chief Jan Zimmerman and Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock met with representatives from Hoefel Welker to discuss the department space needs analysis.

Public Works

Engineering

- Staff continues to work on Zone 2 curb evaluation.
- Installation of sewer lines on Edgewater 9th and Timber Trails 3rd continued this week.
- The repairs to the crosswalk at Skyline Drive and 58 Highway were completed.

Operations and Maintenance

- 13 City Hall Work Orders
- 9 Driveway Inspections
- 2 Final ROW Inspections
- 171 Locates
- 20 Service Requests
- 8 Sewer Inspection
- 5 Sidewalk Inspection
- 4 Water Taps
- 1 Curb Inspection
- Activated new water meters
- Uploaded and entered annual backflow reports
- Mowed and weedeated stations
- Pulled bi-monthly water sample
- Stocked water supply room with tap material
- Fleet maintenance

- Concrete inspections
- Picked up another pallet of concrete for curb patching
- Completed three concrete service requests
- Patched a total of 308 feet of curbs on Johnston Parkway, Lakeview Drive and Indian Grass Way
- Began preparation for paint striping
- Completed water service requests
- Maintenance on A/C unit at Owen Good Lift Station