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2015-2016 Budget: What You Need to Know

On June 12, 2015, the City of Riverside Board of Aldermen passed the 2015-2016 annual budget, which went into effect on July 1. Here's how it breaks down.

1. The City balanced the budget

	Amount		Amount
Gaming Revenue	\$ 10,150,000	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,267,000
TIF from Horizons	5,965,000	Contractual Services	4,018,800
Other	5,462,000	Equipment	283,500
Reserve Funds	1,257,000	Capital Improvement	5,374,700
Total Revenues	✓ \$22,834,000	Debt Service	6,890,000
		Total Expenditures	✓ \$22,834,000

The City analyzed revenue sources and carefully cut costs in order to provide a source of funding for necessary expenditures. The outcome is a balanced, fiscally sound budget that will allow the City to operate in a stable environment using the funds we have today, without sacrificing the attributes that make Riverside great.

2. The City will invest in public safety, infrastructure

The 2015-2016 budget includes expenditures to enhance public safety and maintain infrastructure. It provides funding for a new police dog, replacing Nero, who after 9 years retired. The Board approved a 2% overall merit increase for employees based on performance.

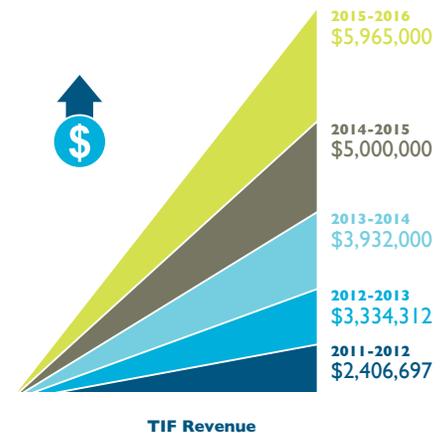
VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT

- 3 Police Cars
- Public Works Trucks
- Computer Equipment
- 3 Mowers
- Animal Control Truck

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES

- Old Public Safety Building Maintenance
- Improvements to 50th Street
- Other Infrastructure Maintenance
- Horizons Expansion
- Downtown Improvements
- Jumping Branch Trail

3. TIF revenue from Horizons is up



Thanks to continued development within Horizons, tax revenue has increased \$3.5 million per year since 2012. TIF revenues allow the City to be repaid for Horizons development costs.

VIEW THE ENTIRE BUDGET ONLINE AT RIVERSIDEMO.COM/FINANCE/MUNICIPAL-BUDGET

Budget Overview

Thoughts from Mayor Rose

THE NEW OPERATING BUDGET was easily and unanimously passed by our board in early June for implementation from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. In this newsletter issue, you'll learn how our revenues and expenses

will be distributed and managed. I am extremely pleased that the debt service in Horizons is being completely covered by the TIF (tax increment financing) revenue we receive from that area. We have re-aligned management positions throughout

City staff, and are running a very lean and efficient operation. With that said, for a small town, we continue to devote an impressive amount of our resources to staff and services in police, fire and public works. The Board truly believes that these amenities are important to the health, welfare and safety of our community.

I commend the Board and the entire organization on their willingness to be proactive and address issues and challenges before something may arise that could negatively impact our quality of life here in Riverside. And, I thank the citizens who participate in our ETC surveys. It is a wonderful guiding tool that helps us identify, plan and direct your desires in order to make Riverside a great place to work, live and play.



In Case of Emergency 5 Easy Ways to Prepare Your Pet

To millions of animal owners nationwide, pets are important members of the family. When a fire, flood, or tornado strikes, they too are affected. The key to their survival? A plan. Here are five things to do now:

- 1 IDENTIFY A SHELTER** Call your local office of emergency management and ask about shelters in your area that allow pets in the event of an evacuation. If not, track down a pet-friendly safe place for your family and pets.
- 2 PACK A PET "GO KIT"** Include pet food, bottled water, medications, veterinary records, cat litter/pan, manual can opener, food dishes, first aid kit and other supplies.
- 3 UPDATE YOUR PET'S ID** Make sure identification tags are up-to-date and securely fastened to your pet's collar. Attach the address and/or phone number of your evacuation site if possible.
- 4 PROTECT YOUR PET IN A DISASTER** Animals often isolate themselves if they are afraid. Bring them indoors before bad weather strikes, and keep them close to you in an emergency. Monitor pets closely; anxiety can cause them to act irrationally.
- 5 KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PET AFTER AN EMERGENCY** Normally quiet and friendly pets may become aggressive or defensive, so watch them closely. Leash dogs and place them in a fenced yard with access to shelter and water. Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your pet may become confused and lost.



For more information, visit Ready.gov; get the ASPCA App (App Store or Google Play) or visit Riversidemo.com/EmergencyManagement and click "Public Education."

F/PAL & Argosy Coat Drive

Now through August 30

Riverside F/PAL and Argosy Casino have partnered to help those in need stay warmer this winter. New and gently used coats will be gratefully accepted at the Riverside Public Safety Lobby, Riverside Community Center and Argosy Casino Hotel Lobby. To learn more, call 816-741-3993.



RIVERSIDE MUSIC FEST

SEPT. 19 3-10 PM FREE!
AT E.H. YOUNG RIVERSIDE PARK

FEATURING



Hit songs include:
"What I Like About You"
and "Talking In Your Sleep"

Kid's Activities • Shopping • Food & Drink • Fireworks
www.RiversideFest.com



NO PARKING AT PARK.

FREE SHUTTLE and parking from PARK HILL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

F/PAL Skate Party

Tuesday, August 25
6:30-8:30pm

River Roll Skate Center



City Calendar

August 4

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

August 10

Tourism Commission, 6pm

August 13

Planning & Zoning, 6:30pm

August 18

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

August 27

Planning & Zoning, 6:30pm

Water Quality Update

The City's recent trail projects have been designed to take advantage of recreational opportunities in Line Creek, including fishing, wading and swimming. Unfortunately, recent water samples have shown elevated levels of the E. coli bacteria in Line Creek. **At this time, people should not wade or swim in the creek.** Kansas City Water Services is currently monitoring the creek to determine possible sources of contamination. Kansas City and Riverside staff are working together to resolve this problem as quickly as possible. Questions? Contact Mike Duffy, Riverside City Hall, at 816-741-3993.

Did You Know?

... In the first 6 months of 2015, your Police Department:

- Answered 2,086 calls for service
- Wrote 1,598 reports
- Investigated 346 crimes
- Arrested 15 people for drunk driving





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Need a job?

Many Riverside and Platte County companies are now hiring. For job postings visit plattecountyedc.com/work

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR



The YMCA offers fitness classes and league play to members every week at the Riverside Community Center. The full schedule is available online at www.RiversideMo.com. Note: Membership is now required: Call 816-741-4172 with questions.

SU, 1-5pm
and **M/T/W/TH, 2-5pm**
Open Gym

M/W/F, 8-9:30pm
Aerobic, Toning, Yoga

M/TH/F, 10-11am
Line Dance & Weights

M/W, 9:30-10:15am
Tai Chi for Arthritis

M/W, 10:30-11:15am
Advanced Tai Chi

M/W, 12:15-1pm
Express Strength

M/W, 4:15-5pm
HIIT

M/W, 5:15-6pm
Yoga

M, 6:30-7:30pm
Zumba

T, 12:15-1pm
Core

T/TH, 8-9am
Zumba

T/TH, 8:30-9:15am
Intermediate Tai Chi

T/TH, 9:15-10am
Tai Chi for Beginners

T/TH, 10-11am
Silver Sneakers Classic

T/TH, 5-7pm
Pickelball

T/TH, 6-7pm
R.I.P.P.E.D

T/TH, 6-7pm
Tai Chi for Beginner

M/T/W/TH, 2-5pm
Open Gym Basketball

W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

W, 6:30-7:30pm
Zumba Kids

TH 12:15-1pm
Yoga

T/TH, 11am-3pm
Hand and Foot Card Game
No YMCA Membership Required

2nd & last Monday of the month
Senior Dances, 1-3pm
No YMCA Membership Required