Metropolitan Area Planning Department

Mission: Provide professional planning services to the community regarding land use, public facilities, and infrastructure needs.

Overview

The Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) provides planning services for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County regarding land use, public facilities, and infrastructure needs. The MAPD makes recommendations to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, City Historic Preservation Board, City/County Board of Zoning Appeals, the City Council, and the County Commission. Most of the applications or processes administered by MAPD are mandated by local resolutions or state mandates.

The MAPD develops plans and policies as requested by its governing bodies, provides processes for community engagement in the development of those plans and policies, and provides strategies, tools, and processes for implementation. The MAPD administers requests for changes in land use, creation of subdivision plats, and the review of variances to the zoning and sign code.

Highlights

- Implemented a customer service center in the Ronald Reagan Building where citizens can talk to a planner any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays
- Completed the departmental reorganization by hiring four new professional planners to replace retiring staff

Strategic Goals:

- Develop and implement plans and policies, as requested by the governing bodies, on time and within budget
- Provide processes for community engagement to the satisfaction of the governing bodies
- Provide timely and efficient amendments of the Unified Zoning Codes as directed by the governing bodies
Accomplishments and Priorities

Accomplishments
The “Community Investments Plan” was adopted in January 2016, and the process of implementing the plan has begun. The MAPD is efficiently working through current land use cases and issues and implementing the goals of the new “Community Investments Plan” through current land use planning practices. The Department is also working on providing more adjustments for land use issues while trying to minimize the amount of time and the number of cases required to go through the public hearing process. This is an attempt to streamline reviews. The Department continues to be an active participant in the planning for and revitalization of Downtown Wichita. Additionally, the MAPD has become more paperless in its agenda and packets.

Strategic Results
Strategic results for MAPD include completing plans and policies on time and within budget, ensuring the governing bodies’ satisfaction with the available processes for community participation, and ensuring the governing bodies’ satisfaction with the tools and processes provided to implement plans and policies. The 2018 estimated and 2019 projected measures for all three strategic results is 95.0 percent. MAPD is able to measure the governing bodies’ satisfaction through annual surveys of elected officials.

Significant Budget Adjustments
Significant adjustments to the Metropolitan Area Planning Department’s 2019 budget include an increase of $12,500 to maintain funding at an even split between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita as required by the Interlocal Agreement.
## Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

Increase in contractual amount to maintain a 50/50 funding split with the City of Wichita

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### Budget Summary by Program

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