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Representative-Elect Jamie Johnson
Senator Luetkemeyer

Dear Representative Elect Johnson & Senator Luetkemeyer,

Congratulations on your election. We appreciate your commitment to representing your constituents – a large portion which reside in Parkville. We look forward to working with you in 2023 and would like the opportunity to lay out the needs and priorities of our city.

The City of Parkville has prioritized Organizational Excellence, Infrastructure Improvements, Quality Development, Parks and Recreation, Communications (resident engagement and transparency) and Public Safety in 2023. We have both major infrastructure projects in the hopper, as well as major staffing issues, especially in public safety, that the City needs to address in 2023. We are hopeful you can help our city address these issues, both as a legislator and as our representative to the State of Missouri.

The state is a vital resource for both ongoing state and federal program dollars, as well as the one-time infusion of federal funding from the ARPA, IIJA, IRA and other targeted programs. Based on current assessments from the Missouri Municipal League, we see several opportunities where federal allocations, state authorizations and our priorities are synchronized and we request your support for funding from these various sources including:

- Federal and State Department of Transportation funding to establish a quiet zone for the railroad that bisects our downtown business district. This project will improve transportation safety in accordance with Federal Railroad Administration objectives, support Department of Transportation Vision Zero objectives, and establish an improved economic recovery environment consistent with both ARPA and IIJA objectives.
- Federal and State funding to expand public safety capacity to include funding for additional officers in accordance with ARPA priorities and allocations, creation of a police substation that will support the growing western portion of our city, and deployment of required (but unfunded due to cost) advanced technologies consistent with federal and state FirstNet deployment guidance.
- Federal and State funding to support additional technology deployments consistent with the Office of Broadband Development, which is included with the Department of Economic Development. These \$265 million dedicated ARPA dollars were prioritized to rural regions in 2022, and Parkville's needs were included in the Mid-America Regional Council's products at the end of the year. With four years remaining in the allocation schedule from the Federal Government, Parkville would request approximately \$2 million to complete broadband deployments in areas not likely to be supported by industry, including Bell Road where we have a significant digital divide issue, and Main Street/English Landing Park/Platte Landing Park, which will have a significant economic development impact.
- A project of major priority is the continuing redevelopment of Highway 9, one of two major thoroughfares through our community. Not only will this require federal transportation dollars, but also MoDOT assistance in meeting match requirements. We have been informed that the next

phase of 9 Highway in Parkville is slated for some grant allocation funds in 2026 – final approval is scheduled in January 2023; however, in order to proceed with this project the city will need matching funds. Accordingly, the city is adding the Use Tax to the April 2023 ballot. The Board of Aldermen are designating those dollars be used, if approved, specifically for capital improvements and infrastructure. The city of Parkville asks for your support of this ballot measure so that we may leverage city funds responsibly and effectively for this project.

- Another important project relates to connectivity within the city of Parkville: sidewalks along Bell Road. This is another project where we have been informed grant funding is slated to be approved for this important project (January 2023); yet again, the city has no matching funds to leverage for this important project. As listed above, this is the perfect example of how Use Tax dollars could be used to assist with transportation/connectivity, and we ask for your support of this ballot measure.
- The city continues to work with the Corps of Engineers (CoE) on the wetland grant project at Platte Landing Park. While we continue communications with the CoE, as well as the Department of Conservation, reaching a resolution on the wetland project may require your assistance as we hold the CoE accountable for mismanagement of the development, creation and inferior maintenance of the related contracts. We would be happy to meet with you to further explain this very detailed project.
- Earlier this year, a major asset for the City, our farmers market, was destroyed when hit twice by large trucks. We are now in the process of planning for its replacement. While insurance will help pay for some of this, it will not cover all of the costs. Assistance from federal or state parks and recreation funds would be of tremendous help.
- Additional specific needs that might be addressed with state or federal funds.

Thank you for your representation of our community and we look forward to working together to improve our community. In addition, the City of Parkville remains at your disposal throughout this session to provide support and information about the local impact of pending legislation or opportunities. We are open to working with State leaders to be a center of innovation if the State needs to test an idea, policy or technology that will meet our strategic goals for Organizational Excellence or Infrastructure deployments.

Best Wishes,

Mayor Dean