

RESOLUTION NO. 210070

Directing the City Manager to issue separate Requests for Proposals for the conversion to more efficient and cost-effective LED technology for streetlights and City-owned building lighting.

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the City is facing a serious operating deficit that directly impacts its General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the latest financial analysis projects substantial shortfalls in some traditionally key revenue sources and points to the need for further budgetary costs and revenue generating initiatives; and

WHEREAS, despite salary savings and extraordinary efforts to cut expenditures by City departments there is still a need for additional permanent savings; and

WHEREAS, the acute negative effects of the current economic crisis facing the City calls for creative and innovative approaches and strategies that can help maintain adequate levels of service without sacrificing citizen satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, cost-saving measures must be implemented as soon as possible so their benefits can be realized and felt before even more drastic budget cuts are needed; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of streetlights and City buildings lighting to more energy efficient LED technology can save the City millions of dollars annually in energy and maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, conversion to LED technology will result in enhanced energy efficiency in City-owned buildings and a much more cost-effective streetlight system; and

WHEREAS, the conversion to LED lighting will result in savings that can help reduce the need for more difficult budget cuts including reducing the City's work force; and

WHEREAS, LED technology has a direct benefit on the City's sustainability efforts and improved lighting has additional benefits that include but are not limited to, a reduction in crime, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Manager is directed to issue separate Requests for Proposals for the conversion to more efficient and cost-effective LED technology for streetlights and City-owned building lighting within 30 days of the passage of this Resolution.

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