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Manager Schulte submits FY2014-15 budget to Mayor James, announces public budget hearing schedule

As required by the City Charter, City of Kansas City, Mo., City Manager Troy Schulte today delivered his FY2014-15 Submitted Activity Budget to the Office of the Mayor. The Submitted Activity Budget, along with Manager Schulte's transmittal letter, can be found online at http://www.kcmo.org/idc/groups/citymanager/documents/citymanagersoffice/submittedbudget_fy http://www.kcmo.org/idc/groups/citymanager/documents/citymanagersoffice/submittedbudget_fy http://www.kcmo.org/idc/groups/citymanager/documents/citymanagersoffice/submittedbudget_fy http://data.kcmo.org, which lets the public review the budget by line item detail. This is the second year the City posted the budget on the open data catalog.

"I appreciate the strategic thinking of the city manager and Finance staff that went into putting together this first draft of the budget," said Mayor Sly James. "I personally participated in meetings in which I was able to observe the thoughtful and expert deliberations that form the basis of this budget. Over the past couple of years the Council, the manager and I have worked diligently to put policies in place to ensure the City's long-term fiscal health is sound and to produce a five-year financial plan. Because of those efforts the City is in better shape, but we will need to make some tough decisions this year. Moving forward, I encourage our residents to give us feedback understanding that, much like their own budgets, funding is scarcer than our needs and wants."

"The 2014-15 budget will require further belt-tightening in all City operations, but basic services will be maintained and the City will comprehensively fund its current pension obligations while saving hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 30 years in long-term financial obligations," City Manager Schulte said.

The City's Finance and Audit Committee will hold a series of three public budget hearings next month. City Council members and staff will present information and listen to public input on the FY2014-15 Submitted Activity Budget.

2014-2015 Public Budget Hearings

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to noon KCPD Shoal Creek Police Academy (auditorium) 6885 N.E. Pleasant Valley Road, Kansas City, MO 64119

Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. to noon Robert J. Mohart Multi-Purpose Center (auditorium) 3200 Wayne Ave., Kansas City, MO 64109

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to noon KCPD South Patrol Division (use main entrance) 9701 Marion Park Drive, Kansas City, MO 64137

Any person with a disability who desires reasonable accommodation to attend these meetings may contact the City's 311 Call Center at 311 or 816-513-1313, or for TTY, 816-513-1889.

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