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UNIVERSITY CITY RELEASES PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo., Feb. 28, 2012—The City of University City has released its proposed budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, beginning June 30, 2012. The proposed budget projects a \$441,583 surplus.

Under the proposed budget, U City residents will see no reduction in city services and no increase in real estate taxes. Funding increases are proposed for the Police and Fire Departments. Additional funding also will be proposed for U City in Bloom to provide city-wide beautification efforts. To provide additional opportunities for area youth, funding also will be increased for City Hall Summer Youth Programs.

The 2012-2013 proposed budget will not provide for cost-of-living wage increases for city employees. Costs also will be allocated to allow for the City to share a grant writer with the University City School District.

Challenges to the 2012-2013 budget include a declining city population that contributes to a per capita revenue reduction of approximately \$400,000 per year. Additional costs also must be allocated to help repair aging sidewalks and streets and to help ensure ADA-compliance for sidewalks and curbs. The budget also proposes additional maintenance for trees and forestry.

The complete 2012-2013 proposed budget was presented to the City Council at the February 27 meeting.

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