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1. Yes or no, do you agree that there should be no significant new traffic introduced into the Colonial Hills neighborhood? How will you ensure this in the future?

I love the Colonial Hills neighborhood. My wife and I purchased our first house in Worthington in Colonial Hills. We lived on Colonial Ave. from 1992 to 1996. I agree that there should be no significant new traffic introduced into the Colonial Hills neighborhood. I do not want any significant new traffic introduced in ANY area of Worthington. However, I cannot ensure that this will never happen in the future. I cannot ensure this because if there is development surrounding Colonial Hills that is needed to ensure that Worthington is financially stable that could potentially increase traffic in the area, I would possibly support the development. No one likes development or traffic close to where they live but it is needed for Worthington to survive without raising taxes.

1. What improvements to Colonial Hills do you propose?

Improvements to Colonial Hills such as road and sidewalk repair/replacement, park upgrades and water/sewer repair are done on a schedule as recommended by the City engineering and Parks and Recreation departments. Worthington Parks are typically upgraded on a 20 – 25 years cycle. Worthington has significant financial needs for its EXISTING parks and the thought of purchasing a new park would only be more detrimental to the repair/replacement schedule for Worthington's existing parks.

I do not propose any improvements to Colonial Hills but would propose the improvements if brought to me by a resident.

1. How do you propose to upgrade the water system in Worthington?

The water/sewer system in Worthington has a scheduled repair/replacement system in place with funding in the capital budget. I would follow the recommendations of the city engineer. I would welcome to hear from any Worthington residents regarding any water/sewer issues in Worthington. I would also suggest that if residents have concerns, they attend a city council meeting to let council know of their concerns. Here is a link to Worthington's Capital budget.

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4. How would you diversify and stabilize the revenue stream in the City of Worthington?

Worthington City Council needs to provide as much support as possible to the Economic Development Department to attract and maintain businesses in Worthington to grow our income tax revenue. Worthington has become a more difficult place to do business. Issue 38 increased the waiting period for zoning appeals from 30 to 60 days. It is my understanding that this is part of the delay in the construction of the "Worthington Gateway project (Holiday Inn development)." The city needs to continue to provide economic incentives to bring new businesses to Worthington.