MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2024
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:
The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Present were committee members, Jamie Booker-Norman, Ken Copeland, Trevor Frerer, Lori Haun, Nathan Mordica, Fred Osborn, Todd Patterson, and Greg Wilkerson. Absent: Charles McGrew. Motion by Fred Osborn second by Greg Wilkerson to excuse Charlie. Motion passed. City Staff present Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Dan Johnson, Public Works Director; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Richard Pearson, Police Chief; Assistant Police Chief, Brian Lewis and Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Fred Osborn second by Todd Patterson to approve the November 15, 2023, minutes. Motion passed.

Leslie stated the reports would be done in reverse order; to allow for people to attend to prior obligations.

Review sales tax collections and projects: Reports #3 and 4: Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax: Finance Director Leslie Haase distributed reports outlining the revenues and expenditures for the parks and storm water sales tax.

Phase I has been completed.

Report #3: Phase II: Park's stormwater: No more revenue coming in; we did have some costs; $34,911.60 on the parks side, with just under $1.3 million remaining. On the storm water side, we spent $111,316, with just over $1.1 million left in projects. We are expecting to role money into phase III.

Report #3: Phase III: For Parks we collected $609,469 in sales tax, we spent $148,797.54, we still have over $22.5 million in projects. On the storm water side we collected $498,656.86, we spent $224,960.37 and have over $18.8 million in projects remaining.

Report #4: Parks Projects: Leslie stated this report shows the remaining Parks projects, the two trails; Tin Cup Trail and Grand Falls Trail.

Report#4: Storm Water Projects: The three projects remaining are ditch & culvert improvements, Connecticut between 32nd & 35th, ditch & culvert improvements, Connecticut between 35th & 37th and channel improvements, Canterbury ditch 3rd to 7th was completed this quarter; meaning we finished paying all the bills.

Parks & Stormwater Projects: Finance Director Leslie Haase stated that on the parks side; nothing completed this quarter. On the storm water side, we did finish the automated gate arms at Murphy low water bridge.

¼ Cent Parks/Storm water Summary: Detail that goes along with Parks side of the project. The blue highlights show the projects that are remaining.

Parks Report:
Report 6: Leslie Haase presented this report in Paul's absence.

Tin Cup Trail: Public Works is working on this project.

Low Water Bridge to Grand Falls Trail: Public Works is working on this project.

Athletic Complex Improvements(playground): As mentioned in our last report this project is underway. Unfortunately, it was put on hold to finish other projects. The anticipated completion date will be early Spring 2024.

Proposition Action: We have received both park Ranger trucks. They have both been wrapped with the park Ranger logo and information. We are waiting for the light package and other accessories. They are currently being driven.

Ewert Pak Splash Park w/Ice Ribbon: Contract with Olsson Studio has been approved and our first kickoff meeting was scheduled for Friday, February 16th with our stakeholders. Will be starting our community engagement and design phase next. Other Park improvements include basketball court, amphitheater, kiosk & interpretative, signage, security lighting and cameras and playground updates.

Overlay/Resurface Sports Courts: We are looking at resurfacing tennis courts at the Joplin Athletic complex. This project has not started.

Dover Outdoor Recreation Area Bicycle Park (DORA): We received five RFQ proposals and selected SWT Design to complete this project. We are taking this contract to City Council on Tuesday, February 20th for approval.

Installation of Security Lighting & Cameras in 10 Parks: There will be ten parks that will see security lighting upgrades and the addition of security cameras. Mercy Park will see an additional 38 lights that mirror the lights that exist there now. This will complete the western loop and the bottom area of the park. This contract was approved and awarded to Joplin Industrial Electric in the amount of $154,660. The Ewert Splash Park project will also see new security lighting and cameras. This project will determine what lights and cameras go into the other parks.

Electrical Improvement at Mercy Park: Along with the additional lighting we also are installing electrical outlets in each light pole along with three event panels. This will provide enough power for future events held in this park. This was approved and awarded to Joplin Industrial Electric in the amount of $211,066.

Park Beautification Park Entryway Sign (5 parks): This project was awarded to Sign Designs and approved by City Council on November 6th, new signage at these parks.

Senator Ron Richard memorial Park (2) formally known as Campbell Parkway
Schifferdecker Park (1)
McClelland Park (1)
McIndoe Park (1)
Wildcat Park (1)

Trail Wayfinding: We are in the process of submitting a proposal for the Recreation Trails Grant. This grant will help with amenities to the trails in our park system. Trail/Park wayfinding signage is part of this proposal.

Storm water Report:
Report 9: Dan Johnson presented the storm water report; totals are as follows:

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: Personnel 57%, operations 61%, projects 60%, over all we are at 58%.

Ditch Maintenance Totals- 11.40miles of ditch maintenance, 583 catch basins were cleaned and over 380 miles of street sweeping.

Major storm water project status:
Project Name:

Ditch & Culvert Improvements: Connecticut between 32nd & 35th and 35th & 37th. This project has been integrated into the Connecticut widening project with Right-of-Way acquisition having been completed and utility relocation is complete. Contractor has begun construction as of 11/6/2023.

Canterbury Ditch: 3rd to 7th, construction agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. started construction 2/15/23. The project is complete.

ARPA Stormwater Grant Project: Nine sites where stormwater infrastructure will be improved: This grant funds 3 out of 6 previously "unfunded" projects. Grant $5 million with local funding $3,676,000. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026. Design and right-of-way in 2023 and construction from 2024-2026.

a. Texas Ave.-11th -15th
b. 26th Street Twin Culverts
c. 5th & Porter
d. 17th & Annie Baxter Ave.
e. Valley Street and Division
f. 9th Street & St. Louis Ave
g. 12th & Wall Ave
h. Massachusetts & Murphy Blvd
i. Ten Pin Lane

Status: Design is underway. The project sites are divided between Group A and Group B construction contracts. A public meeting was held on Feb. 6, 2024, for the Group A sites. The meeting was well-attended. The consultant is working to address the comments and concerns in an appropriate manner. Design of the Group A sites is currently slated for completion in the Spring; Group B, in the Fall of 2024.

Sunnyvale Improvements & I-44 culvert Phase I: The existing storm water collection system in Sunnyvale is undersized and conveys stormwater down streets. Project scheduled for later in the program.

Report #7, 8, 9 & 10:
Capital Improvement Sales Tax: Finance Director Leslie Haase presented:
Financials: Report #7, Phase I: No new revenue coming in, nor did we have any expenditures.

Report #8: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase I: Existing traffic signal upgrades is the only remaining project.

Report #9: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase II: We have collected $1,662,189 in sales tax, we spent $1,099,782 and still have almost $24 million in projects remaining.

Report#10: Capital Improvement II Projects: No projects completed this quarter.

C.I.S.T II-(2015-2025) Project Status:
Completed Projects: Maiden Lane R/R crossing, 20th & Murphy realignment, Intersections of 32nd and Connecticut, 32nd and Main and 32nd and Indiana-MODOT projects, these are complete and open to traffic, as well as I-44 Overpass and two bridges (Jackson Ave and Zora bridge over Turkey Creek).

CIP Master Plan: RFQ for engineering services was advertised on January 29th to develop a CIP Master Plan, with qualification submittals due on February 17th. Responses will be reviewed and scored by selection committee prior to meeting with selected consultant to discuss scope and negotiate contract. Consultant's scope will include providing the city with a comprehensive list of proposed projects for possible inclusion in the next Capital Improvements Program. Received one response to the RFQ from Olsson. Agreement has been approved by City Council and executed by the city. Kickoff meeting was held in early August. List of potential projects has been presented to City Council, and top projects have been scored by Council. Results of scoring presented to Council on 11/13. Awaiting council authorization to form Citizen's Committee. Citizen's committee presented list of proposed projects to Council. Council has approved final project list to go before voters in the April election.

Facilities Master Plan: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services was advertised on February 5th to develop a City of Joplin Facilities Master Plan, with qualification submittals due on February 23rd. Received one response to the RFQ from the team of SFS Architecture and Corner Greer and Associates. Response was reviewed and scored by selection committee prior to meeting with consultant to discuss scope and negotiate contract. Agreement with SFS Architecture has been approved by City Council and executed by the city. Consultant will assess City owned and maintained facilities and will also provide recommendations for required maintenance staffing and annual maintenance budget for the facilities as well. Interviews with City departments have been conducted by SFS and Corner Greer staff for the Justice Center Facility and City Hall. Gordian was on site the week of July 18th to perform an assessment of the City's facilities. Gordian has provided the facilities assessment report and has presented the report to City council. SFS has presented seven different conceptual options with estimated costs for the Justice Center to department heads as well as City Council. Two revised options for Justice Center to be presented to Council on 11/13. Council just approved moving forward with final option (option 10) for a new Justice Center Facility.

Current projects:
4th & Murphy Intersection/Signal Improvements: Project to review existing intersection design and traffic signals. Public meeting was held July 22. Amendment to work authorization with Olsson went before City Council on November 21st to add beautifications elements to the project. Design 90% complete. Plans have been distributed to utility companies for review. Working with Liberty Utilities on pole relocation options. Anticipate bidding project in the Spring of 2024.

Roadway - 32nd Street -Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Phase 1.1, from Schifferdecker to the Westberry entrance is substantially complete and has been opened to traffic. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Only have a few minor items to complete on side roads. Project will be completed and closed soon.

Roadway- 32nd Street- Country Club to Central City Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Phase 1.1, from Schifferdecker to the Westberry entrance is substantially complete and has been opened to traffic. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Only have a few minor items to complete on side roads. Project will be completed and closed soon.

Neighborhood Transportation Improvement:
20th Street Crosswalk at Joplin High School-Concrete refuge island installed along with ADA ramps on each side for a new crosswalk with flashing notification signs to serve Joplin High School students and other pedestrians crossing 20th Street near Sunny Jim Park.

Street surface repair:
Annual Mill & Overlay-2024 annual overlay project will be bid this spring.

Intersection Improvements:
Connecticut & 32nd Street to I-44 Overpass: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Met with property owners for input on project. Selection process for an Engineering Consultant complete. Project is in R/W phase and a second public meeting was held for public comment on the design. Final R/W plans have been received and are currently being reviewed by City staff. Work authorization for final design with Bartlett and West has been executed. Additional public meeting held on 2/23. Construction contract has been awarded to D&E Plumbing. Held public meetings with the contractor and residents on October 26th. Contractor started work the week of 11/6. Tree removal and clearing operations completed. Contractor is installing storm sewer system along the east side of Connecticut.

Connecticut Avenue from I-44 Overpass to 44th Street: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing and Heating out of Nixa. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Finalizing project closeout.

44th St. from Range Line to Connecticut: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing out of Nixa. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Finalizing project closeout.

Rangeline to MO 249: Split in 3 phases. Met with Property owners for input on Project. Consultant completed Conceptual Design Phase. Met with Property owners on Conceptual Design. Constultant has completed Preliminary Design phase. Met with Property owners on Preliminary Plans. Work authorization with Olsson for design of "Phase 1" of the project has been executed, and design work is underway. Phase 1 consists of the intersection of Zora and Duquesne. Have met with property owners at the intersection of Zora and Duquesne 30% plans for Phase 3 have been received and approved. The city received a $4 million Governor's Cost Share Grant in December. These grant funds will be used to help cover the construction costs for the Zora project. An update on the project was presented to Council in early February. Property acquisitions for Phase 1 are complete. ROW acquisitions for phase 2 are on-going, along with discussions with utility companies. Discussing bidding Phase 1 out on its own this Spring.

6th & Virginia: Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2021. Responses to RFQ for consultant design services have been received, and consultant has been selected. Scoping meeting with consultant was held. Agreement with consultant has been executed, and initial structural analysis has been completed. Structural analysis has been completed, plans for proposed repairs have been delivered to the city. Meetings with property owners have been held, with additional meetings planned. Working on construction easement documents. Final plans have been received for review. Working on acquiring construction easements needed for the project.

20th-Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: RFQ for Engineering Services was advertised by the City in September, with responses due by October 11th. Responses have been reviewed and scored. Have entered into a design agreement with AMA to design from Schifferdecker west to near the state line. Preliminary survey and design work has started. Conceptual plans have been received and shared with Jasper County, the Twin Hills Country Club management, and the City's Complete Streets Committee. AMA is moving forward to develop ROW plans. Held a public meeting at Twin Hills Country Club for property owners along the 20th Street corridor in late January. Consultant is moving forward with ROW and easement acquisitions.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:
Leslie started with Report 12: As of January 31, 2024, we have collected just over $2.2 million in sales tax, we have spent $29,501 on streetlights. We have spent $750,452 in the police department, $887,341 in the fire department, $86,024 in the training center, for total expenditures of just over $1.7 million, making our ending fund balance just over $7.5 million.

Report#13: Station 7 is open; we do still have some bills open. Once we finish the bills all the capital will be complete.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Assistant Police Chief Brian Lewis. Brian Lewis introduced Police Chief Richard Pearson to the board. As of February 19, 2024, the department has 4 total openings, with no openings being public safety tax officer positions. We currently have 3 lateral hire that are POST certified and in the training process.

Total Authorized	113
Current Openings	4
Officers in Field Training	9
Trainees - MSSU Spring Academy	6
New Hires	2
Administrative Leave	0
Military Deployments	1
Light Duty Officers	1
Total shortage	22
Current Available Officers	91

Police Tax capital purchases planned for 2024 budget year are as follows:

Public Safety Tax

- 2 replacement Police vehicles with equipment
- 29 replacement tasers (phase 1 of 5)
- GPS Tracker
- 5 docking stations for police laptops

Proposition Action Tax

- 10 Automatic license plate reader cameras (fixed)- awaiting installation
- Forensic Examiner Cell Equipment (phase 1 of 3)
- 2 Covert pole cameras-purchased and received

Fire Report: #15 Presented by Fire Chief Gerald Ezell.
On June 6, 2022; Council Bill No. 2022-130 was approved authorizing R.E. Smith to construct Station 7, at a cost of $4,500,000. Grand opening was held on January 31, 2024. Station 7 opened and is fully staffed as of February 1, 2024. We have already responded several times out of this station. The apparatus to operate out of Station 7 was ordered in January 2022. Council

Bill No.2021-613 was presented and approved authorizing a sales agreement with MacQueen Fire Equipment for a total cost of $791,289.00. Engine 7 is in service at Station 7, along with new Brush 7, and Tanker 1. Engine 6 is in the construction stage. We should start seeing progress photos from Pierce within the next few weeks. We are still hopeful for a May/June 2024 delivery. Currently all budgeted public safety sales tax positions are filled. We currently have five, (instead of four that's listed on your sheet) openings and conducted interviews on February 14, 2024, to fill those.

Pension Sales Tax: Leslie stated that on the Income statement our collections for the three months is just over $2.4 million, expenditures just over $2.2 million, the only money that we reserved is the money for the Gap cost and then the receivable amount of money; all this money goes to the pension plan except for the money that we are reserving to purchase that prior service credit for the Tier II employees as they vest with Lagers.

Use Tax Collection Comparison: Leslie stated that on the Life to Date so far, we have collected $11.3 million over the life of this tax. We have been working on the action plans; our one-time expenditures at $548,301 and our ongoing expenditures at just under $2.6 million.

Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:
The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:
Motion by Nathan Mordica second by Todd Patterson to adjourn. Motion passed.
With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Chairman

Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary