MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2025
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:
The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Present were committee members, Jamie Booker-Norman, Ken Copeland, Lee Ann Lueber, Erik Lynch, Bethany Mckinzie, Nathan Mordica, Fred Osborn and Todd Patterson. Absent: Trevor Frerer. Motion by Ken Copeland, second by Fred Osborn to excuse Trevor. Motion passed. City Staff present Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; Dan Johnson, Public Works Director; Kaleb Roberts, Stormwater Engineer; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Police Chief, Richard Pearson; Assistant Police Chief, Brian Lewis and Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Fred Osborn, second by Todd Patterson to approve November 20, 2024, minutes. Motion passed.

With two new members on the board, the new members were introduced as well as the current members and city staff present.

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: We are not collecting any more money for phase II but are still doing some projects. On the parks side we spent $74,951, we still have almost $1.3 million in projects to do. On the stormwater side we spent $218,406.

Report #3: Phase III: On the parks side we have collected just over $1.2 million, we have the ARPA grant where we have collected $218,250, we have spent to date $776,042, paid the TIF districts $15,335 and have almost $21.4 million worth of projects. On the stormwater side we have collected $999,122, on the ARPA grants we collected $1,253,972, this year we have spent just under $1.7 million, paid the TIF developers $12,547 and we still have just over $14.5 million in projects. On the list of parks projects you can see we have previously completed the electrical at Mercy Park and have a lot of projects under way. On the stormwater side we have previously completed the automated gate arms at murphy low water and have a lot of projects, mainly ARPA projects under way.

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

Report#4: Storm Water Projects: Lesie stated that we are substantially complete; we completed the ditch and culvert improvements, Connecticut between 32nd all the way to 37th.

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: Paul Bloomberg presented this report.

Tin Cup Trail: Public Works is working on this project and will provide an update.

Low Water Bridge to Grand Falls Trail: Public Works is working on this project and will provide an update.

Athletic Complex Improvements(playground): The upgrades to this playground are completed.

Proposition Action: We have hired our third Park Ranger. He has been through training and is now in the field. We have also received his truck, and we are working on getting it wrapped.

Ewert Pak Splash Park w/Ice Ribbon: This project will be going out for bid Wednesday, May 21st, today with bid opening being June 18th. Once approved by the City Council we are looking to starting construction on August 5th.

Overlay/Resurface Sports Courts: We plan to overlay 5 of the 10 tennis courts at the Athletic Complex, basketball court at Cunningham Park, and overlay the roads in Forest Park Cemetery.

Dover Outdoor Recreation Area Bicycle Park (DORA): This project is underway. Currently they are working on the 10 miles of single-track bike trails. American Ramp Company has started on the pump track, the layout of the jump lanes and children's bike park. The pad for the restroom has been poured and the conduit and light bases have been installed. We look to have this project completed in late winter 2025 or early spring 2026.

Installation of Security Lighting & Cameras in 10 Parks: Lights have been installed at Mercy Park. Security cameras specs have been chosen for the Ewert Park Splash Park project which will be used for the other nine parks.Working on light replacement for each park and once this is completed, we will issue a bid proposal. Looking to advertise bid in late May early June 2025. Project will start late summer of 2025.

Electrical Improvement at Mercy Park: This project has been completed.

Park Beautification Park Entryway Sign (5 parks): This has been completed.

Trail Wayfinding: We are awarded the RTP Grant. Part of this grant was the trail wayfinding signage. Designs and RFP are ready for advertisement.

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

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: Personnel 37.63%, operations 48.67%, projects 5.59%, over all we are at 29.01%.

Ditch Maintenance Totals- 51,637 feet of ditch maintenance, 759 catch basins were cleaned and 1,623 miles of street sweeping.

Phase III Stormwater program:
Active Parks & Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects
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. Construction from 2025-2026

a. Texas Ave.-11th -15th - A
b. 26th Street Twin Culverts - B
c. 5th & Porter -A
d. 17th & Annie Baxter Ave. -Dropped
e. Valley Street and Division - A

f. 9th Street & St. Louis Ave - A
g. 12th & Wall Ave - B
h. Massachusetts & Murphy Blvd -B
i. Ten Pin Lane - A

Status: 9th and St. Louis should resume progress soon as AT&T has received correspondence from the Railroad. 5th and Porter is progressing on schedule. Mass and Murphy has started removals.

Sunnyvale Improvements & I-44 culvert Phase I: The existing storm water collection system in Sunnyvale is undersized and conveys stormwater down streets. Public meeting was held and received well. Working with OWN to progress to 90% plans.

Old Willow Branch Phase I: The old Willow Branch storm water collection system varies in age with some parts over 100 years old. The system was improved with a new parallel storm sewer that improved capacity in 2004. This project will evaluate the old system and determine the best way to rehabilitate, reroute, or replace the old system. This project includes funds for a small construction project to implement the most critically needed reconstruction. Have entered into an agreement with Olsson for the design of the Willow Branch Improvements project. After initial study and investigations, the project is now envisioned to run along 7th street to Wall Avenue, then commence north on Wall to 5th before turning east. Work on 7th street will be performed with MODOT's 7th street reconstruction project. MODOT project currently scheduled to bid in November 2025.

1st & Joplin Avenue Phase I: Project scheduled for later in the program.

Phase II Stormwater program: All projects in this program have been substantially completed.

Completed Emergency Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects:
10th and Chestnut culvert replacement: Construction has been completed.
4th and Porter culvert replacement: Construction has been completed.

Completed Minor System Improvement Projects:
Buchanan Stormwater Improvements: Construction has been completed.
20th and Delaware Berm and Swale: Construction has been completed.

Dan stated that the summer months are when they like to get out and work on minor improvements.

Report #7, 8, 9 & 10:
Capital Improvement Sales Tax: Finance Director Leslie Haase presented:
Financials: Report #7, Phase I: We are not collecting any more money, we have spent $39,489, we still have about $372,530 to spend.

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 just stopped collecting money for this tax, we collected $2,270,891. We have the Governor's grant for the Zora project; we have collected $661,804 this year, we have spent $4,094,600, paid out to the TIF districts $23,920 and still have just over $12.5 million worth of projects to complete.

Report#10: Capital Improvement II Projects: We did not complete any projects this quarter but still have ongoing projects.

Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase III project analysis: This is our new tax; we just began collecting for this, we have collected $1,059,516, we have spent $115,586, paid the TIF developers $17,903 and still have almost $95,000,0000 worth of projects.

C.I.S.T II-(2015-2025) Project Status:
Current projects:
4th & Murphy Intersection/Signal Improvements: Project to review existing intersection design and traffic signals. Project has been awarded to Sprouls Construction. Project is 95% complete. Landscaping, seeding and miscellaneous beautification items remain to be completed. New traffic signals are fully operational.

Street surface repair: 2025 Mill and Overlay-Project awarded to Blevins Asphalt. Work began in April and is on-going. Main areas of focus are East Town and the area west of Maiden Lane and north of 7th St. Also included are Schifferdecker from 7th St. to 32nd St., and Connecticut Ave. from Campbell Parkway to 32nd St.

Zora Improvements, Rangeline to MO 249: 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. Construction of Phase 1, the roundabout at Zora/Duquesne is complete and open to traffic. Final closeout paperwork is being processed. Held bid opening for Phase 2 on 5/15/25. Plan to take award of the construction contract to the City Council in early June.

6th & Virginia Parking Garage modifications: 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 this 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. Construction contract awarded to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for widening of 20th St. from Schifferdecker Avenue to Central City Road. Project is underway. The contractor is working between Country Club Drive and Iron Gates Road. Utility relocations are on-going as well.

C.I.S.T (2025-2037) Project Status: ***New report***
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Pennsylvania Viaduct Removal: Have entered into an agreement with Olsson for the design of this project, in conjunction with the Willow Branch Improvements project. A public meeting with local stakeholders will be held soon to discuss the future for the area.

Willow Branch Stormwater Improvements: Have entered into an agreement with Olsson for design of the Willow Branch Improvements project. After initial study and investigations, project is now envisioned to run along 7th St. to Wall Avenue, then commence north on Wall St. to 5th St. before turning east. Work on 7th St. will be performed with MoDOT's 7th St. reconstruction project. MoDOT project currently scheduled to bid in November 2025.

20th Street Schifferdecker to Central City: Widening of 20th St. from Schifferdecker to Country Club was included in the previous CIST program. The city received additional funding from Jasper County and the JSRD to extend the project design west to near the State Line. This CIST program included a project to provide additional funding to extend construction to Central City Road, rather than Country Club. Construction contract awarded to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. for widening of 20th St. from Schifferdecker Avenue to Central City Road. Project is underway. The contractor is working between Country Club Drive and Iron Gates Road. Utility relocations are on-going as well.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:
Leslie started with Report 12: For 2025 we collected $4,440,546 in sales tax, we paid out $125,509 on streetlights, we paid $1,866,615 for police, we paid $2,312,002 for fire and for the training center $211,673.00, paid out the TIF developers $55,765, transferred to ARPA $328,527 for a total of expenditures of just over $4.9 million. We still have almost $5.5 million in fund balance.

Report#13: We finished all the capital items, so it is just the ongoing expenditures.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Assistant Police Chief Brian Lewis. As of May 21, 2025, the department has 13 total openings, with four openings being public safety tax officer positions. We currently have 2 applicants that are in the hiring process.

Total Authorized	115
Current Openings	13
Officers in Field Training	3
Trainees - MSSU Spring Academy	0
New Hires	0
Administrative Leave	0
Officers in JPD In-House Academy	3
Military Deployments	1
Light Duty Officers	3
Total shortage	23
Current Available Officers	92

Police Tax capital purchases planned for 2025 budget year are as follows:

Public Safety Tax

- 29 replacement tasers (phase 2 of 5) acquired
- Replacement body cam (8) purchased and received

Proposition Action Tax

- 10 Automatic license plate reader cameras (fixed) (phase 2 of 5) received
- Forensic Examiner Cell Equipment (phase 2 of 3) purchased and received
- Evidence storage system (rolling shelves) Install date 7/28/25
- Portable and mobile radios (2) for two new officer positions-pending purchase
- Mobile data computers, docking stations and body cameras(2) for two new officer positions-purchased

Fire Report: #15 Presented by Fire Chief Gerald Ezell.
All Public Safety Sales Tax positions are currently filled. The fire department is currently 1 firefighter position down, with another position opening soon due to medical reasons. Interviews are planned for the June/July timeframe to bring us back to fully staffed status. Safe Haven Baby Box at Fire Station 7 is online and fully operational.

Pension Sales Tax: Leslie stated that we have collected just over $5 million in Sales and Use tax. We have spent just over $5.3 million, and our ending fund balance is $4.6 million.

Use Tax Collection Comparison: So far we have collected just over $3.6 million, one-time expenditures we have spent just over $500,000 and ongoing expenditures we have spent just over $1.6 million for a total of expenditures just over $2.1 million and have about $1.5 million in reserves.

Leslie stated that it is time for the semi-annual report to be presented to council by the chairman; Nathan stated July 21 council meeting would be good for him to do that.

Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:
The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:
Motion by Todd Patterson second by Bethanie Mckinzie to adjourn. Motion passed.
With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Nathan Mordica, Chairman

Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary