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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Interim City Manager, Dan Pekarek**
Mayor Gary Shaw and Members of the City Council

FROM: **Leslie Haase**
Director of Finance

DATE: **June 12, 2019**

RE: **Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee Semi-Annual Report**

Attached please find a copy of the Oversight Committee's report. The Oversight Committee Chairman, Ryan Jackson, will be attending Monday night's City Council meeting to publicly present the report to Council.

As you know, the Oversight Committee is required to meet at least quarterly to review collection and expenditure of revenue from the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8-cent capital improvements sales tax, the ½-cent public safety sales tax, as well as the progress toward completion of the voter-approved projects funded by these taxes. Additionally, the Oversight Committee is required to make a written, public report to the Council twice each year.

Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee
Semi-Annual Public Report
June 17, 2019

Introduction

On November 6, 2001, the voters approved "Proposition B" for the purpose of funding stormwater controls and city park improvements.

The City Council, in response to voter approval of "Proposition B", appointed seven (7) Joplin residents to serve on the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Oversight Committee. The City Council felt it would be in the public's interest to establish a citizen oversight committee to monitor the expenditure of proceeds from the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax.

The Oversight Committee is to meet at least quarterly to review the collections and expenditures from the sales tax; monitor progress toward completing the voter-approved projects funded therefrom, and make a written, semi-annual public report to the City Council.

On August 3, 2004, the voters approved "Proposition A" for the purpose of funding capital improvements.

On November 7, 2006, the voters approved "Proposition A" for the purpose of improving public safety.

On July 2, 2007, the City Council directed the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Oversight Committee to review collections and expenditures from the one-half cent Public Safety Improvement Sales Tax. The membership was increased from seven (7) to nine (9) members.

On October 15, 2007, the City Council amended the name of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Oversight Committee to the Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee and amended the mission thereof.

Oversight Committee Members

The current Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee membership includes the following:

Josh Bard	Leslie Cypret
Morris Glaze	Lori Haun
Harvey Hutchinson	Ryan Jackson
DeWayne Patton	Richard Schlottke
Greg Wilkerson	

Review of Oversight Committee Meetings

February 21, 2019

The Oversight Committee began this meeting by reviewing the collections and expenditures of the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8-cent capital improvement sales tax, and the ½-cent public safety sales tax as presented by Leslie Haase. Dan Johnson updated the committee on the FY 2019 stormwater improvements and maintenance activities. Paul Bloomberg updated the committee on the parks activities. Dan Johnson updated the committee on the capital improvements program. Matt Stewart and Jimmy Furgerson updated the committee on the public safety sales tax activities.

May 15, 2019

The Oversight Committee began this meeting by reviewing the collections and expenditures of the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8-cent capital improvement sales tax, and the ½-cent public safety sales tax as presented by Leslie Haase. Dan Johnson updated the committee on the FY 2018 stormwater improvements and maintenance activities. Paul Bloomberg updated the committee on the parks activities. Dan Johnson updated the committee on the capital improvements street program. Matt Stewart and Jimmy Furgerson updated the committee on the public safety sales tax activities. The Committee discussed the semi-annual report that is to be presented to Council and decided that the Oversight Committee Chairman, Ryan Jackson, will present this report on Monday, June 17, 2019.

Committee Observations

As of the Oversight Committee's last meeting on May 15, 2019, it is agreed that the revenues from the ¼-cent parks and stormwater sales tax, the 3/8 cent capital improvements sales tax, and the ½-cent public safety sales tax are being collected above the projected level for the 2019 fiscal year.

The projects under Phase I of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax have been completed as promised. The projects under Phase II of the Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

The projects under Phase I of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are all complete as promised, except one which is the Traffic Signal Upgrades. This project is expected to be completed during the 2019 fiscal year. The projects under Phase II of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax are in progress as set forth to the voters.

For the public safety sales tax, all capital items have been completed as promised except for the remaining Eastside fire station. All operational items have been completed except the staffing for the remaining Eastside fire station and the remaining street lights.