MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2025
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:
The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Present were committee members, Jamie Booker-Norman, Ken Copeland, Trevor Frerer, Erik Lynch, Bethany Mckinzie, Fred Osborn and Todd Patterson. Absent: Lee Ann Lueber and Nathan Mordica. Motion by Ken Copeland, second by Todd Patterson to excuse Lee Ann and Nathan. Motion passed. City Staff present Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; Chad Weller, Assistant Director of Public Works of Operations; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer; Assistant Police Chief, Brian Lewis and Gerald Ezell, Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Todd Patterson, second by Ken Copeland to approve May 21, 2025, minutes. Motion passed.

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 revenue for phase II but do have some expenditures; on the parks side we spent $141,164 we still have just under $1.3 million left to spend, on the stormwater side we have spent $276,644; this is through July 31.

Report #3: Phase III: In sales tax we have collected; on the parks side $1,847,414, from the ARPA state grants so far, we have collected $289,276, from the city side $709,792, we have had expenditures of just over $4.3 million, paid the TIF developer $22,823 and still have just over $18.7 million in projects to complete. On the stormwater side we collected $1,511,521, on the state ARPA grant we collected $1,253,972, we spent $2,761,030, paid the TIF developer $18,673 and have just over $13.4 million remaining. On the parks projects, we have only completed one project, but have a lot of projects underway, on the stormwater projects, again only one project completed, but a lot of projects underway.

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 all these projects are complete.

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.

Ewert Park Splash Park w/Ice Ribbon: Branco will be opening bids August 25th for the playground and turf part to this project. Once we finalize this part we will be looking to present to City Council for approval at the September 15th meeting. Attached you will find the current design for this project which was presented August 1st to the public at Park Days.

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 looks great. The pump track is completed. They are currently working on the children's playground and the skills area. They have also been working on the restroom facility and parking lot areas. Most of the mountain bike single track is completed. We are now working with American Ramp Company and SWT Design on the branding and logo signage for the park. This will include trail signage, rule signage and directional signage in the park. We look forward to having this project completed in late winter 2025 or early spring 2026.

Installation of Security Lighting & Cameras in 10 Parks: As you are aware we have already installed lighting at Mercy Park. The lighting RFP is currently being advertised, and bids will be opened September 8th. The following parks are included in this bid:

Ewert Park
Leonard Park
Humphrey Park
Garvin Park
Landreth Park
Cunningham Park
Parr Hill Park

We are currently working on the RFP for security cameras. The locations and type of cameras have already been decided for each park and extra conduit is included in the lighting RFP to accommodate the cameras since they will not be going in at the same time. We will also have cameras on the Grand Falls Trail and Tin Cup Trail. This RFP is expected to be advertised at the beginning of September 2025.

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

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.

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

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

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.

Storm water Report:
Report 9: Rob Beachner presented the storm water report; totals are as follows:

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: Personnel 60.63%, operations 48.67%, projects 15.00%, over all we are at 47.00%.

Ditch Maintenance Totals- 276,444 feet of ditch maintenance, 883 catch basins were cleaned and 1,893 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. (East Town)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 substantially complete. 5th & Porter is 85% complete. Massachusetts & Murphy Boulevard is 20% complete. Valley & Division(East Town) construction started.

Sunnyvale Improvements & I-44 culvert Phase I: The existing storm water collection system in Sunnyvale is undersized and conveys stormwater down streets. Right of way and easement acquisition underway. Bidding projected in the Fall. I-44 Culvert Phase 1-City has entered into an agreement with AMA to perform a hydraulic study for the I-44 culvert and Silver Creek detention area.

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.

Report #7, 8, 9 & 10:
Capital Improvement Sales Tax: Finance Director Leslie Haase presented:
Financials: Report #7, Phase I: We spent $261,425, the revenues are complete, we are still anticipating spending about $65,000.

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 did collect money through part of this year until it transitioned to phase III, we collected $2,270,891 in sales tax, the ARPA grant we collected $157,547 from federal award and $142,542 from the county, we have spent $5,121,100, paid the TIF developer $23,920 and have almost $11.6 million worth of projects left.

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: We have collected $2,767,512 in sales tax, we have spent $516,541, paid the TIF developer $62,244 and still have over $94.3 million in 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 substantially complete. Working on punch list items.

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 street. Also included are Schifferdecker from 7th to 32nd and Connecticut Avenue from Campbell Parkway to 32nd Street. Contractor has completed most of the residential streets and will be returning to town soon to complete Schifferdecker Avenue and Connecticut.

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. Held bid opening for Phase 2 on May 15, 2025. Project awarded to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. pre-construction meeting will be held soon.

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 street 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***
Current projects:
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 street. Also included are Schifferdecker from 7th street to 32nd street, and Connecticut Avenue from Campbell Parkway to 32nd street. Contractor has completed most of the residential streets and will be returning to town soon to complete Schifferdecker and Connecticut.

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 on Monday September 8 from 4:30-6:30 at City Hall located on the 5th floor.

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 street to Wall Avenue, then commence north on Wall to 5th street 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.

20th Street Schifferdecker to Central City: Widening of 20th street 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.

I-44 Culvert: The City has had discussions with MoDOT about the possibility of incorporating the City's I-44 Culvert improvements project into their upcoming Forward 44: Southwest I-44 Improvements project which will include capacity improvements to I-44 in Joplin between Main Street and Range Line Road. The city has entered into an agreement with Allgeier Martin & Associates (AMA) to perform a hydraulic study for the I-44 Culvert and Silver Creek detention area. This study is funded with Parks/Stormwater sales tax funds (project TS0811), as the study was included in the Sunnyvale Improvements and I-44 Phase One project. This data will be provided to MoDOT so that it can be included in their procurement for a Design-Build firm, scheduled to advertise this fall.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:
Leslie started with Report 12: We have collected $6,717,874 in sales tax receipts, we have spent just $250,000 for streetlights, for police department $2,702,276, for fire department $3,284,475, for the public safety training center we have spent $304,728, we have paid the TIF developer just about $83,000, transferred some matching money for ARPA $328,527, for total expenditures of $6,952,965.

Report#13: We finished all the capital items, at this point just operational, all positions are allocated, the other things are under way.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Assistant Police Chief Brian Lewis. As of August 20, 2025, the department has 9 total openings, with all public safety tax officer positions currently being filled. We currently have 2 applicants that are in the hiring process.

Total Authorized	115
Current Openings	9
Officers in Field Training	3
Trainees - MSSU Spring Academy	7
New Hires	0
Administrative Leave	0
Officers in JPD In-House Academy	0
Military Deployments	1
Light Duty Officers	2
Total shortage	22
Current Available Officers	93

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) In the installation process
- 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 fully staffed with 1 lateral transfer moving to the truck in late September and 4 new trainees that started EMT Academy on August 11, 2025. The 4 trainees will move to the truck right at Christmas time. All Prop Action positions are filled, with 3 swing Captains and a Deputy Fire Marshal in place and making a huge impact on daily operations in the Ops and Prevention Divisions. The Ops Division ran a record of 936 calls in the month of July during the extreme heat. Chief Ezell stated how proud he was of the efforts of the Ops Division that go out daily and provide compassionate customer service to citizens and visitors.

Pension Sales Tax: Leslie stated that on the income statement for July we had total revenue of $804,856, for the 9 months just over $7.5 million. For the month we have spent just over $2.3 million and for the year just over $11.6 million and Gap cost of almost $4.1 million.

Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:
The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:
Motion by Ken Copeland second by Jamie Booker-Norman to adjourn. Motion passed.
With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Nathan Mordica, Chairman

Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary