MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2020
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:
The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Present were committee members, Les Cypret, Tom Franz Morris Glaze, Charles McGrew, Fred Osborn and Gregg Wilkerson. Absent: Josh Bard, Lori Haun and Stan Heater. Motion by Fred Osborn, second by Gregg Wilkerson to approve those absent. Motion passed. City Staff present were Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; Dan Johnson, Assistant Public Works Director; Steven Martinez, Engineering; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer; Sloan Rowland, Police Chief; and Andy Nimmo, Deputy Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Gregg Wilkerson, second by Fred Osborn to approve the August 19, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.

Review sales tax collections and projects: Reports #3 and 4: Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax: Director 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: Parks stormwater, in sales tax we have collected $1,553,581 on the parks side, on stormwater side $2,235,641. We received some CARES money back on the parks side in the amount of $2,083. Expenditures on the parks side; $441,096, paid the TIF developer $49,337, still have just over $1.9 million in project costs. On the stormwater side, paid just over $3.5 million, paid the TIF developer almost $71,000 and still have over $7.1 million in projects.

Report #4: Parks Projects: No Parks projects completed this quarter.

Report #4: Storm Water Projects: Storm sewer improvement, Illinois between 7th & 9th completed this quarter.

¼ Cent Parks/Storm water Summary: Detail that goes along with Parks side of the project. The blue highlights show the projects that need to be completed, the grey are the projects that have been completed.

Report #4: Parks:
Parks Director Paul Bloomberg presented the Parks Update.
Trail Amenities (Benches, Receptacles & Trail Markers): We have ordered all the benches (11) and trash cans (25), just waiting for these to be delivered. These will be placed at all trail heads and park areas. These will start eliminating some of the 55-gallon drum barrels we currently use. We have not started the trail markers yet.

Athletic Complex Improvements (Playground): After inspecting the playground, we will only replace a few parts, so we are looking at adding a new feature to the playground. This project will be rolled over to the 2021 budget year.

Ewert Park Improvements (Landscaping): We have been improving the skatepark by taking out the grass area in the middle of the park and with the help of American Ramp Company we were able to concrete that area and add an additional skating element. This gives the skaters a much larger area to skate on.

Landreth Park Improvements (Playgrounds & landscaping): Bought mulch for landscaping. We opened bids for the inclusive/ADA playground on November 2nd and Park and Play Structures was awarded the bid at $73,000. This will be the second inclusive playground in the City of Joplin. The other one is located at the Joplin Athletic Complex.

McClelland Park Improvements: (Landscaping) Bought mulch for landscaping.

Humphrey Park Improvements: (Landscaping) Buying mulch for flower beds and playgrounds.

Leonard Park Improvements: (Landscaping) Buying mulch for flower beds and playgrounds.

Storm water Report:
Report 5: Dan Johnson reported that the Storm Water Crew time was primarily spent on heavy ditch maintenance and catch basin cleaning, totals are as follows:

Operations: Operations budget was below budget this quarter.

Small Projects: City crews have worked on small repairs to the minor drainage system in this quarter.

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: Personnel 51%, operations 38%, projects 48%, over all we are at 49%.

Major storm water project status:
Project Name:

Storm Sewer Improvements: The project at 7th and Illinois which has been divided into two projects is being closed out and completed.

Lone Elm and Murphy Blvd: A work authorization with Allgeier Martin for the design of this project was presented to council on August 3rd. Design currently underway with construction anticipated to begin in 2021.

Ditch & Culvert Improvements: Connecticut between 32nd & 35th, as well as 35th & 37th have been integrated into the Connecticut widening project with Right-of-Way acquisition starting in the Spring of 2021 and construction planned to start in 2022.

Canterbury Ditch: 3rd to 7th, a work authorization with Olsson for the design of the channel improvements was presented to council on the August 17th meeting. Design is currently underway with construction anticipated to begin in 2021.

4th & School: This project has been broken into two phases. Contractor currently awaiting arrival of precast boxes from supplier who is experiencing delays due to COVID. Anticipate receipt of boxes by end of December with construction commencing at the start of January.

2nd & Oliver: Currently undergoing survey. This project is scheduled for design in 2020. Construction scheduled for 2021.

Minor System Improvements:

Stormwater Management Masterplan Update: Partial funding for the stormwater masterplan update secured as the consultant to work on the project. Partial funding for the stormwater masterplan update secured from DNR grants. Work on Capital Improvement Project list currently underway, with City staff and the consultant having attained public input via three public meetings and an online questionnaire. Partial funding for the stormwater masterplan update secured from DNR grants.

On Call Tree Removal: On call tree removal service for the removal of trees deemed detrimental to city stormwater infrastructure (such as curb and gutter catch basins, etc.) Contract has been renewed for another year. Work continues an on-call basis with the removal of several trees utilizing this contract.

Miscellaneous Minor System Improvements: A collection of small minor system improvement projects to be packaged together and bid out for construction. Project has been advertised with bids opening on December 1st. Construction anticipated to commence late winter.

Emergency Stormwater Projects: 4th and Porter, CMPA Replacement. Construction complete. Project being closed out.

10th & Chestnut Culvert Replacement: Project consists of replacement of a failing existing culvert. Final temporary construction easement acquired. In-house design complete. Bid documents preparation underway. Project to be bid out this winter with construction anticipated late winter/early spring.

10th & Main Ditch & Culvert Improvement/Replacement: Project consists of the replacement of a failing existing culvert on Main street between 10th & 12th street. In-house design complete. MNA railroad has reviewed and approved plans. Occupancy agreement to be presented to council at the November 16th meeting. Project to be bid out this winter with construction anticipated late winter/early spring.

Report #7, 8, 9 & 10: Capital Improvement Sales Tax:

Financials: Report #7, Phase I: For the year; we have no more revenue coming in in this phase, we did have some payments; $12,502, still have $543,110 remaining.

Report #8: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase I: Existing traffic signal upgrades that are still slated to finish.

Report #9: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase II: Sunsets on January 1, 2025. To date, in sales tax we have collected $5,683,836. $1.2 million in an agreement with our local government. We have spent just over $3.1 million this year. We have paid the TIF developers $168,469. We still have over $43.1 million in projects to complete.

Report #11: Capital Improvement II Projects: We have not completed any projects this quarter.

C.I.S.T II-(2015-2025) Project Status:
Completed Projects: Intersections of 32nd and Connecticut and 32nd and Indiana-MODOT projects, these are complete and open to traffic.

Main Street & Downtown Signal upgrade: New project to ultimately remove all existing copper wire interconnect circuits and replace with new fiber optic cable, connecting all downtown traffic signals. Project is in preliminary phase at this time, with future meetings being scheduled with Liberty Utilities and City personnel to develop plans for moving forward.

4th & Murphy Intersection/Signal Improvements: Project to review existing intersection design and traffic signals. Have entered into contract with Olsson to begin preliminary designs for new signals and possible intersection modifications.

Roadway - 32nd Street -Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Met with Property owners for input on project. Met with Property owners for input on Conceptual Plan. Consultant Conceptual Design Phase Complete. Met with Property owners for input on Preliminary plans. Public open house meeting for input on preliminary plans. In the appraisal phase of Right of Way acquisition. Public meeting was held on May 23, 2019 Additional public meeting was held on October 15,2020. Tiger grant application 2016 not selected. Appraisal Services and R.O.W. negotiations are on-going. Utility coordination discussions are currently occurring as well. Working toward submission of final design plans in early 2021.

Roadway- 32nd Street- Country Club to Central City Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Met with Property owners for input on project. Met with Property owners for input on Conceptual Plan. Consultant Conceptual Design Phase Complete. Met with Property owners for input on Preliminary plans. Public open house meeting for input on Preliminary Plans. In the appraisal phase of Right of Way acquisition. Public meeting was held on May 23, 2019 and additional meeting was held on October 15,2020. Tiger grant application 2016 not selected. Appraisal Services and R.O.W. negotiations are on-going. Utility coordination discussions are currently occurring as well. Working toward submission of final design plans in early 2021.

Neighborhood Transportation Improvement:
Pennsylvania railroad crossing met with MNA; City street crew has made temporary asphalt patch. City staff to have planning meeting with railroad to discuss proposed repairs. Repairs to be similar to those performed at Maiden Lane crossing.

Intersection Improvements:

Connecticut & 32nd Street to I-44 Overpass: Project will 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. In negotiation stage to procure for appraisal and R.O.W negotiation services.

Connecticut Avenue from I-44 Overpass to 44th Street: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Met with Property owners for input on Project. Met with Leawood on the portion of the project south of Overpass. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing and Heating out of Nixa. Grading, storm sewer, sidewalk and median operations are on-going. Phase 1 asphalt

paving occurred in late 2019. Traffic has been switched onto new asphalt at Richard Joseph Boulevard, north to I-44 bridge. Intersection of 44th & Connecticut is closed to through traffic to allow completion of the roundabout. Asphalt has recently been placed on the west side of Connecticut, on the new north lanes of 44th street between the 2 legs of Richard Joseph Boulevard, and at the new roundabout located at the intersection of 44th & Connecticut. Roundabout to be opened to traffic later this fall.

44th St. from Range Line to Connecticut: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Met with Property owners for input on Project. Met with Leawood. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing out of Nixa. Grading, storm sewer, sidewalk and median construction operations are on-going. Phase 1 asphalt paving occurred late 2019. Traffic has been switched onto new asphalt at Richard Joseph Boulevard, north of I-44 bridge. Intersection of 44th & Connecticut is closed to through traffic to allow completion of the roundabout. Asphalt has recently been placed on the west side of Connecticut, on the new north lanes of 44th street between the 2 legs of Richard Joseph Boulevard, and at the new roundabout located at the intersection of 44th & Connecticut. Roundabout to be opened to traffic later this fall.

Rangeline to MO 249: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Met with Property owners for input on Project. Consultant completed Conceptual Design Phase. Met with Property owners on Conceptual Design. Consultant 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 & Duquesne. Conceptual plan for roundabout layout has been approved. Consultant is moving forward with development of design plans for Phase 1.

6th & Virginia: Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2021. Currently preparing RFQ documents to be utilized for consultant selection.

20th-Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: Right of Way. Consultant selection tentatively set for 2022.

20th-Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: 3 lanes. Consultant selection tentatively set for 2022. Plan to procure for survey services in 2021.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:

Mrs. Haase started with Report 12: This is a ½ cent tax and does not sunset. We have brought in $7,578,440 in sales tax, we've collected $3,840 in Police seminars, $4,337 in Fire seminars, $8,364 in CARES money, for a total revenue of almost $7.6 million. Streetlights we have spent $267,796. In the police department we have spent $3,092,108, in the Fire department $2,139,214 and in the Public Safety Training center $325,142. Paid the TIF developers $228,636. We had a net change (positive) to the fund balance of just over $1.5 million. Ending fund balance of just over $10.1 million.

Report#13: This report shows the original list; the items at the top are operational costs, essentially all the operations are under way except for the staffing of the last fire station. On the capital side; everything is done except for the last fire station and the engine for that fire station.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Sloan Rowland.
As of November 12, 2020, The department has 9 total openings, with two of those openings being public safety tax officer positions. We currently have 6 applicants in varying stages of the background process, with two of those being POST certified candidates. Our next officer testing date will be scheduled for sometime in January 2021.

Total Authorized	110
Current Openings	9
Officers in Field Training	1
Trainees attending Fall Academy	4
Light Duty Officers	2
Total shortage	16
Current Available Officers	94

Police Public Safety Tax cap ital purchases planned for this budget year are the following:

6 Replacement squad vehicles, including equipment. 6 Replacement In-car video systems.
6 Replacement Radar units, 5 Body cameras and accessories, 20 Replacement tasers.
1 Mobile Drug screener (elim imates the need for field testing kits, eliminates officer exposure to dangerous substances), Digital Evidence Server (phase two of project to retain and manage audio/visual eivdence), Upgrade of interview rooms recording system to digital.
2 Computer work stations for investigators and K9 training cargo container.

Deputy Chief Andy Nimmo – Report #15: presented the Fire Department update. Currently all our Public Safety Tax positions are full. We currently have 5 vacancies in our general fund staff and just completed a Tri-State Test we will begin a new hire academy starting the first of the year as we have a few retirements coming up as well as 5 vacancies. Notable capital items that will be purchased for the current fiscal year include upgrading the audio/visual equipment at the PSTC to make it more efficient and user friendly. We will begin the design phase of Station 7 this fiscal year, begin construction the next year which will also include the staffing plan, apparatus design and purchase, and ultimately opening the station FY22/23.

History and Update on Public Safety Sales Tax Streetlight Installation: Director Haase went over this report. Stating the lights shown on city map for public safety streetlights is 1,891 and for transportation sales tax lights 3,248. Then, after collecting all the information from recommendations from citizens, the map, driving throughout the community, comments from the oversight committee and comments on See Click Fix-trying to determine where lights could even be added, a the list was created; it is shown on the last page of the report. That list was then given to Liberty Utilities to see if additions were even possible. Leslie stated she will continue to bring updates as she gets them.

Pension Sales Tax: Balance sheet and Income statement. Designed to do 3 things-1) money is to go towards the pension plan 2) to reserve $2 million over 2 years to buy down the lagers rate for police and fire; tier 1 employees that transitioned 3) need to reserve somewhere around $5 million over the next 5 years to pay for the gap cost of the tier 1 employees that transitioned to the retirement plan, that amount was an estimate and won't be $5 million. Mrs. Haase started with the income statement that shows we have collected $3,025,168 (the tax went into effect April 1). To date we have contributed to the pension plan $2,165,835. We have made 1 payment to Lagers for 1 person that vested as soon as we transitioned. The balance sheet shows the

reserves; to date we are reserving $389,708 for the Gap cost, and $421,643 for the LAGERS buydown. Cash & investments of $811,351.

Chairman Morris Glaze will present the semi-annual report at the December 7th Council meeting, at that time he will make the recommendation that the committee supports the renewal of parks and stormwater tax that will probably be on the August ballot.

Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:
The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:
Motion by Les Cypret, second by Fred Osborn to adjourn. Motion passed.
With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Morris Glaze, Chairman

Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary