

MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2020
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:

The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Present were committee members, Josh Bard, Tom Franz, Morris Glaze, Lori Haun, Les Cypret, Ryan Jackson, Charles McGrew, and Gregg Wilkerson. Absent Fred Osborn. Motion by Morris Glaze, second by Gregg Wilkerson to approve Fred Osborn being absent. Motion passed. City Staff present were Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; David Hertzberg, PW Director; Dan Johnson, Assistant Public Works Director; Steven Martinez, Engineering; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Sloan Rowland, Police Chief; and Jimmy Furgerson, Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Les Cypret, second by Charles McGrew to approve the February 19, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.

Note: Due to people having some other commitments-the reports were reviewed in different order; beginning with report #12.

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 side, this is a tax that sunsets on March 31st, 2022 .25% (1/4). Parks receives 41%, Stormwater 59%. Through April we have collected on the Parks side \$771,000 in sales tax, in stormwater just over \$1.1 million. On the parks side we have a MoDot Trail Grant for \$202,857 that represents our current year income. On the expenditure side, on the park side, just over \$205,000, paid out the TIF developers almost \$41,000. On the stormwater side, almost \$746,000, paid the TIF developers almost \$59,000. On parks we have just almost \$2.2 million in projects remaining and on stormwater just over \$9.8 million.

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

Report #4: Storm Water Projects: No Storm Water projects were 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 #6: Parks: (was printed as report 4 in error)

Parks Director Paul Bloomberg presented the Parks Update.

Trail Amenities (Benches, Receptacles & Trail Markers): We are in the process of ordering 25 trash receptacles. 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, this is what the \$20,100 will be used for.

Athletic Complex Improvements (Playground): We are inspecting the playground and trying to determine if we will simply replace parts or replace playground. If we only replace parts, we will look to add a new feature to the playground.

Ewert Park Improvements (Landscaping): Nothing to report.

Landreth Park Improvements (Playgrounds & landscaping): Bought mulch for landscaping. We are in the process of getting information on turning one of the playgrounds into an inclusive playground and replacing parts and/or adding a new attraction. City of Joplin only has one inclusive playground which is located at the Joplin Athletic Complex.

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

Humphrey Park Improvements: (Landscaping) Nothing to report.

Leonard Park Improvements: (Landscaping) Nothing to report.

Storm water Report:

Report 5: Dan Johnson reported that the Storm Water Crew time was mostly spent on street sweeping and cleaning out catch basins and inlets after rain events. Approximately \$100,000 spent on crew hours, including equipment.

Personnel: Stormwater was short 3 positions during this quarter.

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 including the work on the Justice Center parking lot. Other small projects include the repair of damaged curb and gutter and catch basin infrastructure.

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: We are at 37% of the budget for the year.

Ditch maintenance: Totals: 296 catch basins were cleaned, and a little over 2,000 miles of street sweeping was logged. The rain has made this difficult.

Major storm water project status:

Project Name:

Storm Sewer Improvements: The project at 7th and Illinois is two projects combined; Illinois 7th to 9th and regional detention at 15th and Massachusetts. The phase of Illinois 7th to 9th is done, most of the work in Ewert park is done. We are currently working on the south side of 7th on the actual channel of Joplin creek. We will be replacing some box culverts and some pedestrian bridges. In July we are looking at replacing the culvert under 7th street, which will result in a two-week closure of 7th street. We will also be adding a foot bridge for the skate park at Ewert park.

Lone Elm and Murphy Blvd: Is scheduled for design this year.

Ditch & Culvert Improvements: Connecticut between 32nd & 35th, as well as 35th & 37th have been integrated into the Connecticut widening project. planned to start 2021.

Canterbury Ditch: Is scheduled for design this year. Construction scheduled for 2020.

4th & School: This project is under construction; this is the 3rd and final phase. We are working on getting agreements with the railroads, its tough getting an agreement with the railroad.

2nd & Oliver: Is scheduled for design this year.

Minor System Improvements:

B & Byers: This project went before council and B3 was awarded the contract; also, with that, Florida Avenue, next to turkey creek. These two projects cost about \$165,000, they are both under way and should be done in the next couple months.

Stormwater Management Masterplan Update: This masterplan study will be a big benefit to help us with our overall system; which means you will be able to turn on the city maps and keep track of things for remodeling and maintenance issues and also development.

On Call Tree Removal: On call tree removal for the trees deemed detrimental to city stormwater infrastructure.

Emergency Projects: 4th and Porter, CMPA Replacement; this was bid out, will take awhile to get the concrete box, the project should move along fairly quick after that.

10th & Chestnut Culvert Replacement: Design phase for a failed culvert.

10th & Main Ditch & Culvert Improvement/Replacement: Design phase for a failed culvert.

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

Financials: Report #7: We still have one project under phase I (3/8) tax. We don't have any more collections coming in, we do have some expenditures. Actuals for the year; \$12,502, still expecting to spend \$543,110.

Report #8: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase I: Existing traffic signal upgrades to make this Project Complete.

Report #9: Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund Phase II: Sunsets on January 1, 2025. We have collected just over \$2.8 million in sales tax and \$1.2 million from the county in projects. On the expenditure side we have spent just over \$1.7 million, paid the TIF developers almost \$140,000, and have just over \$44.5 million in projects left.

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

C.I.S.T II-(2015-2025) Project Status:

Main Street & Downtown Signal upgrade: Continue to move forward with this project, anticipate getting the design done. We don't think we will be able to move forward with getting it under contract this year, this our first project where we are trying to install fiber. Taking it slow and trying to get it done right.

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. 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. Executed amendment with Olsson to take over appraisal service for the project.

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. 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. Executed amendment with Olsson to take over appraisal services for the project.

Hope to start construction on 32nd street in the spring of 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 Avenue at 32nd Street: Council approved 50/50 cost share project with the City and MODOT. Was bid on February 14, 2019. Awarded to Blevins Asphalt Construction. Notice to Proceed issued April 1, 2019. Work is progressing. New signals installed, concrete and asphalt work on-going.

Indiana Avenue at 32nd Street: Council approved 50/50 cost share with the City and MODOT. Was bid February 14, 2019. Awarded to Blevins Asphalt Construction. Notice to Proceed issued April 1, 2019. Work is substantially complete; just down to getting the striping done.

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. Taking work authorization with Bartlett and West to City Council in June for completion of final design plans. 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 switch onto new asphalt to occur this spring. Fill is being placed along 44th St. from Richard Joseph Blvd. to Rangeline. Plan to switch traffic onto new asphalt late spring, to allow completion of the roundabout at intersection of 44th & Connecticut.

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 switch onto new asphalt to occur this spring. Fill is being placed along 44th St. from Richard Joseph Blvd. to Rangeline. Plan to switch traffic onto new asphalt late spring, to allow completion of the roundabout at intersection of 44th & Connecticut.

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. Taking work authorization with Olsson to City Council in June for completion of final design plans.

6th & Virginia: Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2022.

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.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:

Mrs. Haase started with Report 12: This is a ½ cent tax and does not have a sunset date. We are 6 months into the fiscal year as of April 30, our fiscal year ends October 31st. We have a beginning fund balance of just over \$8.5 million dollars. Our revenue is just over \$3.7 million dollars. On streetlights we have spent just over \$107,000. On the police department almost \$1.5 million dollars. Fire department just over \$1 million dollars. Public safety training center about \$215,000. Paid out the TIF Developer almost \$190,000. Total expenditures of just under \$3.1 million dollars. Net change in fund balance of \$708,000. Ending fund balance of almost \$9.3 million dollars.

Report#13: Break down of what was promised to the voters and annualized cost and prior years cost for each item that was promised. On the operational side the only thing that has not been done is the 12 firefighters for the second additional fire station, which is also the only thing on the capital side we have not done yet, which is the eastside fire station.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Sloan Rowland. Currently, our Public Safety Tax positions are full. We currently have 4 vacancies in our general fund officers. We have 7 officers that are currently in the FTO program, 4 that are currently in the MSSU academy, and 3 that are on FMLA or light duty. Due to the suspension of classes at MSSU the academy will not graduate until the middle of June. We also have two officers left to complete the current lateral hiring process. We also still have 4 people in the non-lateral hiring process. Most classes have been cancelled or rescheduled for the 2020 training calendar due to COVID-19.

Fire Chief Jimmy Furgerson – Report #15: presented the Fire Department update. Currently all our Public Safety Tax positions are full, and we are for the first time in a while fully staffed. However, we did just have a retirement today and we do have a couple of retirements coming up, but other than that we are currently not expecting any other vacancies. We have made a few operational changes due to the current pandemic so I would expect a slight decrease in our call volume for 2020. With the passage of Prop B City Staff continues to discuss Station 7 construction, staffing and equipment needs. Once we have discussed this, we will have a better timeline and idea of when that project will be completed.

Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Ryan Jackson will present the semi-annual report at the June 15th Council meeting.

Morris Glaze thanked Finance Director Leslie Haase and her department for retiring the TIF early. Motion by Tom Franz, second by Charles McGrew to adjourn. Motion passed.

With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.


Ryan Jackson, Chairman


Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary