

MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2020
3:30 P.M.

Call to order:

The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Present were committee members, Josh Bard, Morris Glaze, Lori Haun, Stan Heater and Fred Osborn. Absent: Les Cypert, Tom Franz, Charles McGrew and Gregg Wilkerson. Motion by Fred Osborn, second by Josh Bard to approve those absent. Motion passed. City Staff present were Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; David Hertzberg, PW Director; Lynden Lawson, Assistant Public Works Director; Steven Martinez, Engineering; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Dakota Rusk, Traffic Engineer; Sloan Rowland, Police Chief; and Jimmy Furgerson, Fire Chief.

Elect Chairperson: Josh Bard nominated Morris Glaze, there were no other nominations.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Fred Osborn, second by Josh Bard to approve the May 20, 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 side, in actual sales tax we have brought in just over \$1.1 million. The only other current year revenue is the MoDot Trail Grant is at \$202,857. For the year we have spent \$286,292, paid the TIF developer \$37,556. We still have about \$2.1 million in projects left. We are anticipating more revenue than projects at this point. On the stormwater side we brought in just over \$1.6 million in sales tax. No other revenue for the current year. We have spent just over \$1.8 million, paid the TIF Developer just over \$54,000. Still have almost \$8.8 million in projects.

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 have ordered 20 trash receptacles and 1 bench. Still need to order 5 more trash cans. 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 are needing to see the quality of the bench before we order the other 9. 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.

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 are looking at spec sheets to determine which attraction we want for the inclusive playground and will be adding a new attraction to the other playground. 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) Buying mulch for flower beds and playgrounds.

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

Storm water Report:

Report 5: Steven Martinez reported that the Storm Water Crew time was primarily spent on ditch maintenance, totals are as follows:

Ditch maintenance: Totals: 51 catch basins were cleaned. 135,926 feet of ditches were cleaned, and 2,119 miles of street sweeping was logged.

Crew Hours: 909 actual hours for Laborer I, 900 for Streets, 961 for street cleaning and over 1600 with equipment. For a total of \$140,159.12 spent.

Personnel: Stormwater was short 1 equipment operator for 2 months and 1 laborer for 3 months.

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 39%, operations 30%, projects 40%, over all we are at 39%.

Major storm water project status:

Project Name:

Storm Sewer Improvements: The project at 7th and Illinois is underway; project is roughly 80% complete. They will be working next week on the third barrel that will be going under 7th street and this will close 7th street for about 2 weeks. Hoping to have 7th street open by Labor Day and the project itself should be wrapped up by the end of September.

Lone Elm and Murphy Blvd: A work authorization with Allgeier Martin for the design of this project was presented to council on August 3rd. Construction is 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. Planned to start 2021.

Canterbury Ditch: 3rd to 7th, a work authorization with Olsson for the design will be presented to council at the August 17th meeting. Construction scheduled for 2021.

4th & School: We did reach an agreement with the railroad. This project has been broken into two phases. Phase 2 has been advertised on August 9th. Bid opening will be on September 3rd.

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

Minor System Improvements:

Stormwater Management Masterplan Update: Request for qualifications have been advertised. Work authorization with Olsson for the Masterplan update was taken to council on August 3rd. Work on Capital Improvement Project list has begun by the consultant and is expected to be completed by November.

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.) Work continues on 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 by contractors. Finalizing plans and expected to be bid out end of summer or start of fall.

Emergency Stormwater Projects: 4th and Porter, CMPA Replacement; currently 4th street is closed-this will be closed for 4 weeks. Coordinating right now with AT&T.

10th & Chestnut Culvert Replacement: Project is currently at 90% design phase. Currently acquiring final temporary construction easement.

10th & Main Ditch & Culvert Improvement/Replacement: Project is at 90% design phase. Plans currently under review by MNA railroad.

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

Financials: Report #7: We still have one project left on the original list. This is a (3/8) tax. There is no new revenue. To date we have spent \$12,502, and 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 \$4,179,046. We have one grant for the current year of \$1.2 million. We have spent just over \$2.3 million this year. We have paid the TIF developers \$128,241. We still have over \$43.9 million in projects to complete.

Report #10: Capital Improvement II Projects: We have completed 3 of the projects and are making a lot of progress on the remaining projects.

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: No change on this project. Project is in preliminary phase at this time.

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 and do plan another public meeting probably in September. 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.

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 do plan another public meeting probably in September. 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.

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. Base rock is being placed on the east end of 44th St., with curb and gutter work to begin soon.

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. Base rock is being placed on the east end of 44th ST., with curb and gutter work to begin soon.

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.

6th & Virginia: Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2021.

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 sunset. So far, we have collected \$5,572,000 in sales tax, we've collected \$1,740 in Police seminars, \$3,637 in Fire seminars, our total revenue is just over \$5.5 million. Streetlights we have spent \$188,120. In the police department we have spent \$2,473,724, in the Fire department \$1,658,852 and in the Public Safety Training center \$269,200. Paid the TIF developers \$174,041. Total expenditures just over \$4.7 million. We have added almost \$814,000 to the fund balance.

Report#13: This is the actual list of items we said we would do with this tax. The items at the top are operational that will go on forever, the capital items we are almost done with. The only thing left is the east side fire station. Once this is done, we will hire the firefighters to go along with that fire station. We have an ongoing street light discussion. We are hoping to be prepared to have a discussion with council at the budget work sessions.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Sloan Rowland. Currently, our Public Safety Tax positions are full. We currently have 2 vacancies in our general fund officers. We have 6 officers that are currently in the FTO program, 4 that are currently in the police academy, and 2 that are on FMLA or light duty. We will have another testing in October or early November. We recently hosted our second crisis intervention Training Class, leaving 13 officers needing to complete the program. A drone certification class was also held at the training center. Requested budgeted capital items: 6 vehicles with equipment, cameras and radars, 5 body cameras and 20 tasers.

Fire Chief Jimmy Furgerson – Report #15: presented the Fire Department update. Currently all our Public Safety Tax positions are full. We currently have 4 vacancies in our general fund and will be looking at testing this fall with a new recruit academy starting after the first of the year as we have a few retirements coming up. We recently held state EMT testing and will be hosting a Region D state certification test in the fall. Notable capital items proposed for the next fiscal year budget: upgrading the audio/visual equipment at the PSTC to make it more efficient and user friendly. Discussion on station 7, design and planning will be discussed as an issue/option.

Proposition B Report: ½ cent sales tax to fund and close the pension plan. 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. Mrs. Haase went over the balance sheet-she stated the balance sheet shows what we have in cash and investments and the breakdown is given at the bottom of the sheet. The income statement shows we have collected \$609,950 for this period and for the year (the tax went into effect April 1) \$1,046,799. We have contributed for the month to the pension plan \$374,748 and for the year \$658,621. We have made the gap payment on 1 employee that has vested and transitioned to lagers of \$47,982.


Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:

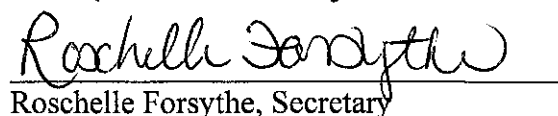
The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Fred Osborn, second by Josh Bard to adjourn. Motion passed.

With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.


Morris Glaze, Chairman


Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary