

**MINUTES
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY
SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2023
3:30 P.M.**

Call to order:

The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. Present were committee members, Jamie Booker-Norman, Ken Copeland, Trevor Frerer, Nathan Mordica, Charlie McGrew, Fred Osborn and Todd Patterson. Absent: Lori Haun and Gregg Wilkerson. Motion by Ken Copeland second by Todd Patterson to excuse Lori and Gregg. Motion passed. City Staff present were Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; Rob Beachner; Capital Improvement Project Manager; Chris Parker, Civil Engineer; Brian Lewis, Interim Police Chief and Gerald Ezell; Fire Chief.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Jamie Booker-Norman second by Nathan Mordica to approve the May 17, 2023, minutes. Motion passed.

Leslie stated the reports would be reviewed in reverse order; Parks director Paul Bloomberg was not yet in attendance.

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: Park's stormwater: Phase II, no new revenue coming in, but we have had some expenditures; to date on the Parks side \$120,251, we still have almost \$1.3 million in projects. On the stormwater side we have spent \$744,207 and still have almost \$1.8 million remaining.

Report #3: Phase III: For Parks we have collected in sales tax \$1,784,543, we have spent \$514,878, paid the TIF developer \$15,009 and still have \$23.1 million in projects. On the stormwater side we have collected \$1,460,080, have spent \$281,282, paid the TIF developer \$12,280 and still have just over \$19.5 million remaining in projects.

Report #4: Parks Projects: Leslie stated this report shows the remaining Parks projects, the two trails; Tin Cup Trail and Grand Falls Trail.

Report#4: Storm Water Projects: The three projects remaining are ditch & culvert improvements, Connecticut between 32nd & 35th, ditch & culvert improvements, Connecticut between 35th & 37th and channel improvements, Canterbury ditch 3rd to 7th.

Parks & Stormwater Projects: Finance Director Leslie Haase reviewed both reports; they are just an explanation of the breakdown of projects for both stormwater and Parks.

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 the report.

Tin Cup Trail: Public Works is working on this project.

Low Water Bridge to Grand Falls Trail: Public Works is working on this project.

Athletic Complex Improvements(playground): We have received the replacement parts and are on the installation schedule.

Replacement parts: 3 slides (to be completed by end of September), 2 platforms (to be completed by end of September) and 1 railing (has been replaced)

New amenities: 2 spring rockers (to be completed by end of September)

Proposition Action: We have originally ordered two Ford F-150 4x4 trucks for the park Rangers (Kayla and Ethan) to be built. However, we are now in the process of purchasing one of the trucks that is currently available at a local dealership. And we are also looking into another truck at a different dealership. If available, we will issue a bid.

Ewert Pak Splash Park w/Ice Ribbon: We received five proposals and interviewed two. We selected Olsson Studio for the project. The next phase will be negotiations and submit a contract to City Council on September 5th.

Overlay/Resurface Sports Courts: This project will overlay and resurface the pickleball courts at Landreth Park. Looks like this project will not start until late September, early October. In the meantime, we are finishing up adding lines for eight pickleball courts at the tennis facility located within the Joplin Athletic Complex.

Park Beautification ½ Ton Extended Cab 4x4 Truck: Just like the Park Ranger truck we are in the process of purchasing a truck from a local dealership.

Park Beautification Park Entryway Sign (6 signs): In progress of design. We anticipate publishing an RFP by the end of August.

Campbell Parkway (2) Schifferdecker Park (2)

McClelland Park (1) Landreth Park (1)

McIndoe Park (1)

Wildcat Park (1)

Storm water Report:

Report 8: Chris Parker presented the storm water report; totals are as follows:

Stormwater Maintenance Spending: Personnel 50%, operations 63%, projects 60%, over all we are at 55%.

Major storm water project status:

Project Name:

Ditch & Culvert Improvements: Connecticut between 32nd & 35th and 35th & 37th. This project has been integrated into the Connecticut widening project with Right-of-Way acquisition having been completed and utility relocation is complete. Bids have been received and the contract will go to council on August 21st, 2023.

Canterbury Ditch: 3rd to 7th, construction agreement with D&E Plumbing and Heating Inc. started construction 2/15/23 and they have started building the new channel. The project is 95% complete.

ARPA Stormwater Grant Project: Nine sites where stormwater infrastructure will be improved: Grant \$5 million with local funding \$3,676,000. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and spent by December 31, 2026. Design and right-of-way in 2023 and construction from 2024-2026. Advertising for consultant to design the project. Selection of consultant was in March. Consultant contract to Council pending DNR approval.

ARPA projects: yellow highlighted indicates grant funding.

- a. Texas Ave.-11th -15th
- b. 26th Street Twin Culverts
- c. 5th & Porter
- d. 17th & Annie Baxter Ave.
- e. East Town
- f. 9th Street & St. Louis Ave
- g. 12th & Wall Ave
- h. Massachusetts & Murphy Blvd
- i. Ten Pin Lane

Automate Gate Arms at Murphy Blvd.: Design and install automated gates that close when a sensor at the Joplin Creek low water bridge west of Main Street shows water going over the bridge. The system also sends a message alerting City and School staff that the gates are closed. These have been turned on.

Report #7, 8, 9 & 10:

Capital Improvement Sales Tax: Finance Director Leslie Haase presented:

Financials: Report #7, Phase I: No new revenue. Current year expenditures: \$23,224, we still have about \$420,827 to spend.

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: In sales tax we brought in \$4,866,934, local Government participating cost share with the county \$276,727, we are projecting \$51.3 in revenue. Expenditures for this year almost \$4.5 million, paid the TIF developer \$38,205 and still have almost \$28.1 million left in projects.

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

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

Completed Projects: Maiden Lane R/R crossing, 20th & Murphy realignment, Intersections of 32nd and Connecticut, 32nd and Main and 32nd and Indiana-MODOT projects, these are complete and open to traffic, as well as I-44 Overpass and two bridges (Jackson Ave and Zora bridge over Turkey Creek).

CIP Master Plan: RFQ for engineering services was advertised on January 29th to develop a CIP Master Plan, with qualification submittals due on February 17th. Responses will be reviewed and scored by selection committee prior to meeting with selected consultant to discuss scope and negotiate contract. Consultant's scope will include providing the city with a comprehensive list of proposed projects for possible inclusion in the next Capital Improvements Program. Received one response to the RFQ from Olsson. Agreement has been approved by City Council and executed by the city. Kickoff meeting was held in early August. Olsson is reviewing information provided by the city from existing studies. Have met to discuss project branding and marketing options. Will meet soon to begin looking at the overall project list compiled from the different studies.

Facilities Master Plan: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services was advertised on February 5th to develop a City of Joplin Facilities Master Plan, with qualification submittals due on February 23rd. Received one response to the RFQ from the team of SFS Architecture and Corner Greer and Associates. Response was reviewed and scored by selection committee prior to meeting with consultant to discuss scope and negotiate contract. Agreement with SFS Architecture has been approved by City Council and executed by the city. Consultant will assess City owned and maintained facilities and will also provide recommendations for required maintenance staffing and annual maintenance budget for the facilities as well. Interviews with City departments have been conducted by SFS and Corner Greer staff for the Justice Center Facility and City Hall. Gordian was on site the week of July 18th to perform an assessment of the City's facilities. Gordian has provided the facilities assessment report and has presented the report to City council. SFS has presented seven different conceptual options with estimated costs for the Justice Center to department heads as well as City Council. These options will be provided to Council again soon, with a discussion to occur at the October work session.

Current projects:

4th & Murphy Intersection/Signal Improvements: Project to review existing intersection design and traffic signals. Have entered contract with Olsson to begin preliminary designs for new signals and possible intersection modifications. Survey has been completed, and 60% ROW plans are currently in development. Public meeting was held July 22. 80% design plans have been received and reviewed with comments provided to consultant. Amendment to work authorization with Olsson is going before City Council on November 21st to add beautifications elements to the project. Design 90% complete. Plans have been distributed to utility companies for review.

Roadway - 32nd Street -Schifferdecker to Country Club Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Phase 1.1, from Schifferdecker to the Westberry entrance is substantially complete and has been opened to traffic. Phase 2.2 from Woodland Drive to the West side of Crane Road has been substantially completed with asphalt base course placed and has been opened to traffic. Current sections of 32nd Street closed include the small piece at the far west end of the project, and the segment of 32nd from Iron Gates/Arbor Road to the Westberry entrance. The final remaining segment of 32nd to be closed at Crane Road is tentatively scheduled for early September.

Roadway- 32nd Street- Country Club to Central City Road: Improve from 2 lanes to 3 lanes. Phase 1.1, from Schifferdecker to the Westberry entrance is substantially complete and has been opened to traffic. Phase 2.2 from Woodland Drive to the West side of Crane Road has been substantially completed with asphalt base course placed and has been opened to traffic. Current sections of 32nd Street closed include the small piece at the far west end of the project, and the segment of 32nd from Iron Gates/Arbor Road to the Westberry entrance. The final remaining segment of 32nd to be closed at Crane Road is tentatively scheduled for early September.

Neighborhood Transportation Improvement:

Annie Baxter- Project was completed to improve ADA accessibility by replacing sidewalks, curb & gutter, and ADA Ramps in the 1800 block of Annie Baxter Avenue. Work was completed by City forces along with the City's on call infrastructure contractor.

Street surface repair:

Pennsylvania railroad crossing met with MNA: City Street crew has made temporary asphalt patch. City staff met with MNA representatives to discuss maintenance schedule. Repairs for 10th & Pennsylvania, along with multiple other crossings are scheduled for the spring and summer of 2021. Some crossings will receive additional upgrades in 2022/2023. MNA has recently completed repairs to crossings at 9th and Florida, 9th and Connecticut, and multiple locations along

10th Street west of Wall Avenue. North crossing at 10th & Pennsylvania has been removed and paved back by MNA. Multiple crossings, including 9th and St. Louis, 9th and Illinois, 3rd Street and 4th Street near School Ave., and 10th and Joplin were improved this spring.

Intersection Improvements:

Connecticut & 32nd Street to I-44 Overpass: 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. Additional public meeting held on 2/23. ROW acquisition has been completed. Utility relocation work was recently completed. Bid opening was held on August 10, with D&E plumbing and Heating being the apparent low bidder. Construction agreement is going to City Council on August 21.

Connecticut Avenue from I-44 Overpass to 44th Street: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing and Heating out of Nixa. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Finalizing project closeout.

44th St. from Range Line to Connecticut: Improve from 2 lanes to 5 lanes. Project bid in March 2019 and was awarded to D&E Plumbing out of Nixa. Project is substantially complete and open to traffic. Finalizing project closeout.

Rangeline to MO 249: Split in 3 phases. 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 and Duquesne 30% plans for Phase 3 have been received and approved. 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. An update on the project was presented to Council in early February. Property acquisitions for Phase 1 are nearly complete (down to 1 remaining). Recently received 90% plans for phase 2 which are currently under review. ROW acquisitions for phase 2 are underway.

6th & Virginia: Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2021. Responses to RFQ for consultant design services have been received, and consultant has been selected. Scoping meeting with consultant was held. Agreement with consultant has been executed, and initial structural analysis has been completed. 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.

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. Preliminary survey and design work has started. Have met with AMA to discuss conceptual plans. Plan to meet with Jasper County again soon to discuss conceptual plans.

Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:

Mrs. Haase started with Report 12: We have collected almost \$6.6 million in revenue, spent almost \$211,000 on streetlights, we have spent \$3.1 million in the Police department, \$5.8 million in Fire, building acquisitions \$2.2 million; a lot of that is station 7 and the fire engine that goes along with it at \$925,000. The Training Center we have spent \$264,355. We paid the TIF developer \$51,850, total expenditures of almost \$9.5 million for an ending fund balance of almost \$9.6 million.

Report#13: This shows the original list that was presented to the voters. All the positions have been authorized and we are continuing to work on the streetlights. The only remaining item on the capital side is station 7.

Police & Fire: Police Department update #14 presented by Interim Police Chief Brian Lewis. The department has 12 total openings, with 2 of those openings being public safety tax officer positions. We currently have 1 applicant in the background process who is a POST certified candidate.

<u>Total Authorized</u>	113
<u>Current Openings</u>	12
<u>Officers in Field Training</u>	8
<u>Officers in the JPD in-house academy</u>	0
<u>New Hires</u>	5
<u>Administrative Leave</u>	1
<u>Military Deployments</u>	1
<u>Light Duty Officers</u>	3
<u>Total shortage</u>	30
<u>Current Available Officers</u>	83

Police Public Safety Tax capital purchases planned for this budget year are as follows:

- 11 Replacement squad vehicles, including equipment(awaiting production)
- 13 body cameras and accessories (purchased and received)
- New server for Body cam/car videos (purchased and received)
- 29 ruggedized laptops for officers
- 20 docking stations for ruggedized laptops
- Laptop storage cabinet
- Audio visual HD system for Police interview/interrogations (purchased and installed)
- Conversion of Police CAD and RMS to New software System in process now. GO live date is October 24.
- Air conditioning for donated outdoor K9 Kennel

Public Safety Training Center:

- Advanced Computer Replacement (1)
- 2-in-1 Laptop replacement (4)
- Laptop replacement (10)

Fire Report: #15 Presented by Fire Chief Gerald Ezell.

On June 6, 2022; Council Bill No. 2022-130 was approved authorizing R.E. Smith to construct Station 7, at a cost of \$4,500,000. Project is now underway, with the exterior mostly finished and the rooms being finished out inside the station. Weather setbacks have pushed the completion date to the beginning of October 2023. The apparatus to operate out of Station 7 was ordered in January 2022. Council Bill No.2021-613 was presented and approved authorizing a sales agreement with MacQueen Fire Equipment for a total cost of \$791,289.00. Engine 7 arrived in Joplin in March 2023, and is still currently being outfitted for service. Delivery of equipment has

been an issue, but we are hopeful that it can be placed in service in the next few months. Engine 6 is under contract to be delivered from Pierce Manufacturing within the next 12-18 months. We completed the pre-build conference for this engine in Appleton, WI, July 31-August 2, 2023. This gets us in line for production to begin, which is still running between 12-18 months, currently. Currently all budgeted public safety sales tax positions are filled. We had 10 individuals finish the Academy and start on the trucks in the past month. We currently have 9 individuals in the Academy, with another slated to start in November after he completes his military duty. These 10 will start on the trucks in February 2024. This will fill all current open positions on the department, if all 10 Firefighter trainees successfully complete the Joplin Academy.

Pension Sales Tax: Balance sheet; all the money that comes in goes to the pension plan except what we are reserving for the transition of the Police and Fire that elected to move to LAGERS and forfeit their years of serve, when they vest with LAGERS, they will have the ability to re gain those years with LAGERS by making this purchase. We are reserving that money evenly over 5 years; takes 5 years to vest with LAGERS, we have set aside almost \$2.7 million. Income statement: all the sales and use tax go to the pension plan except for if we pay for a GAP.

Use Tax Collection Comparison: Through July for fiscal year 2023; we have collected over \$3.7 million, last year which was a partial year; \$2.6 million. We had originally projected this tax would bring in annually \$3.7 million, we should hit \$4.8 million this year, it is coming in well above what was anticipated, July was a good month.

Action Plan Prioritization: This report shows all the Action plans that were promised to the voters. The blue highlighted area indicates in progress, the yellow highlighted area indicates complete.

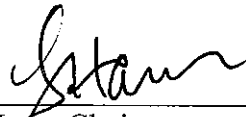
Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Ken Copeland second by Trevor Frerer to adjourn. Motion passed.

With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



Lori Haun, Chairman



Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary