

**MINUTES**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 21, 2019**  
**3:30 P.M.**

**Call to order:**

The Capital Improvement and Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Present were committee members, Josh Bard, Les Cypret, Morris Glaze, Lori Haun, Harvey Hutchinson, Ryan Jackson. Absent: Dewayne Patton, Richard Schlottke and Gregg Wilkerson. Motion by Les Cypret, second by Josh Bard to excuse Dewayne Patton, Richard Schlottke and Greg Wilkerson. Motion passed. City Staff present were Leslie Haase, Finance Director; Paul Bloomberg, Parks Director; David Hertzberg, PW Director; Dan Johnson, Assistant PW Director-Engineering; Rob Beachner, Capital Improvement Project Manager; Matt Stewart, Police Chief; and Jimmy Furgerson, Fire Chief.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Morris Glaze, second by Harvey Hutchinson to approve the May 15 minutes. Motion passed.

**Review sales tax collections and projects: Reports #1,2,3,4: Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax:**

Director Haase distributed reports outlining the revenues and expenditures for the parks and storm water sales tax.

**Report #1: Phase I:** Parks and Storm water are complete. No changes

**Report #2:** Storm Water is complete. No changes.

**Report #3: Phase II:** Parks side brought in \$1,145,909 in sales tax. We spent \$188,914. We paid the TIF developers \$65,869 and we still have remaining project cost of almost \$3.2 million.

Storm water brought in \$1,648,991 in sales tax. We spent on projects; \$428,549. We paid the TIF developers \$94,787 and we still have almost \$11.1 million in projects remaining.

**Report #4: Parks Projects:** No Parks projects were 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:**

Director Bloomberg presented the Parks Update.

**McClelland Park Improvements:** \$58,000 budgeted this year, \$8,825 is rolled over from 2018 budget year. The new goals have been installed and we have been working with the Joplin Disc Golf Club on adding the new tee pads for the redesign. We hope to have these completed before the Joplin Open which is September 27 and 28. There is \$40,000 budgeted for the Playground. We have received the new parts to upgrade the playground which came to about \$15,000. We will wait until fall to install the parts. There is \$10,000 budgeted for landscaping; this project hasn't started yet.

**Resurfacing Roanoke and Athletic Complex Tennis Courts:** There is \$135,000 in this year's budget. Roanoke Tennis Court there is \$20,000; we have repaired the parking area and now working on a bid for resurfacing. The Athletic Complex tennis courts; there is \$115,000 budgeted for these repairs, the bid to resurface is currently being advertised and will open bids September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Garvin Park Improvements:** There is \$13,000 budgeted from 2018; \$10,000 of that was approved for an entry sign. Sign Designs was awarded the bid at \$5,498. This project has been completed. It is a miniature size scale to the brick signs as the other entry signs at Ewert, Cunningham, Leonard and Parr Hill Park. It is the first park with the new logo.

**Landreth Park Improvements:** We are looking at new designs for replacing the playground and in the process of waiting on specs before this project can be bid out; there is \$45,000 budgeted for the playground and \$5,000 budgeted for landscaping, which has not started yet.

#### **Storm water Report:**

**Report 5:** Dan Johnson reported that the Storm Water Crew has spent time on ditch maintenance and cleaning inlets after rain events. Stormwater was short 2 positions during the third quarter (1 equipment operator and a laborer 2) and the operations budget was low. The crews are going to be working on some small repairs to the minor drainage system in this quarter as well as the channel improvements on 10<sup>th</sup> and Peters. We are only at 32% for the overall budget.

**Ditch maintenance:** Totals include 166,258 feet of ditch maintenance; 283 catch basins were cleaned, and 2,411 miles of street sweeping was logged.

#### **Major storm water project status:**

##### **Project Name:**

**Storm Sewer Improvements:** The two projects that have been combined; the project at 7<sup>th</sup> and Illinois and the project along Joplin creek near Ewert Park; project was advertised on February 17<sup>th</sup> and awarded to Branco Enterprises on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Due to a utility conflict this project has been broken into two phases. The first phase focuses on improvements North of 7<sup>th</sup> street (Ewert Park) and Illinois avenue. The remaining improvements on 7<sup>th</sup> street and channel improvements south of 7<sup>th</sup> street will be implemented in the second phase and is anticipated to begin in January 2020.

**Regional Detention, 15<sup>th</sup> & Massachusetts:** This project is scheduled to match the improvements on Illinois between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> because the project has been combined. Preliminary engineering was conducted shortly after the May 2011 tornado because the detention pond was planned in Parr Hill Park. The engineering models determined that the detention pond in Parr Hill Park would be ineffective. The project scope has been revised to channel improvements north and south of 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Ditch and Culvert Improvements:** 4<sup>th</sup> & School Avenue – This project has been broken into 2 phases. Phase 1 includes improving the existing storm sewers along Second Street from McKee to High Avenue, north of Joe Becker Stadium. Phase 2 design is being finalized and construction is anticipated to start in the 2019-20 fiscal year. Still waiting on one last hurdle-that is an agreement between the City and the railroad.

**Small Projects:** B and Byers, 9<sup>th</sup> and Brownell, and Florida Stormwater; will be bidding out B and Byers as well as Florida Stormwater hopefully by end of this fiscal year.

**Emergency Projects:** 4<sup>th</sup> and Porter, 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Culvert Replacement, and 10<sup>th</sup> and Main; are all currently in design awaiting survey.

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

**Financials: Report #7:** \$7,852 in expenses for phase I and estimated amount of \$543,110 left in projects for the year.

**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:** We've brought in \$4,192,352 for sales tax, interest income of \$5,604, expenses of \$3,534,330, paid the TIF developer \$224,918, we still have just over \$46.5 million in projects left.

**Report #10: Capital Improvement II Projects:** no projects were completed this quarter.

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

**Roadway - 32<sup>nd</sup> 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. Agreements have been issued for appraisal and R.O.W. negotiation services.

**Roadway- 32<sup>nd</sup> 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. Agreements have been issued for appraisal services and R.O.W. negotiation services.

**Neighborhood Transportation Improvement:**

**Pennsylvania railroad crossing** met with MNA, City street crew has made temporary asphalt patch.

**Maiden Lane** met with MNA, City is providing traffic control for closure of intersection.

**Intersection Improvements:**

**Connecticut Avenue at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street:** This is a 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.

**Indiana Avenue at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street:** 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.

**Main Street at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street:** 50/50 cost share with the City and MODOT. Was bid February 14, 2019. Awarded to Blevins Asphalt Construction. Project is progressing at this intersection

**Connecticut & 32<sup>nd</sup> 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. Agreement for appraisal services has been executed.

**Connecticut Avenue from I-44 Overpass to 44<sup>th</sup> 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. Notice to proceed to be issued for June 1, 2019. Contractor has mobilized and preliminary work started the week of 8/12/19.

**44<sup>th</sup> 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. Notice to proceed to be issued for June 1, 2019. Contractor has mobilized and preliminary work started the week of 8/12/19.

**Connecticut-Overpass at I-44:** Project is complete.

**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.

**6<sup>th</sup> & Virginia:** Parking Garage modifications: consultant selection tentatively set for 2022.

**20<sup>th</sup>-Schifferdecker to Country Club Road:** Right of Way. Consultant selection tentatively set 2022.

**20<sup>th</sup>-Schifferdecker to Country Club Road:** 3 lanes. Consultant selection tentatively set 2022.

**Jackson-Bridge Replacement at Shoal Creek:** Project is substantially complete. The new bridge is now open. Traffic was switched to the new bridge on Monday, August 19, and the existing low water crossing to be closed to thru traffic on Friday, August 23.

**Schifferdecker-New Bridge at Turkey Creek and connection with Zora:** Beginning September 3, Zora will be closed to thru traffic for approximately 3 weeks. Project completion scheduled for fall, 2019.

**Review of Report #12: Public Safety Sales Tax:**

Mrs. Haase started with Report 12: So far in sales tax we've collected \$5,589,803, for Police Seminars \$9,980, for Fire Seminars \$1,370, for total revenue just over \$5.6 million. In street lights we spent \$217,391, in Police department \$2,221,267, in Fire department \$1,742,722 for Public Safety Training Center \$201,050, paid the TIF developer \$305,245, total expenditures \$4,687,675, with an ending fund balance at the end of July of just over \$8.5 million dollars.

**Report # 13:** We have added all 30 Police officers and 22 Firefighters. We have just not added the ones for station 7. We are still working on getting information on street lights. We have finished all Capital except station 7 and equipping it.

**Police & Fire: Police Department update #14** presented by Matt Stewart. Currently, our Public Safety Tax positions are full. We currently have 5 vacancies in our general fund officers, this time last year we had 15 vacancies. We have 5 officers that are currently in the FTO program, 4 that are currently in the JPD in-house academy, and 3 that are on FMLA or light duty. We currently have another testing scheduled for September 2019. Our training staff is staying very busy with hosting and teaching several classes at the training center. Some of these classes are nationally recognized classes and some are more regionally known.

**Fire Chief Jim Furgerson – Report #15:** presented the Fire Department update. Currently all our Public Safety positions are filled. We are starting a new hire academy on September 3 with 4 personnel. We are two positions down and just had three retirements; a Battalion Chief, Captain and a Firefighter over the last two months, losing a combined 63 years of experience. This is proving to be one of our busiest years for the department and we are anticipating running approximately 9,700-10,000 calls this year. Station 7 is still in the works although the time frame has pushed back a few years.

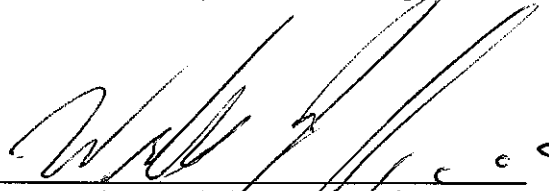
**Schedule next meeting of the oversight committee:**


The next meeting of this committee will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Josh Bard, second by Morris Glaze to adjourn. Motion passed.

With there being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

  
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Ryan Jackson, Chairman

  
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Roschelle Forsythe, Secretary