INDEPENDENCE
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City Council Study Session Minutes

October 13, 2025 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 111 E. Maple Ave.

COUNCIL SPONSORED ITEMS

John Eppert invited everyone to attend Enchanted Forest at George Owens Nature Park. This is a family and kid-friendly event held every year in October.

1. A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 6983 to remove the requirement that core functions of governance be preserved on the Historic Square, to authorize public meetings, including City Council meetings, to be held at the Independence Municipal Commons, and to align with the vision and implementation strategy of the Reshaping the Square Master Redevelopment Plan. *(Sponsored by Councilmembers Stewart and Vaught)*

This resolution authorizes city council meetings to take place at the Independence Commons facility as opposed to a location on the square. This resolution states that all boards and commissions meetings will also take place at the Independence Commons, however, Councilmember Fears raised the fact that boards and commissions meet at different locations around the city. Councilmember Stewart stated that was not the intent of the resolution and stated that it could be changed.
Independence Commons has the ability to livestream and record meetings. Amended language will be offered at the next meeting.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

1. Citizen Requests - Per Council Rules, Sec. 6.4 only "Council Sponsored Items" are eligible.

No citizens came forward to speak on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Semi-Annual Report of the Independence Park Commission

Diane Kaiser, Chair of the Independence Parks Commission gave the presentation for this item.

Overview
The Independence Park Commission was established by ordinance in 1999.
- The Commission's primary mission is to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council relating to public education, use, and knowledge regarding Parks and Recreation activities.
- The Commission reviews the status of projects funded by the Parks Improvement Sales Tax.

Revenues for FY 2024-2025
Budgeted: $6,045,047
Actual: $6,246,169

Expenses:
Budgeted: $6,669,313
Actual: $5,711,257

Fund balance
Unassigned Beginning Fund Balance (7/1/24) $4,585,789
Total Revenues Through 6/30/25 $6,246,169
Total Expended Through 6/30/25 $(5,711,257)
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances $42,788
Unassigned Ending Fund Balance 6/30/25 $5,163,488

Park Maintenance
Sales Tax funds maintenance in the following areas:
- 40 Parks & Green Spaces (mowing, trimming, and maintenance)
- 26 Playgrounds
- 4 Recreation Facilities
- 42 Basketball, Tennis & Pickleball Courts
- 21 Baseball, Softball & T-Ball Fields
- 12 Soccer Fields
- 6 Football Fields
- Trash Pickup at City Parks

Weekly Park Care In Action
• Mow 369 acres of park green space
Equates to mowing Arrowhead Stadium 279 times
• Mow 310 acres of roadside green space
Equates to mowing Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun nearly 1.5 times
• Manage 131.5 acres of athletic fields
Equates to managing 70 Sporting KC soccer fields
• Maintain 35 linear, connecting, and loop trails
Equates to 26 miles of trails
• Daily challenges with vandalism, graffiti, and homeless

Highlights in the Field

New Playground and Outdoor Exercise Equipment at Rotary Park
Replaced Slide at Cler-Mont School Park
Trash Truck Purchased for Safer and Improved Trash Removal
Snow Removal During Winter Storms
Replaced Shelter Roofs at Santa Fe Trail and Mill Creek Parks
Brush Removal Across All Trails

Recreation Core Programming

Arts & Culture
Continuing Education & Life Skills
Seniors
Sports
Aquatics (Splash pads)
Nature
Special Events
Wellness

Let’s Play: Recreation in Action RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Sky -High Kite Festival
Popsicles in the Park
Nature Walk with a Naturalist
Toddler Town Powerhouse Theatre
Palmer Center Day Trips
Senior Nutrition Program
Farmers Market
May the 4th Be With You
Garden Faire
Best Little Arts & Craft Show

Getting the Word Out

Summer 2025 Parks Catalog Published
Social Media Outreach
- Manage Five Facebook and Two Instagram Accounts
- Gained Followers For All Accounts

Launched Instagram Account for Parks & Recreation
Developing Sponsorship Program
- Two Sponsorships Sold for Popsicles in the Park for 2025

Parks & Recreation Partnerships

- City of Independence and Independence Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- City of Sugar Creek & KCUR (Kite Festival)
- Community of Concerned Citizens (MLK Events)
- Heart of America Pop Warner

•Independence Chamber of Commerce
•Independence Girls Softball Association
•Independence Juneteenth Committee
•Independence School District
•Independence Square Association
•Powerhouse Theatre Foundation
•Queen City Athletic Association
•Soccer Association of Independence
•Spirit of Independence Concert Band

The Parks Commission is satisfied with the way the Parks Sales Tax funds are spent.
There are two new playgrounds going in at Benton and Santa Fe Parks. Both will be installed by Christmas.

2. Semi-Annual Report of the Stormwater Oversight Committee

Interim City Manager Lisa Reynolds gave the presentation on this item.

Projected Revenues FY 2024-25
STORM WATER SALES TAX
Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget
Estimated Sales Tax $5,268,000
Estimated Use Tax $ 169,000
Estimated Interest $ 164,000
TOTAL $5,601,000

Actual Revenues FY 24-25
FY 25 Budget - $5,658,000
FY to Date Actual - $6,215,875
% of Budget - 109.86%

Allocation of Funding FY 24-25
Total Operating - ($58,941.43)
Total Allocation of Funds - ($1,493,673.36)

Overview
The Storm Water Management Program oversees the management, construction, operations, maintenance and pollution control of the City's storm water system.
• 13,800+ storm structures
• 230+ miles of pipe
• 19 regional detention basins
• All within 23 local watershed and sub-shed areas

Maintenance Summary

Fiscal Year Comparison	FY 23-24	FY 24-25
Conduit Repair Work Orders:	106	157
Footage Installed:	5,093’	5,547’
Structure Repair Work Orders:	128	190
Structures Inspected:	5,052	2,601
Structures Cleaned:	844	465
Conduit Inspected:	209,049’	109,819’
Conduit Cleaned:	3,760’	3,902’
MS4 Inspections:	84	96
Total Work Orders:	370	462

Capital Improvement Project Summary

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Rock Creek Watershed Corrugated Metal Pipe Repair and Replacement Project - Phase 2

The second phase of this project consists of repairing structurally failing metal storm pipes throughout the Rock Creek Watershed.

- 3,545 feet of pipe were repaired in place.
- 1,760 feet of pipe removed and replaced.
- 32 new and repaired inlet structures.
- 80% funded by ARPA grant.
- She Digs It is the general contractor.
- Project is 90% complete.

Rockwood Storm Drainage Improvement Project - COMPLETED

This project will address failing and inadequate storm drainage system located in the Rock Creek Watershed. Construction will extend from E. 25th Terrace S. to E. 27th Street S. east of Hardy.

- 1,800 feet of new pipe installed.
- 20 new inlet structures installed.
- 80% funded by ARPA grant.
- Abay is the general contractor.
- Project is 50% complete.

Rock Creek Watershed Corrugated Metal Pipe Repair and Replacement Project - Phase 1 - COMPLETED

The first phase of this project repaired conduits with structural failures that were an immediate hazard to the public.

- 1,800 feet of new pipe installed.
- 20 new inlet structures have been installed.
- 80% funded by ARPA grant.
- Abay was the general contractor.

2024 Emergency Repair Projects - COMPLETED

This project addresses structurally failing conduits that pose a potential hazard for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. All the 2024 sites are now complete and include:

• 2817 Trenchard Conduit.
• Bundschu Road Conduit.
• Lexington at Noland Conduit.
• Saddle Ridge Outlet Scour.

Raymond, Harkless to Mills Drainage Improvements - COMPLETED
This project mitigates flooding of several homes in the Spring Branch Watershed.
• 1,400 feet of new pipe installed.
• 140 feet of new gabion lined channel.
• 14 new inlet structures have been installed.
• 80% funded by ARPA grant
• Abay was the general contractor.

Capital Improvement Projects Summary
• $50,474,303 spent in projects over the life of the tax
• Over $10.5 million in Missouri ARPA stormwater grants
• 112 construction projects completed
• 13 watershed studies across 23 watersheds and sub-sheds
• 8 projects in design phase
• 6 projects in acquisition or construction phase

3. Semi-Annual Report of the Street Improvements Oversight Committee

Wes Epperson, Chairman of the Street Improvement Oversight Committee gave this presentation.

Committee Members:
• Wes Epperson, Committee Chair
• John Powell
• Libet Ojeda
• Marcie Gragg
• Pam Wishon
• 2 vacancies

Program overview
• Monitor Use of Street Sales Tax and General Obligation (GO) Bonds
• 16-year program started in 2009
• Voters approved renewal of Street Sales Tax in 2017
• Voters approved GO Bond funding for Bridges, Sidewalks to Schools, and Preventive Pavement Maintenance in April 2025

Street Sales Tax
Revenue Sources for FY 24-25
FY 2025 Budget - $11,239,000

FY to date Actual - $14,806,960
% - 131.71

Allocation of Funds
FY 24-25
Budget - $46,390,636.54
Encumbrances - $11,365,624.91
Expenditures - $23,618,036.75
Balance - $11,406,974.88

Street Operations Summary
Street Sweeping 464 lane miles
Sweepings Collected 1,437.15 cubic yards
ROW illegal Dumping 2,172 cubic yards
Traffic Signs Repaired 1,688 signs
Potholes Repaired 15,311
Snow Operations – Employee Hours 10,009 hours
Snow Operations – Treatments 3,123 tons of salt & 40,750 gallons of brine
Partial and Full Depth Street Patching 5,555 square yards

Completed Projects
24 HWY COMPLETE STREETS PHASE 2
(Phase 1 beginning after Phase 2)
• Design Consultant - Burns & McDonnell
• Construction Start Date: Summer 2023 Administered by MoDOT
• Project Completion: Summer 2025
• MoDOT cost-share project
• Sterling Ave. to River Blvd.
• New sidewalks, curb & gutter, and pavement
• 10-foot multi-use path south side and 5-foot sidewalk north side
• Storm sewers and traffic signal improvements
• Estimated Total Project Cost: $6,561,483

Little Blue Parkway & Jackson Drive Intersection Improvements
• Construction Contract Awarded:
• Linaweaver Construction
• $1,050,787
• Construction Begins: Spring 2025
• Substantial Project Completion: Summer 2025

Eligible for Reimbursement
• Governor's Cost Share Grant
• North Point Reimbursement

New curb and ADA-compliant sidewalk
Improved Signalization

Median Removal and Lane Additions
Total Estimated Project Cost: $1,050,787

TRUMAN DEPOT AND PACIFIC TRAIL IMPROVEMENT
Construction Contract Awarded:
• Terry Snelling Construction
• $1,447,590
• Construction Began: Spring 2023
• Substantial Project Completion: Fall 2025

Cost share with Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department
• Building Restoration improvement for the Historic Amtrak Station. (PRT) - $618,771
• Street Improvement provides complete street upgrades on the North side of W. Pacific Ave to S. Pleasant Street. (SST) - $870,991

New curb and ADA-compliant sidewalk
Pavement marking and signage for shared use lanes, for bicycle users.
TAP Funds of $350,000
Total Estimated Project Cost: $1,672,360

E Heidelberger Rd Bridge Replacement
Construction Contract Awarded:
• Wiedenmann Construction
• $325,360
• Construction Began: August 2025
• Est. Substantial Completion: October 2025

Removal and replacement of existing bridge/culvert structure at 27101 E Heidelberger Rd with new bridge/culvert structure
• Total Estimated Project Cost: $325,360

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
PAVEMENT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
• Entering the Fourth Year Of Alternate Maintenance Programming
• Funded By Current Budget Street Sales Tax
• Blended Approach (Seals): Includes Micro-surfacing, Crack, Fog, Scrub, & Cape Seals

Previous Years Completed Since Adopting Blended Approach: 243.81 LM
• Last 3 Fiscal Years Program Avg: 86.89 LM
• Crack Filling – 18.09 LM
• Roadway Seals – 38.91 LM
• Overlay – 29.89 LM

Current Fiscal Year
• FY25 Program: 70.84 LM
• 2025 Crack Filling 20.49 LM (Complete)

• 2025 Overlay – 19.74 LM – (Complete)
• 2025 Pavement Seals – 30.61 LM (In-Progress)

FY26 – locations are being finalized

24 HWY COMPLETE STREETS PHASE 1
• Design Consultant - Burns & McDonnell
• Construction Start Date: Winter 2024 Administered by MoDOT
• Project Completion Date: Summer 2026
• MoDOT cost-share project
• River Blvd. to M-291
• New sidewalks, curb & gutter, and pavement
• 10-foot multi-use path south side and 5-foot sidewalk north side
• Storm sewers and traffic signal improvements
• Estimated Total Project Cost: $15,323,605

SQUARE STREETSCAPE – PHASE 1
Construction Contract Awarded:
• J M Fahey Construction Co.
• Current Contract: $2,783,940.75
• Construction Began: Early 2025
• Est. Substantial Completion: Fall 2025

Fully Funded Federal Grant project
• Sidewalk, curb & gutter, pavement, storm sewer, electrical, lighting, landscaping, and hardscaping improvements
• Bicycle lane along Main & Lexington
• New traffic pattern and parking layout
• Estimated Total Project Cost: $3,727,497

Vaile Sidewalks Ph. 2 & 31st Sidewalk Improvements
Construction Contract Awarded:
• Linaweaver Construction • $490,695
• Construction Begins: October 2025
• Est. Substantial Completion: Fall 2025
Vaile Sidewalks Phase 2:
• New curb and ADA-compliant sidewalks on W Jones St, N Main St, and W 2nd St S
31St Sidewalk Improvements:
• New curb and ADA-compliant sidewalks on E 31st from Cassell Park Elementary to Northern Blvd
Total Estimated Project Cost: $490,695

Truman Connected – Phase 1
• Design Consultant: WSP
• Bid Opening: October 2025
• Sidewalk, curb & gutter, pavement markings, storm sewer, landscaping and hardscaping

improvements
• Shared use path beginning at Truman Library, crossing thru Square, and terminating at entrance to Englewood Arts District
• STP Funds of $3,200,000
• Estimated Total Project Cost: $4,000,000

Future Capital Improvement Projects
• $31,989,781 budgeted for upcoming projects
• Approximately $49.7 million in expected grant reimbursement.
• 12 Projects in Design Phase

Projects in Design Phase
23 Fairmount Loop Trail rd Street Mobility and Safety Improvement Project
Truman Connected Phase 2 Winner Road Complete Streets
23rd Street Complete Streets Ph. 1, 2, & 3 Sidewalks Program
24 Hwy Complete Streets – Ph. 3 Noland Road Multimodal Corridor
Historic Trails Ph. 1 Englewood Traffic Circle & Winner Rd. Streetscape

General Obligation (GO) Bonds
• Voters approved $55 million in GO Bond funding for Bridges, Sidewalks to Schools, and Preventive Pavement Maintenance in April 2025
• Fund 54 has been established for the purpose of tracking GO Bond funds separately from all other City funding

GO Bond Planned Funding and Expenses
Total Budgeted - $55,000,000

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Crysler Ave. over UPRR Bridge & E. Kentucky Rd. Bridge over Mill Creek
Construction Contract Awarded:
• Louis-Company LLC
• Crysler Ave. Bridge: $2,466,074.50
• E. Kentucky Rd. Bridge: $1,130,472.32
• Contract Total: $3,596,546.82
• Construction Begins: October 2025
Project Completion Date:
E. Kentucky Rd. Bridge: Early 2026
• Crysler Ave. Bridge: Summer 2026
• Bridge redecking and structural repairs

Bridges in Design Phase
Kentucky Ave. over Rock Creek Bridge
Arlington Ave. over Rock Creek Bridge
R.D. Mize over Little Blue River Bridge
Lake City Valley Rd. Bridge

Sidewalks to Schools
• Staff have met with local school districts to determine priority locations for 7 potential projects
2 initial projects are moving forward:
• Cassell Park Elementary School
• Mill Creek Elementary School

PAVEMENT PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
• $6 million annually for five years
• All funds will be utilized for Mill & Fill Overlay
• FY 26 locations are being finalized

4. Semi-Annual Report of the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee

Bruce Frakes, Committee Co-Chair gave this presentation.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
• Brad Mudd, Committee Chair
• Bruce Frakes, Committee Co-Chair
• Erin Boatright
• Patrick Casey
• Tara Kruse
• Charline Gray

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
• Monitor Use of Taxes devoted to Public Safety
• The expenditures of the Public Safety Taxes are reviewed by the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Each quarter reports and reviews are provided, and guidance given to ensure that the public funds are spent in a fiscally sound manner following the guidance of the ballot language, City charter, City policies and State statutory requirements.

Independence Fire Department Public Safety Sales Tax July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 & July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Fire Protection Sales Tax Year Two Objectives
• Fire Department will continue to work towards the objectives set in the Standard of Cover / Community Risk Assessment and Master Plan for the Fire department. This will include Station Locations, Future Station Needs, Staffing, and other considerations for the department.
• Update Capital Outlay 5-year plan to account for tax changes.
• Creation and reorganization of the Fiscal Budget for the Sales Tax. To stay in compliance with the ordinance, the budget will require some adjustments so that the transparency of the tax dollars are better tracked by the differing requirements.
• Bring our staffing level up to meet full staffing with existing apparatus.

• Begin construction of Station 8, Station 5 and Station 11, as well as determine locations for future replacement/new station needs. This could include property acquisition, environmental studies and beginning design.
• Continue to evaluate staffing/apparatus locations to handle increase call volume, service needs and administrative functions.

Fire Department Project Updates

Open/Unpaid Encumbrances:
• 2 Pumpers Ordered - Fall 2025 delivery.
• 1 Pumper Ordered – October 2026 delivery
• Station Design process – Conceptual design done for Station #5 and Station #11
• Funding mechanism decided upon for Bonding

Completed Major Projects:
• Finalizing design for Station #8 and Training/Storage Building.

Projects in Process:
- 1 Pumper Ordered – Fall 2027 delivery
- Station #1 west side parking lot

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Beginning 2024/2025 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: $11,970,445
Budgeted Revenue from Sales Tax: $11,160,000
Estimated Waterfall from Use Tax: $877,000
Total Revenue Collected through 6/30/2025 $11,162,324
Unassigned Fund Balance, 6/30/2025 $16,645,670
Total Personnel – 6 Chief Officers & 17 Firefighters

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Beginning 2025/2026 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: $16,645,670
Budgeted Total Revenue : $12,665,000
Estimated Waterfall from Use Tax: $1,013,000
Total Revenue Collected through 8/31/2025 $2,017,577
Unassigned Fund Balance, 8/31/2025 $16,267,318
Total Personnel – 6 Chief Officers & 17 Firefighters

Beginning 2025/2026 FY
Unassigned Fund Balance: $16,645,670
Budgeted Total Revenue : $12,665,000
Estimated Waterfall from Use Tax: $1,013,000
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Independence Police Department

There are four different reports for IPD that are reviewed by the Public Safety Tax Oversight Committee

1. The Public Safety Sales Tax Report
2. The Use Tax (PROP P) Report
3. The Marijuana Tax Report
4. The Prop PD Tax Report

Public Safety Sales Tax
July 1, 2024 - June 3, 2025
Beginning Fund Balance for 24/25 FY: $ 2,157,758
Sales Tax Collected through 6/30/25: $ 2,887,067
Investments & Other Income: $ 239,773
Waterfall from Use Tax: $ 232,162
Total FY 24/25 Revenue: $ 5,516,760
Total FY 24/25 Expenses: $ 3,363,600
Transfers Out (Justice Center Project/CIP): $ 463,024
$ 3,826,624
Other Adjustments (Cancelling PO's, etc) + $ 1,347,290
FY 24/25 Ending Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 3,037,426

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Beginning Fund Balance for 25/26 FY: $ 3,037,426
Sales Tax Collected through 8/31/25: $ 489,085
Investments & Other Income: $ 28,864
Waterfall from Use Tax: $ 0
FY 25/26 Revenue to date: $ 3,555,375
Total FY 25/26 Expenses: $ 373,408
Transfers Out (Justice Center Project/CIP): $ 4,500
$ 377,908
Current Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 3,177,467

Expenditures are devoted to three main purpose areas: Communications, Facilities, and Equipment Significant Purchases in FY 2024-2025:

- Cleaning of Firing Range & Disposal of Lead
- Replacement of (57) Computers & (27) Monitors
- (55) Panasonic Mobile Data Terminals w/accessories
- Officer Uniforms & Small Equipment, Body Armor
- Duty Ammo and Force-on-Force Training Ammo
- (30) Motorola mobile radios & accessories
- (9) 2025 Ford Explorers, plus emergency equipment & installs
- Year 2 of 10-year Axon contract (tasers, body cameras, in-car cameras, VR training, Records Management)
- Transfers Out = Payments made to date for Owners Representative Services on Justice Center Project & Small Command Center

Significant Purchases to date in FY 2025-26:

• (15) HP Zbooks
• Opened Blanket PO's for Officer Uniforms & Body Armor
• (40) Cold Fire Extinguishers (for vehicle deployment)

Upcoming Significant Expenses:
• Year 1 of 4-year Subscription for (59) Panasonic MDT's
• Vehicle Equipment & Installs
• Year 3 of 10-year Axon contract (partially covered by Use Tax)
• Additional Transfers Out to Justice Center Project for Owners Rep Services, plus new Bearcat and Large Command Center (already ordered/encumbered, but not yet received/paid)

Prop P Tax
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Beginning Fund Balance for 24/25 FY: $ 4,991,973
Tax Collected thru June 2025 (PD Only): $ 4,683,000
Interest/Investment Earnings: $ 186,023
Total 24/25 FY Revenue: $ 9,860,996
Total FY 24/25 Expenses: $ 6,252,151
Transfers Out (Justice Center Project): $ 75,562
$ 6,327,713
Other Adjustments (canceled PO's, etc): + $ 63,868
FY 24/25 Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 3,597,151

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Beginning Fund Balance for 25/26 FY: $ 3,597,151
Tax Collected thru 8/31/25: $ 1,098,038
Interest/Investment Earnings: $ 20,476
Total FY 25/26 Revenue to date: $ 4,715,665
Total FY 25/26 Expenses: $ 1,135,083
Current Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 3,580,582

Marijuana Tax
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Beginning 2024/25 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 277,076
Sales Tax Collected through 6/30/25: $ 928,121
Investments / Other Income: $ 18,375
Total FY 24/25 Revenue: $1,223,572
Total Expenditures:
Public Safety $ 0
Community Development $ 140
Transfers Out – Justice Center Project: $ 900,000
Total FY 24/25 Expenditures: $ 900,140
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 6/30/25: $ 326,120

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Beginning 2025/26 FY Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 326,120

Sales Tax Collected through 8/31/25: $ 140,939
Investments / Other Income: $ 2,358
Total FY 25/26 Revenue to date: $ 469,417
Total Expenditures:
Public Safety $ 0
Animal Services (2 PT AS Dispatchers) $ 6,709
Community Development $ 18
Total FY 25/26 Expenditures: $ 6,727
Ending Unassigned Fund Balance, 8/31/25: $ 462,690
The Marijuana Tax is a 3% local sales tax on recreational marijuana purchases made within Independence city limits. The sales tax funds collected are to be used for the needs of Independence Police, Fire, Dispatch, and Emergency Preparedness. FY 25/26 Budgeted Expenses include Year 1 Payment on 20 yr bonded loan authorized by Ord #19662, 2 Part-time Animal Services Dispatchers, Outdoor Warning Sirens, & Reward Funds for Cold Cases & DNA testing.

PROP PD Tax
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
Beginning 24/25 FY Fund Balance: $ 0
Sales Tax Collected through 6/30/25 $2,619,213
Investments & Other Income: $ 7,513
Use Tax Waterfall: $ 569,046
Total Revenue for FY 24/25: $ 3,195,772
Total FY 24/25 Expenditures: $ 2,036,113
Year-End Market Adjustment: $ 416
FY 24/25 Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 1,160,075

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025
Beginning 25/26 FY Fund Balance: $ 1,160,075
Sales Tax Collected through 8/31/25 $ 962,936
Investments & Other Income: $ 3,797
Use Tax Waterfall: $ 0
Total Revenue to date: $ 966,733
Transfers in from General Fund: $ 6,005,060
Total Revenues & Financing Sources: $ 8,131,868
Total Expenditures to date: $ 7,612,819
FY 25/26 Unassigned Fund Balance: $ 519,049

Prop PD is a funding mechanism to maintain a competitive wage scale for sworn police officers and make Independence more competitive in the hiring market. For FY 25/26, nearly all Police expenditures have been moved out of the General Fund to the Prop PD Fund 067. Monthly appropriations are being transferred from the GF to the Prop PD fund, to cover expenses previously shown under the General Fund account.

5. Semi-Annual Report of the Animal Welfare Committee

Cody Atkinson Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee gave this presentation.

PROP P USE TAX
• Approved by voters August 2019
• Fifty percent of funds up to $750,000 (plus increases in line with Consumer Price Index)
• Collection began in January 2020 • Oversight performed by Animal Welfare Committee

Members:
• Cody Atkinson – Chair
• Tamara Huff – Vice-Chair
• Linda Humphrey
• Linda Pringle
• Rachel Eis
• Ted Luce
• Terri Hoeflicker

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
Use Tax Collected FY 24-25: $893,000
Expenditures FY 24-25
$686,920 (salaries/benefits)
$221,990 (operating)

Use Tax Collected FY 25–26 (YTD): $519,928

Expenditures FY25-26 (YTD)
- $126,420 (salaries/benefits)
- $1,963 (operating)

Shelter success
• 1,668 ANIMALS TAKEN IN (FY 24-25)
• 4,690 POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED VIA PET FOOD PANTRY
• OVER 11K FB FOLLOWERS
• 232 TNR/OPERATION LITTER LESS SURGERIES
• 8,451 HOURS BY VOLUNTEERS

Oversight
It is the opinion of the members of the Animal Welfare Committee that the items and individuals funded by the Proposition P Use Tax are in keeping with the program's intent and that the use tax program is critical in supporting the work of the shelter.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Boards and Commissions Report

2. **Please Note**: In accordance with RSMo. 610.021, the City Council may convene in a

Closed Executive Session during or after the meeting, on matters of litigation, legal action, and/or attorney client communications, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(1), on matters of personnel, as permitted by Sec. 610.021(3) and personnel records, as permitted by 610.021(13), on matters of contracts, as permitted by 610.021(12), on matters of real estate, as permitted by 610.021(2) and/or matters of labor negotiations, as permitted by 610.021(9).