

TENTATIVE AGENDA
RAYTOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
WORK SESSION
RAYTOWN CITY HALL
10000 E. 59TH STREET
RAYTOWN, MISSOURI 64133

WORK SESSION
6:00 P.M.

- A.** Discussion with Raytown Park Board members regarding the current one-eighth (1/8) of one percent Local Parks/Storm Water Sales Tax.

1/8¢ PARK/STORM WATER SALES TAX

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The tax was passed pursuant to the authority of Section 644.032.1 of the Missouri Statutes which allows the municipality to submit the language with the purpose of the tax being for **either** storm water control or local parks, or both. State statute allows for the park/storm water sales tax of up to a maximum of ½ cent.
- Section 644.032.1, 2. The ballot of submission shall contain, but not need to be limited to, the following language:
Shall the municipality (county) of _____ impose a sales tax ____ (insert amount) for the purpose of providing funding for _____ (*insert either storm water control, or local parks, or storm water control and local parks*) for the municipality (county)?
- Originally, Raytown voters approved a 1/8 cent sales tax for **parks** (Bill No. 5737-03, Ordinance 4899-03, Sect. 111-A-9, p. 2) for a 7 year term on November 4, 2003. Renewal of the sales tax was approved in August 2010 by a 63% margin with language to include “parks/storm water control” with a 10 year sunset.
- **Before a decision on the redistribution of the sales tax is made, why not hold public hearings to give Raytown voters an opportunity to chime in on how tax revenue should be appropriated?**
- Friends of Raytown Parks and other community groups volunteered and worked many hours to organize, promote and partially finance the campaign for the 2010 renewal of the park/storm water sales tax.
- Before November 2003, the Park Department received 10% or \$270,000, of the City's 1¢ general operating sales tax each year. At the time, the City could no longer afford to allocate 10% or \$270,000 to Parks; therefore, the Park Department sought to replace this revenue.
- The 1/8¢ sales tax generated around \$337,000 annually in 2003. Expenditures from the park/storm water tax were approved by the Board of Aldermen and Park Board during budget adoption each year. **2003 referendum ballot language specified parks exclusively, not storm water control nor did the ballot question specify a division of funds consequently parks received 100% of the revenue.**
- Sales tax revenue remains flat or declining. The 1/8 cent sales tax generated more revenue in 2003 than in 2015 if TIF payments, inflation and other factors are taken into consideration. The city's list of deferred storm water projects totals more than \$5 million. Splitting revenue from the 1/8 cent sales tax is a band aid to a much larger issue.
- The Park Board pledged to spend sales tax revenue on:
 - **Community Beautification** -- Up to 20% of the sales tax revenue would be allocated to community beautification, landscaping and maintenance of city ROW areas including street medians, Welcome to Raytown signs, City Hall flower beds and city properties at the Park Dept. discretion. However, the Park Board did not agree to maintain **all** city-owned ROW areas and properties due to insufficient funding. The Park Dept surpassed the original 20% spending target and now spends closer to 30% of sales tax revenue on ROW beautification.

The Park Department agreed to landscape maintenance only at these areas. Construction, maintenance and supplies of infrastructure including irrigation systems are the responsibility of the Public Works Dept.

- **Capital Improvements** – Capital Improvement Projects approved annually by the Park Board and Board of Alderman. Kenagy West Phase II, Krister Park acquisition and development, Kenagy skatepark, Minor Smith Bridge replacement and BMX track improvements among others were partially funded with sales tax revenue and grants.
 - **Park Infrastructure Maintenance** – Maintain current park facility infrastructure including reserves for multi-year Capital Improvement Projects approved by the Park Board.
 - **Matching Grant Funds** – Leveraging local funds to secure opportunities for grant funding.
 - **General Operations** – Salary and benefits for one Landscape Technician FTE to maintain ROW areas identified above.
- The 1/8¢ sales tax expires in 10 years or August 2020.
 - The 1/8¢ sales tax generates 1 penny for every \$8.00 spent on taxable goods in Raytown.
 - In FY16 park/storm water sales tax revenue represents 23% of the park department’s total revenue.
 - \$227,968-FY15 Year to Date sales tax revenue as of 7/31/15.
 - FY16 Projected 1/8 cent Sales Tax Revenue

FY16 Projected 1/8 cent Sales Tax Revenue	\$350,000
less 60% revenue loss	-\$210,000
less TIF-EATS	<u>-\$75,000</u>
Total Park Revenue	\$65,000
 - Reductions will impact parks for years to come. Total 1/8 cent sales tax revenue is \$350,000. 60% of \$350,000 equals \$210,000. Pending Board approval, the following cuts are planned:
 - **20%-\$43,433**-Salary & Benefits-elimination of one FTE Landscape Technician position
 - **32%-\$66,567**-Cuts to materials, equipment and supplies for landscaping at key city intersections: City Hall, 63rd Street Gateway, Gregory Street Gateway, 63rd Street Bridge Gateway, Raytown Road Gateway, medians at 63rd St., 66th and Blue Ridge Blvd, multiple city ROW areas and 9 Welcome to Raytown signs and more.
 - **48%-\$100,000**-CIP cuts to planned 2016 park projects-\$50,000 Kenagy Koop property improvements, \$50,000 for trail, shelter and park improvements.

HOW RAYTOWN PARKS SPENT THEIR SHARE OF THE 1¢ GENERAL SALES TAX (1997-2003) & 1/8 CENT PARK/STORM WATER SALES TAX (2003-2015)

Park Capital Improvement Projects Funded with Sales Tax and Grant Revenue

	EXPENSE
C. Lee Kenagy Tennis Court Renovation	\$117,531
Grants	\$ 75,000
Sales tax revenue	\$ 42,531
 Colman & Minor Smith Walking Trails Development	 \$311,551
Grants	\$142,352
Sales tax revenue	\$169,199
 Henry C. Kritser Park Development	 \$534,779
Grant	\$304,000
Sales tax revenue	\$230,779
 Rice-Tremonti Farm Home Acquisition & Improvements	 \$320,991
Grant	\$320,991
Sales tax revenue	\$ 0
 Raytown BMX Track Development	 \$113,775
Grants	\$ 40,000
BMX Operations	\$ 30,000
Sales tax revenue	\$ 43,775
 Kenagy West Park Improvements	 \$435,664
Grants	\$149,850
Sales Tax revenue	\$275,675
 Colman Park Tennis Court Renovation	 \$210,369
Grants	\$104,501
Sales Tax revenue	\$105,868
Total	\$2,044,660

Park Capital Improvement Projects Funded with Sales Tax Revenue

	EXPENSE
Scheduled Park Facilities & Equipment Maintenance-playgrounds, trails, shelters, parking lots	\$703,925
C. Lee Kenagy - Land Acquisition	\$ 57,081
Minor Smith Park - Play Court Asphalt Resurfacing	\$ 19,238
C. Lee Kenagy - Upgrade Tennis Lights	\$ 37,292
Super Splash USA - New Bathhouse Construction	\$ 256,461
Super Splash USA- Concession/Staff Room/Front Entrance Remodeling	\$168,618
Super Splash USA - New Waterslide	\$336,289
Minor Smith Park - Bridge Replacement	\$190,000
Kenagy West Phase II Improvements	<u>\$535,000</u>
Total	\$2,303,904

April 14, 2010

Board of Aldermen Meeting

1st Reading of Ordinance authorizing submission of the Local Parks/Storm Water Sales Tax

KEVIN BOJI: Board, it is my pleasure to come before you tonight. I will be very brief. In February, the Board of Aldermen had an opportunity to hear a little bit about the Park Sales Tax and the upcoming issue. If you have been to your Parks this evening or drove by any Parks tonight, you would see that they are very busy. He stated that he had counted over 40 cars at Colman Park and over 120 people using the basketball courts and trails. We come before you tonight requesting permission from the Board of Aldermen to place a 1/8 cents Sales Tax renewal on the August 3 ballot. It would require a simple majority and I would be happy to address any questions from the Board related to this Sales Tax.

ALDERMAN CHARLOTTE MELSON: One of my first questions would be why do it in August, instead of waiting until April when there would be an election that would be a lower cost to the City?

KEVIN BOJI: That's a good question. The Sales Tax rolls off March 31, 2011, so the Board felt it's imperative to move quickly ahead as soon as possible.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: Mine is not a question, it is a statement. As liaison to the Park Board, I have sat in on a number of meetings. Kevin, Bob and I and members of the Park Board have had much discussion about this. We have gone through a tight budgetary process and there are some shortfalls. We had had to cut some stuff from the budget. We still got a bridge at Minor Park that we are trying to figure how were going to fund to repair that. To actually lose this 1/8 cent Sales Tax from the budget would be detrimental to the Parks Department. I knowIf I remember right Kevin, isn't it about \$250,000.00?

KEVIN BOJI: It would be about \$280,000.00 estimated.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: It's important that we get this out there on the ballot and get this approved. It does not ensure that all of the shortfalls that we have are going to be fulfilled, but it is going to allow us to maintain. We've got some ideas tossed around on some different things for the Parks and we want to make ensure that we are able to at least maintain at this point and move forward with this.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: I definitely support this. I have a question that I noticed on the green sheet that gave us the background on it, it says Parks Storm Water but on Number 10 as it's listed, just for the Parks Department. So can you explain it to me and why it appears that way?

KEVIN BOJI: I will do my best, but I am sure the City Attorney can address it....State Statute requires or calls for a Parks Storm Water Sales Tax so a portion could be allocated towards Parks or a portion could be allocated towards Storm Water control if that were the wish of the Board of Aldermen.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: So then, is it being altered then because it doesn't list Storm Water on the blue part but on the other one it says Storm Water.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Willerth

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: So we are omitting the Storm Water part of it?

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: No, we were including Storm Water.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: I just didn't see it in the blue section. There is no language that uses the word Storm Water on Item No. 10, Bill 6207-10.

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: You are correct, it would be appropriate to entertain a motion to add the word Storm Water after the word Parks in the heading of the document.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: So we need to amend that then, I will make that motion.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: So we have a motion to amend the bill as written currently, seconded by Mr. Creamer. The motion was made by Alderman Aziere. Discussion on that amendment.

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: I thank Alderman Aziere. I caught it four times in the Bill and it was revised but did not catch it in the title.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Be careful with the compliments, you don't have to live with him. Good catch Mr. Aziere. We got a motion that has been made a second; discussion on the motion which would be to simply amend this right at this time. This is still the first reading. So we are going to vote on amending to add Storm Water to this. Everybody clear, we got the second on that already. Discussion on that, everybody clear? Call the vote please.

TERESA HENRY: (roll call for the vote)

Yes: Aldermen Aziere, Creamer, Van Buskirk, Par Due, Lightfoot, Mock, Hamilton, Melson, Ertz, White

Nays: None

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Good catch Mr. Aziere. Okay further discussion; oh I'm sorry Ms. White.

ALDERMAN CHRISTINE WHITE: Yes, I do have a question Mr. Boji; and perhaps I read everything too quickly, but is this in perpetuity or is there a sunset on it?

KEVIN BOJI: There is no sunset on the Sales Tax.

ALDERMAN CHRISTINE WHITE: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Continued discussion, Mr. Van Buskirk.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Okay, so this is in conjunction with the August Primary Election, is that correct? And, has any portion of it been spent toward Storm Water control in the past?

KEVIN BOJI: Not that I am aware of; I believe it was allocated strictly the 1/8 cent towards Parks. Although there is 3/8 of a cent available for other use.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: So it's just because state statues say we have to have that we have to have that there.

KEVIN BOJI: Up to ½ cent.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Something that still concerns me at it really is not connected to this but it is connected in a way . It is revenues that we get from fees and I feel like the fees that we collect from non residents should be considerably higher than residents. It's the residents of this City that foot the bill for these Parks and maintain them, that pay for the employees and I think it is something that needs to be looked at. I think it would be some savings for the tax payers of the City and I think it would be appreciated by the people of our City. Ah, that's really all the questions that I have. Thank you.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Ms. Melson.

ALDERMAN CHARLOTTE MELSON: Do you have a list available of how the monies would be spent? Or is this basically for maintenance and up keep of what we are generally at as of today?

KEVIN BOJI: It would be spent on Right-of-Way areas, capital equipment replacement and then Parks operations; the \$280,000.00.

ALDERMAN CHARLOTTE MELSON: Okay, because that's one of the things that I was thinking of because I walk at Kritser every night and it's getting kind of bumpy on those trails.

KEVIN BOJI: Yes, the trails do need some work and maintenance.

ALDERMAN CHARLOTTE MELSON: Yes. Thank You.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Mock.

ALDERMAN STEVE MOCK: No.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Again this is the first reading. Mr. Par Due any motions...

ALDERMAN SHANE PAR-DUE: This is the first reading?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER : First reading so we are going to ask for a motion to continue this on a Date Certain of April 20, 2010.

ALDERMAN SHANE PAR-DUE: Yes.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER : If you are so inclined. Ah dang it you had a chance and you missed it sorry. I am wrong, I am sorry I am wrong I apologize. First reading, if there is no further discussion we will dispense with item #10 at this time. We are dispensing with item #10 and we discuss it again on April 20. Thank you for your presentation Mr. Boji.

April 20, 2010

Board of Aldermen Meeting

2nd Reading Ordinance (Amended) authorizing submission of the Local Parks/Storm Water Sales Tax

KEVIN BOJI: Good evening Mayor and member of the Board Aldermen. It's nice to be back for the second week in a row. I will be happy to answer any questions related to the sales tax if you have any.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Questions of Mr. Boji? Mr. Aziere

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: I just would like to share a message from a constituent that called concerning this. They said that in the past it has been traditional for us to have a sunset clause on most of the taxes that we bring to the public. And that was a suggestion by a constituent. And they also felt that it would probably lend to the fact that easier passed if there was a sunset clause on it. We would just like for you to maybe express your opinion on what the Board thought was for that.

KEVIN BOJI: Two primary reasons for the no sunset on the sales. The first was to provide a stable funding source for the Parks in the future. The second, since 1963 there have been 4 votes to extend the Parks sales tax, they have changed form in one way or another form. It was one tenth of a cent now it is one eighth of a cent. The last election to renew the sales tax was in 2003 and that was 7 years ago so we are hoping to save the voters some money in the renewal elections which are estimated to cost between \$5,000 to \$30,000 dollars by continuing this into the future.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: Also, what percentage of your budget does this tax make up?

KEVIN BOJI: Ah, roughly 25%. Ah, I need to go back and verify this but I believe it is about 25% of our total budget.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: Ah, okay. Thank you very much.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Hamilton. We'll stay on the right side here.

ALDERMAN JIM HAMILTON: Yes, I believe last week when we talked, someone had asked the question whether or not any of this money goes to Storm Water causes and I think the answer was probably not very much. So I'm wondering does the language on the ballot have to include "Storm Water?" Because that sort of gives the impression to the voter that some of this money might be actually used for that purpose.

KEVIN BOJI: That question might be better addressed by our City Attorney.

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: This language gives you flexibility if you were voting for both. If you strictly want to make it for Parks then you leave "Storm Water" out of the body. You put the term "Storm Water" in it is recommended that you have that flexibility, it is not required. I believe a large portion of the dollars are going to Parks.

ALDERMAN JIM HAMILTON: Right, well that is my concern, it gives the impression to a voter who is not knowledgeable about all of this is they think, 'Oh, we are going to get some extra money for Storm Water.' And that doesn't seem to be the real case; that is my concern.

KEVIN BOJI: It could be up to one half of one percent for both Parks and Storm Water. We are currently using just 1/8 of that half cent for Parks exclusively right now.

ALDERMAN JIM HAMILTON: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Aziere, then back to Mr. Aziere.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: Uhm, just in fairness of the Board; having been on the Board for the past 11 years, I do remember when I first was elected that the Parks Department at that time was doing little if any care for medians and even the care for the flowers around City Hall since that time I do know that the Parks Department has taken up more responsibility of medians, so they have been actually sharing the budget so to speak with the City in taking care of the medians that we have actually upgraded in the last 11 years which includes the one at Blue Ridge Cut-off and 63rd Street and now of course Gregory and Raytown Road and probably the new one that's coming up near the bridge that they are doing. So, so they are actually sharing beyond what the Parks Department is supposed to do; they really aren't Parks, they are medians and I appreciate that. I am just saying this because I think the public needs to know that you do go beyond the scope of what we think of as just public Parks and that you are using your budget to help the City right of ways; so thank you.

KEVIN BOJI: Currently we maintain I believe it's 9 median right of way areas and 8 or 9 "Welcome to Raytown" signs as well as Raytown City Hall and the Eubank Fountain and several other triangles. The triangle at Blue Ridge Cut off, 63rd Street and Blue Ridge and so forth.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Now Mr. Ertz.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: I do have your Power Point from the previous week or some meeting that I was at. It's 21% of your current budget right now is the sales tax, but however in your Power Point you have 31% of your revenue coming from Super Splash but 100% of that revenue goes back to Super Splash.

KEVIN BOJI: Right.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: so in reality that 21% is much higher than what you actually get to use. Obviously if you didn't have Super Splash, you wouldn't get the \$407,000.00 that it generates either so that is a push . . .

KEVIN BOJI: Correct.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: That is a very large percentage of your operating budget.

KEVIN BOJI: And we are hoping Super Splash will turn the corner this year and do much better.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: Sure. Well...

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: We are too.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: After you or the next. Thank You.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay, down to Mr. Mock.

ALDERMAN STEVE MOCK: Yes, I am glad you answered the question on the fountain. Uh, when do you anticipate the turn on of the fountain?

KEVIN BOJI: Ah, it's a question that ah, that Public Works generally handles. I think it is around May 1st if I'm not mistaken. The Parks Department maintains the flower beds and the landscape around it.

ALDERMAN STEVE MOCK: Okay, alright, thanks.

KEVIN BOJI: I think it is May 1st.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: We are going to wait to see if Andy has further information on that. Public Works Director, Andy Noll.

ANDY NOLL: Ah, yes, thank you. With the fountain, I do believe it is around the first of May that we turn that on and try to get everything done. I will have to check with maintenance staff to make sure that we are on that schedule, I have not checked on that, but we will do that.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: That's a fountain that I've grown to have known more and more the importance ; there is a group of people that the fountain that is especially close is near and dear to their hearts so I would hope that we continue to maintain that in the best tip top shape because it means a lot to all of us citizens of Raytown to have that active and performing well. Thank you Andy. Mr. Van Buskirk.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Since this would be in ah in correlation with an election that is already scheduled, what is the cost?

KEVIN BOJI: We are estimating the cost at roughly \$30,000.00 and that is based on the Public Safety Sales Tax expenses from last year. We are hoping we can share that expense with any candidates that might be on the ballot on August 3rd.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: What would the expenses be exactly?

KEVIN BOJI: The Jackson County Election Authority charges for Teresa's polling stations fees, ah pay to the folks that work at the polls and I don't know any other expenses.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: And it hits \$30,000.00?

KEVIN BOJI: I believe so, believe so.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: I take it there is a sunset clause now and that's why we're being asked to put this on the ballot without one. Ah, what was the period of time?

KEVIN BOJI: Seven years.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Seven years

KEVIN BOJI: Correct, it passed I 2003.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: I certainly, I like to see that there on any tax. Ah, I really have to be convinced to vote for any tax. I have to believe that it is absolutely necessary and I've seen in many situations in my lifetime where I have been deceived about the need for some taxes and how they were going to be used and I am not suggesting that you are doing that, don't get me wrong; but ah, because of that I am a little dubious of any tax. I think the public needs to keep a good handle on any taxes and that is why I believe the sunset clauses are important so that they can keep a handle on it and I know it would be a lot better for you and you would like to have it go on forever but ah I sometimes when information is put out there seems like there is pressure on the public to vote for things because of threats of reduced services or maintenance , or ah you know; and sometimes I've seen those things be deceitful. I hope that whatever information we put out is absolutely truthful, it's not with the intent of pressuring anyone to vote for this unduly, and that it just be decision that we want to keep our Parks nice and provide the funds to do that and ah, I am sure that is what you will do. I just ah, and again I am not suggesting that our Parks Department is going to do anything other than that; I have just seen it done in some elections with taxes in the past at just about every level of government. But I would like to see the sunset clause ah included. In fact, I would like to offer an amendment to the ordinance that we provide a sunset clause for a period again of seven years.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Van Buskirk, do you want to go ahead and make the motion with that included?

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Yes, I will make the motion.

ALDERMAN MICHAEL LIGHTFOOT: I will second it.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: We have a motion made by Mr. Van Buskirk, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot amending item number eight second reading to add a sunset clause of seven years was it sir? Okay. Discussion on that motion? No discussion on that motion? Mr. Wilerth, correct me if I'm wrong but this would then, if we vote on this item would finalize the Board's action on this particular item correct?

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: My opinion that if you approve the amendment at this point and I don't know if there is timeliness involved on this but I think the ordinance is going to need to be reworked to put the sunset provision in both the ballot and into some other sections of the ordinance. So if that is the will of the council I suggest that we bring this ordinance back and re-done on your next meeting to comply with that legally, but we don't know if this amendment passed yet; if it fails ...

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: For clarity, did you change the motion or did you make an amendment?

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: I want to make a motion to amend the ordinance to include a sunset clause of seven years.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: So with that Mr. Wilerth, you would give a suggestion that we delay this to the next meeting. . .

JOE WILLERTH, CITY ATTORNEY: No, no if you approve...I would think we could proceed with the vote of the amendment tonight . If the amendment is approved I recommend that we with hold the final approval of the ordinance as amended until we can bring that language back to you in proper form at the next meeting. If the amendment fails you can proceed and vote on the main motion tonight.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Everybody understand that? So, if this motion passes then we will be amending this to add the sunset on this and then it will come back before us revised by legal counsel for final action. Mr. Par Due.

ALDERMAN SHANE PAR-DUE: Ah, yes Mr. Mayor. I guess my question would be that if we are looking to do this sunset clause just because we are wanting to keep it on our radar if that is the cause, ah I would think the sales tax of this sort we should check on a regular basis with our finance committee that we do with budget every year and not have to wait every 7 years to look at it again. I don't see why this would be something that we would have to entertain if we are watching our sales tax as it is already. Maybe that is just a question that we can just discuss.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Creamer.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: Mr. Boji, and once again pardon my voice. Ah, you say that this is the fourth time that this has been brought back because of the sunset is that correct?

KEVIN BOJI: To the best of my knowledge.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: So in the last twenty-eight years we have spent approximately \$120,000.00 of the taxpayer's money to continue to keep this on the ballot?

KEVIN BOJI: I am sure the elections in the past were not that expensive as they are today.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: So conservatively maybe \$100,00.00?

KEVIN BOJI: Roughly.

ALDERMAN JOE CREAMER: And I would ask my fellow board members if that was a wise use of tax payer dollars. You know we have the Sales Tax Oversight Committee, we've got the regular budgetary process where we are reviewing everything that goes on within that budget. So I definitely couldn't support a sunset as we speak of this now.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay. More discussion ?

ALDERMAN CHRISTINE WHITE: Mayor?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Ms. White.

ALDERMAN CHRISTINE WHITE: Ah, I would have to agree with Alderman Creamer and Par Due. It seems to me that with our Oversight Committees have done a pretty good job using funds as we have promised citizens. So I just cannot support a sunset on this.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Ertz.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: Ah, as far as the Sales Tax Oversight Committee reviewing Parks procedures, I believe that it is mainly day to day operations this is for and I believe that is a Capitol Sales Tax Committee. I just want to get that out there. I am not sure if that level of review is there. What do you think?

KEVIN BOJI: We have met with the Sales Tax Oversight Committee and presented our plan to renew the tax to them; requested their oversight of the Parks' sales tax and I believe they are still looking at it.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: Okay.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: I think they are on board with accepting this. It is their current responsibility to look over that usage of taxes I understand.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: I guess my only other thought would be; this is a very important tax for the operations of our Parks. The likelihood of that passing would be much greater with the sunset on there but, ah who knows okay. Thank you.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay, further discussion on the amendment? Mr. Van Buskirk.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Just a couple of comments. I wish we really had a specific amount that has been spent on those elections ah because it just sounds like we are just guessing at it which is unfortunate. Ah, I am going to support taking this tax to our voters whether my amendment is approved or not so I wanted to let you know that. Ah our Parks are important to us and important to our community and I still believe that the tax payers need to be able to keep a rein on these things and I think that is a way of doing it and it is unfortunate that there is a cost involved when you have those elections but generally they are spread out over a large span of time and are not that significant relative to the expense each year. So, thank you.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Lightfoot.

ALDERMAN MICHAEL LIGHTFOOT: I would also support this with or without the sunset clause but the sunset clause is there for a reason, for this exact reason to keep a rein on taxes to where they are not into perpetuity. But the thing is \$30,000.00 was spent or that it cost for the Public Safety Sales Tax, I would think was a lot bigger undertaking than this park tax. I would say twenty-eight years ago it didn't even cost 50% of that to put something on the ballot, but we are guessing on those numbers. I just think something with a sunset clause on it is more likely to pass.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: I am going to weigh on this myself. I too think that there needs to be sunset clause on this tax. I think that it is asked for by the citizens. This is a very important tax ah, to our Parks

system. Our Parks are very, very important to our citizens, very important to the kids out there, for families that are looking for inexpensive entertainment these days and what better way to accomplish that than with your family in the park. And I think that we would get more votes for this, I want it to pass; but I also ah, even though we still have the Oversight Sales Tax group on it, I still think it is a good idea to have the sunset clause on it. If it comes down to a vote I get to cast, I will be voting accordingly. Further discussion on this amendment?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Sharma.

MAHESH SHARMA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Mayor, I just want to ah correct some information that was given tonight. Number one when we went through the Public Safety Sales Tax; it was in April which was a General Election and we did not spend \$30,000.00 for that election. The cost of any election is determined by the Jackson County Election Authority and it depends whether you are going to have a Special Election or part of General Election, whether you are the only one going through the election or sharing the cost with other elections the school, water district or some other authority. So the cost of an election and how much it can incur depends on whether it is a General Election or a Special Election or you are sharing the cost. I just want to clarify. If we were to have a Special Election for Public Safety, it would have cost \$30,000.00 but we went with the General Election and it did not cost the City that much money.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: We designed that process accordingly so that we wouldn't be paying that. Okay, we are in discussion still regarding the amendment. Any further discussion? I ask the Clerk to perform the vote on the amendment to item eight.

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: Mayor Bower?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Anybody need clarification on the vote?

ALDERMAN PAT ERTZ: Please, I want some clarification.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay, ah would you like to read back the motion?

TERESA HENRY: My motion is the amendment to include a sunset clause of seven years to the sales tax.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Van Buskirk, is that your motion sir?

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Yes, that is correct.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Got it? So we are voting to add the sunset clause of seven years to the current bill in front of us. Call the vote please.

TERESA HENRY: (roll call for vote)

Yes: Alderman Van Buskirk, Lightfoot, Hamilton, Aziere, Ertz, Mock

Nays: Alderman Par Due, Melson, Creamer, White

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: The motion passes to add the amendment for the sunset clause of seven years. So with that Mr. Willerth, we need to make a motion to return this action to a "Date Certain" of May 4, 2010.

May 4, 2010

Board of Aldermen Meeting

2nd Reading Ordinance (Amended by Substitution) authorizing submission of the Local Parks/Storm Water Sales Tax

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay, at this time I will ask the Clerk to perform the second reading on item #10.

TERESA HENRY: An ordinance authorizing and approving submission at the primary election to be held August 3, 2010 to the qualified voters of the City of Raytown, MO the question to whether the City shall impose a sales tax in the amount of 1/8 of once percent for the purpose of funding local parks, storm water control within the City for a term of seven years and imposing such tax if approved by the majority of qualified voters voting thereon.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: I note that a motion to amend by substitution is in order and requested by staff .

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: So moved.

ALDERMAN CHARLOTTE MELSON: Second.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Moved by Mr. Aziere and seconded by it's got to be Ms. Melson. To amend by substitution and that substitution is to go to a ten year I believe sunset rather than seven. And would you do me a favor please and read that amendment Ms. City Clerk? You had one prepared I thought for, ah you have a new one. Would you read that please?

TERESA HENRY: An ordinance authorizing and approving submission at the primary election to be held on August 3, 2010 to the qualified voters to the City of Raytown, MO a question whether the City shall impose a sales tax in the amount of 1/8 of one percent for the purpose of funding local parks , storm water control within the City for the term of ten years and imposing such tax if approved by the majority the qualified voters thereon.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: The previous ah, I just saw if the audience remembers it was previously worded seven years and this amendment would take it to ten years as has been moved and seconded. Discussion on this motion? Mr. Van Buskirk.

ALDERMAN BILL VAN BUSKIRK: Yes, ah since I made the motion to amend it in our last meeting to add the seven year sunset clause, I thought I should address it. I would be in favor of changing that to a ten year; I have no problem with that.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Any other discussion on the amendment to the amendment by substitution? It requires a voice vote please? I believe is that correct? The on the amendment by substitution requires a voice vote correct? Please call the vote.

TERESA HENRY: (roll call for vote)

Yes: Aldermen Aziere, Melson, Lightfoot, Mock, Par Due, Van Buskirk, Creamer, Ertz, Hamilton, White

Nay: None

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Alright, that takes us back to the original motion. Ah, excuse me; action on the seconding reading itself as it has been amended. I wish to hear a report by Mr. Boji at this time.

ALDERMAN MICHAEL LIGHTFOOT: I make a motion to approve at this time.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: Second.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Mr. Lightfoot has the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Aziere. Discussion on item #10 as it has been amended. Mr. Aziere.

ALDERMAN JIM AZIERE: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Okay no discussion, no further discussion? Call the vote please.

ALDERMAN JIM HAMILTON: Who made the motion?

MAYOR DAVID BOWER: Alderman Lightfoot.

TERESA HENRY (roll is called on the vote)

Yes: Aldermen Lightfoot, Aziere, Hamilton, Van Burskirk, Par Due, Ertz, Mock, Creamer, Melson, White

Nays: none