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Special Sales Tax Committee Releases Annual Report Card
2022 Fiscal Report Card Approves Spending, Shows Transparency

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – On September 12, the Special Sales Tax Review Committee (SSTRC) met and reviewed proposed projects from the Transportation, Public Safety, and Capital Sales Tax funds. In addition, each SSTRC member was requested to complete the annual report card for FY2022 to ensure compliance with Committee project actions during the year.

The SSTRC was formed in 2002 to provide citizen oversight of the ½-cent Transportation-Public Safety Sales Tax and 3/8-cent Capital Sales Tax to ensure that 100% of the revenue received by the City are deposited in the City’s designated funds and spent as promised.

“All expenditures are consistent with the sales tax expectations, and the voters’ intended use for the sales tax,” said Finance Director Michael Graham regarding the purpose of the SSTRC.

The Transportation Sales Tax Fund had \$1.7 million in expenses in 2022. Purchases included: Salt, road improvements incorporated asphalt street patching, crack seal, Ultrathin Bonded Asphalt Surface (UBAS), neighborhood street reconstruction and pavement markings.

The Capital Sales Tax fund had expenditures of \$1.5 million in 2022. Those expenses ranged from replacement vehicles for Police and Community Development departments, replacement loader for Public Works, IT equipment, uniforms and body armor for Police and stormwater maintenance projects.

And finally, the Public Safety Sales Tax fund spent a little more than \$2 million for Police salaries and benefits, cloud-based video storage, a police vehicle, training and education, and software and IT expenses and more.

“A huge thank you to City staff who worked diligently to create a balanced budget,” said Mayor Michael McDonough. “The Board of Aldermen and City staff take great care in the spending of taxpayers’ dollars. And we will continue to do so.”

For a copy of the report card or to view past meeting agendas, click [here](#). The next meeting will be held on Nov. 8 at City Hall.

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The Special Sales Tax Review Committee (STRC) is a seven-member committee comprised of one citizen from each ward along with two at-large appointees who are selected by the Mayor. Established in 2002, this committee meets several times a year to review how the City spends revenues from the Transportation, Public Safety, and Capital Sales taxes. Each term is five years.