



CITY OF TOPEKA

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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Date: January 3, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting Only via Zoom

Committee members present: Council members Neil Dobler (Chair), Tony Emerson, Michael Lesser

City staff present: Interim City Manager Bill Cochran; **Public Works:** James Jackson, Tony Trower, Robert Bidwell; **Finance:** Stephen Wade **Utilities:** Braxton Copley; **Legal:** Mary Feighny

Call to Order

Chairman Neil Dobler called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Committee members, and other Council members in attendance introduced themselves.

Resolution: 2022 Citywide Half-Cent Sales Tax Projects

Director James Jackson provided an overview of the proposals for the three year CIP. This information was sent to the Committee in an email. Committee members expressed confusion as to what they were to take action on at this meeting, noting they had been informed it was to approve the half-cent sales tax projects. Director Jackson confirmed and reviewed those projects. [*This resolution and projects can be found below the minutes as well as on the Committee's webpage at <https://www.topeka.org/citycouncil/public-infrastructure>*].

With relation to the project at 6th Avenue from Oakley Avenue to MacVicar Avenue, Director Jackson stated he would send additional information to the Committee regarding the average PCI being listed as 99 on this Resolution, as well as commenting that this project was part of the corridor that the City will be improving as part of the Polk/Quincy Viaduct project that is moving forward. By his estimation, there will be about \$4M worth of projects needed to improve the city streets in preparation of the Polk/Quincy Viaduct project. The total budget request for the 2022 city-wide half-cent sales tax is \$7.6M.

Chairman Dobler stated the city's half cent sales tax generates close to \$14M. At a future meeting, he would like to hear about the rest of that budget as to what the rest of the money is used on.

Committee member Emerson recommended that any work on Gary Ormsby Drive that could be done ahead of the Heartland Stampede event in July would be beneficial for visitors coming to Topeka for that, and other events, this summer. Director Jackson voiced recognition of those events and stated the goal was to have the work completed ahead of those activities.

MOTION: Committee member Emerson made a motion to approve that the 2022 City-wide Half-cent Sales Tax Resolution be moved to the Governing Body for consideration of approval. Committee member Lesser seconded the motion. Motion carries 3-0-0.

Other Items

There were no other items.

Adjourn

Chairman Dobler adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.

Video of the meeting can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/PY7hujsokyY>