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CITY OF LITTLE ROCK

CITIZEN EVALUATION of NEW TAX
COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, August 29, 2015 – City Board Presentation

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REVENUE PROVIDED BY NEW SALES TAX

		2015 Tax Receipts			Prior Year Tax Receipts				
Month Collected	For Sales in the Month of	5/8 Cent Operating	3/8 Cent Capital	New Tax Proceeds	5/8 Cent Operating	3/8 Cent Capital	New Tax Proceeds	% Inc (Dec)	
1	March	January	2,325,922	1,400,705	3,726,626	2,149,333	1,291,607	3,440,940	8.30%
2	April	February	2,229,244	1,403,228	3,632,471	2,298,515	1,381,338	3,679,853	-1.29%
3	May	March	2,796,523	1,683,825	4,480,347	2,543,207	1,528,263	4,071,470	10.04%
4	June	April	2,473,930	1,494,813	3,968,743	2,266,483	1,362,507	3,628,991	9.36%
5	July	May	2,481,247	1,495,217	3,976,464	2,622,742	1,577,102	4,199,844	-5.32%
6	August	June	2,585,856	1,551,513	4,137,369	2,439,910	1,466,545	3,906,455	5.91%
7	YTD Total		\$14,892,720	\$9,029,300	\$23,922,021	\$14,320,190	\$8,607,363	\$22,927,552	4.34%
Month Collected	For Sales in the Month of	5/8 Cent Operating	3/8 Cent Capital	New Tax Proceeds	5/8 Cent Operating	3/8 Cent Capital	New Tax Proceeds	% Inc (Dec)	
8	2012 Total		28,992,457	17,449,867	46,442,324	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
9	2013 Total		29,220,016	17,573,702	46,793,718	28,992,457	17,449,867	46,442,324	0.76%
10	2014 Total		29,608,840	17,849,353	47,458,193	29,220,016	17,573,702	46,793,718	1.42%
11	Grand Total - Life to Date		\$102,714,034	\$61,902,222	\$164,616,256				

3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



Public Safety

- West Little Rock Fire Station #23 Completed in 2012 (Total \$2,589,000) - \$800,000 sales tax
- Public Safety Radio System Upgrades Completed 2014 - \$9,000,000
 - 12th Street Station Completed in 2014 (Total \$12,495,642) - \$9,970,000 sales tax
- Land Purchased for Southwest Little Rock Fire Station 2013 - \$500,000

West Little Rock Police Substation to be completed in 2016 - \$1,000,000

3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



Public Works

- 2012 Street & Drainage Improvements Completed - \$4,835,000
- 2013-2015 Public Works Street Resurfacing, Maintenance, Street & Drainage Reconstruction and Traffic Signals - \$20,349,743
 - *\$2,600,00 per ward

**Twenty-Six (26) Projects Authorized Since
December 2014 - \$7.9 million**

3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



Fleet Services

Purchase of thirty police cars, police pursuit motorcycles and in-car camera systems - \$908,121

Public Works Trucks - \$62,718

Housing & Neighborhood Programs Trucks - \$127,354

Parks & Recreation Truck - \$197,950

3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



Little Rock Parks & Recreation

West Central Community Center - \$6,000,000 (Allocated)

Little Rock Zoo

Upgrades to exhibits - \$2,265,016

Information Technology

City's Website Design Upgrades - \$232,904

5/8 Cent Operational Expenditure Highlights



Each Department has been able to fill vacancies and create new positions where needed. These numbers can and do fluctuate throughout the year for multiple reasons.

Public Safety

- The Commitment of the Little Rock Police Department has been fulfilled to hire fifty-two (52) new police officers and retain twenty-seven (27) positions originally grant funded. Recruit School #81 graduated eighteen 18 Police Officers on February 1, 2015
- Ten (10) new 911/311 Communications call takers have been hired (eleven (11)vacancies still remain).
- Housing & Neighborhood Programs has fulfilled its commitment to hire twenty (20) new Code Enforcement Officers and four (4) new Animal Services Staff.

5/8 Cent Operational Expenditure Highlights



Department of Community Programs Re-Entry

Our House, Inc.:

Enrolled: 117 program participants

Placed: 52 participants in employment

Goodwill industries of Arkansas (Transitional Employment Opportunities):

Enrolled: 161 program participants

Placed: 107 participants placed in employment

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas (Re-Entry beyond Disabilities):

Enrolled: 97 program participants

Placed: 54 participants placed in employment

5/8 Cent Operational Expenditure Highlights



Department of Community Programs and Public Works

- In partnership with the Public Works Department a total of thirty-six (25) individuals have been hired to participate in the sidewalk program. Thirteen (13) trainees have been promoted within Public Works, three (3) obtained a Commercial Driver's License, and seven (7) are currently still the in the program.



Next LRCent Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center – 3805 West 12th Street

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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