



# LR CENT

CITY OF LITTLE ROCK

CITIZEN EVALUATION of NEW TAX  
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Tuesday, November 25, 2014 – City Board Presentation

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# Financial Updates



## New Sales Tax Receipts January - July 2014

5/8 Cent Operating – \$16,689,593

3/8 Cent Capital – \$10,029,367

Total - \$26,718,960

(Previous Year- \$26,613,191)

Grand Total Collected – 2012 - 2014 - \$119,955,002 \*Capital & Operational

Total Amount Expended – \$58,891,732 \*Capital only

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# New Sales Tax Receipts

		2014 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	2,149,333	1,291,607	3,440,940	2,257,994	1,358,942	3,616,936	-4.87%
2	April	February	2,298,515	1,381,338	3,679,853	2,369,948	1,425,994	3,795,942	-3.06%
3	May	March	2,543,207	1,528,263	4,071,470	2,394,607	1,440,888	3,835,495	6.15%
4	June	April	2,266,483	1,362,507	3,628,991	2,379,372	1,431,658	3,811,030	-4.78%
5	July	May	2,622,742	1,577,102	4,199,844	2,441,637	1,469,331	3,910,967	7.39%
6	August	June	2,439,910	1,466,545	3,906,455	2,440,866	1,468,353	3,909,219	-0.07%
7	September	July	2,369,403	1,422,004	3,791,408	2,330,887	1,402,716	3,733,602	1.55%
8	YTD Total		<b>16,689,593</b>	<b>10,029,367</b>	<b>26,718,960</b>	<b>16,615,309</b>	<b>9,997,882</b>	<b>26,613,191</b>	<b>0.40%</b>
9	2012 Total		28,992,457	17,449,867	46,442,324	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10	2013 Total		29,220,016	17,573,702	46,793,718	28,992,457	17,449,867	46,442,324	0.76%
11	Total		<b>58,212,473</b>	<b>35,023,569</b>	<b>93,236,042</b>				
12	Grand Total - Life to Date		<b>\$74,902,066</b>	<b>\$45,052,936</b>	<b>\$119,955,002</b>				

# 3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



## Public Safety

- Public Safety Radio System Upgrades Completed 2014 - \$9,000,000
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street Station Completed in 2014 (Total \$12,495,642) - \$9,000,000 sales tax
- West Little Rock Fire Station #23 Completed in 2012 (Total \$2,589,000) - \$800,000 sales tax
- Fleet for new Police Staffing, Fire Stations and Code Enforcement (2012-2014) - \$7,000,000 \*(capital & operational)

## 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

# 3/8 Cent Capital Expenditure Highlights



## Little Rock Parks & Recreation

- Riverfront Amphitheater Roof Park Upgrades - \$371,000
- Centre at University Park Completed in 2013 – (Total \$3,220,000) \$980,000 sales tax
- Natural Steps Ball Park Construction of Soccer Fields to be completed in 2014 - \$770,000

## Little Rock Zoo

Upgrades to exhibits - \$2,265,016

## Information Technology

Design, implementation, training and services for equipment and software upgrades - \*\$1.3 million

\*approximant amount

# 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. Currently, have twenty-one (21) in recruit school with a graduation date of June 2015. As of October 22, 2014, we have thirteen (13) vacancies.
- Twelve (12) new 911/311 Communications call takers have been hired (vacancies still remain).
- The Little Rock Fire Department has hired twelve (12) new firefighters to staff Station #23 and retained eighteen (18) positions originally grant funded.
- 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

➤ The City Board passed Resolution No. 13,707 providing funding to (5) five organizations for re-entry services totaling \$318,666.

### Our House, Inc.:

Enrolled: 23 program participants

Placed: 12 participants in employment

### Goodwill industries of Arkansas (Transitional Employment Opportunities):

Enrolled: 64 program participants

Placed: 35 participants placed in employment

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

Enrolled: 31 program participants

Placed: 16 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 twenty-five (25) individuals have been hired to participate in the sidewalk program. Six (6) trainees have been promoted within Public Works, one (1) obtained a Commercial Driver's License, and eight (8) are currently still the in the program.
  
- Evening Career Center – Enrolled: 50 program participants
  - Participants completing certifications in GED, Welding, Auto Mechanics, Computer Assisted Design (CAD) and Certified Nursing Assistance (CAN)
  - Pilot completes December 19, 2014
  - Currently working with private industry to increase employment opportunities for participants