



Wednesday, December 18, 2013
Meeting & Presentation

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Financial Updates



New Sales Tax Receipts

Summary as of September 2013

Total revenue collected from 2012-2013 as of November-\$80,694,316

3/8 Sales Tax Projects As of November 30, 2013

Total sales tax dollars spent 2012-2013 as of November – \$36,319,366

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Public Safety



A NEW OFFICE BUILDING FOR LITTLE ROCK POLICE
12TH STREET STATION
Little Rock, Arkansas



Public Safety



3/8 Cent Capital Expenditures

- Public Safety Radio System Upgrades have been completed-\$9,000,000
- 12th Street Station is under construction and will be completed in the summer of 2014- \$9, 970,000 (sales tax dollars)
- West Little Rock Fire Station #23 Completed - \$543,000
- Southwest Fire Station Land Purchase- \$500,000

Total Public Safety Expenditures – \$20,013,000

Public Safety



5/8 Cent Operational

- Ninety (90) additional officers have been hired
- Twelve (12) additional Fire Fighters have been hired
- Retained Eighteen (18) Fire Fighter Positions previously funded by a grant
- Twenty (20) additional Code Enforcement Officer positions have been filled
- Two (2) additional Animal Services Officer positions have been filled
- Re-Entry Program Started and contracts for services were initiated

Community Programs



Reentry

- All reentry contracts have been finalized and orientation was held
- Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Little Rock and AR Dept. of Corrections was drafted, reviewed and revised by AR Dept. of Corrections.
- Held meetings with Human Resources to discuss referral and hiring process for internal training program. The process had been identified, applicant list has been updated and we have 98 applicants remaining. General application will be used with supplemental questions related to the areas of potential hire (animal services, landscaping, automotive, construction). Fleet has submitted requisition and applicant pool is being developed in Human Resources and Reentry Coordinator.
- Partnered with Parks & Recreation, Fleet, Zoo and Housing and Neighborhood Programs to identify training positions available for reentry participants. A total of 11 positions were identified (Maintenance Workers, Animal Care Technicians, Automotive Technicians and Zoo Laborers). Training positions will begin in September and October.
- Total number of re-entry program participants that have received employment placement is (24)

Public Works



3/8 Cent Capital Improvements

- Thirty-nine (39) 2012 infrastructure projects Completed in each ward and over 18 miles of city streets resurfaced totaling over- \$4 million
- 2013-2015 infrastructure projects underway in each ward- \$18.2 million
- Community Programs In-House Sidewalk Program using prevention intervention funding completed 40,461 square feet of new sidewalks

Economic Development/Tourism



- Arkansas livestock Show commission for improvements to Barton Coliseum- \$98,700
- Welspun Tubular expansion- \$500,000

Parks & Recreation and The Little Rock Zoo



MacArthur Dog Park



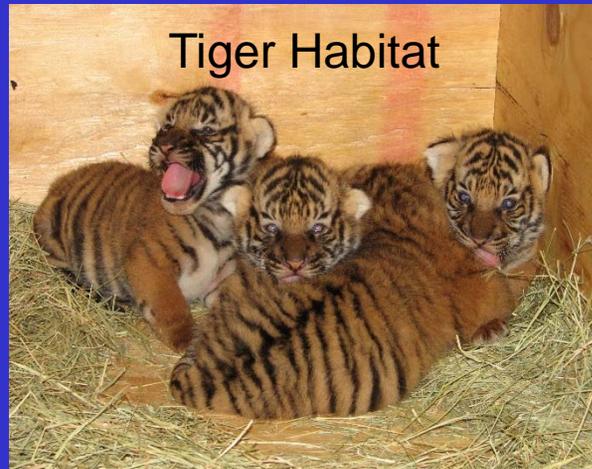
The Centre at University Park



Ape Exhibit Arbor Style Sun Shade



Tiger Habitat



Otter Habitat



Parks & Recreation



3/8 Capital

- Completion of The Centre at University Park- \$980,000
- West Central Community Center is in design phase- \$6,000,000
- \$770,000 – Authorized for engineering and construction of four (4) soccer fields and entrance to Natural Steps Park

Operational

- 9 Maintenance Vacancies were filled
- 15 New Maintenance Positions were added
- 1 New Museum Position was added
- 1 New Recreation Supervisor position the Centre at University Park

The Little Rock Zoo



Little Rock Zoo

3/8 Cent Capital Improvements

- Zoo Great Ape Shade Structure- \$173,530
 - Tropical Birdhouse- \$46,675
 - Greenhouse- \$126,444
 - Tiger Habitat- \$244,530
- Otter Habitat/Bear Habitat \$150,000

Sixteen positions (16) Filled: Requirements for accreditation

Veterinarian

Education Curator

Marketing/Development Assistant

Guest Services Assistant Manger

Office Assistant III

Senior Carnivore Keeper

Water Quality Technician

Custodian II

Café Supervisor

Education Assistant

Life Support Operator

Animal Keepers (2)

Development Specialist

Education Keeper

Registrar

Little Rock Fleet



Overall Fleet Replacement or New Purchases 2012-2013

Using 3/8 Capital & 5/8 Cent Operational Sales Tax

Police – Seventy-Three (73) Vehicles

Fire – Five (5) Vehicles

Parks & Recreation – Twenty- Nine (29) Vehicles and Equipment

Public Works - Twelve (12) Vehicles

Housing/Code Enforcement- Twenty-Three (23) Vehicles

Planning & Development – Four (4) Vehicles

Total Amount of Vehicle and Equipment Purchases - \$4,302,360

Planning & Development



Little Rock Planning & Development

Positions That Have been filled:

- Building Inspector
- Graphics/GIS Technician
 - Office Assistant II
- Zoning Enforcement Officer (2)
 - Plans Examiner (2)
 - GIS Analyst Senior

Little Rock Information Technology



Little Rock Information Technology Department

- Purchased 200 Desktop Computers
- Purchased 1,400 Microsoft 2013 Licenses
- Ordinance No. 20,732 – Short-Term Financing of \$7,700,00 dedicated to Public Safety and Information Technology
- \$2 million of Short-Term Financing will fund design, implementation, training and services for equipment and software upgrades.

Human Resources



- City Board approved an amended defined contribution plan document on August 27, 2013.
- Employee meetings were held in August- September and the plan would go into effect on January 2014.
- Employee contribution rates will be 4.5% and employer rate 9%. The plan design includes protections to avoid unfunded liability.

