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1. Hafer Park Playground

The new Hafer Park playground opened earlier this month. This playground has been busy since it opened and one of the highlights has been the synthetic turf used for the surface. This is our second playground with synthetic turf and both locations have gone over well (Edmond 66 Park is the other location). We will be upgrading the “tot-lot” playground, which is adjacent to this one, in the next fiscal year.

Noah’s Park and Playgrounds of Edmond was the contractor and Themed Concepts was the manufacturer. The cost of the playground was \$200,000 and funds were from the Park Tax.

2. Barnett Field Splash Pad

The Barnett Field Splash Pad, located near Main and Kelly, is now open daily from 9 am to 8 pm through September 16th. Now in its fifth year, it is one of the most popular amenities in our parks system. Thank you to our Parks staff for working hard to open it a week early this year to meet the high demand.

There is \$500,000 in the Park Tax five-year budget for a second splash pad, with the location still to be determined.

3. City/EPS Tennis Partnership

This project is out to bid, with the opening to be on June 19th. We have been encouraged by the early interest in the project, with many firms picking up sets of plans.

The project will be constructed on 20+ acres near the northeast corner of 15th & Kelly.

This state-of-the-art facility will be the largest in the region, featuring 10 indoor courts, up to 24 outdoor lighted courts, and a main building that will house the tennis professional, merchandise and concessions. The project is scheduled to be fully completed next summer.

Both the City and EPS are contributing \$7M each to the project.

4. Water Tower Construction at Danforth & Thomas

Approval of a contract to build this tower is an item on tonight's agenda, with the recommendation to award to Landmark Structures, the low bidder who also recently constructed a very similar 2M tower at Broadway and Coffee Creek. The cost of the City's eighth tower will be \$4.711M, considerably below the estimation.

The project is part of a package of water and sewer improvements that will cost an estimated \$400M over the next 5+ years. Construction is expected to start in July and take 16 months.

5. Thomas Drive Realignment Project

The section of Thomas north of the Danforth intersection will be realigned from its current location to the east side of the Edmond North HS parking lot and the new water tower near the railroad tracks. The project will enhance better traffic safety and flow for

Three lanes will be constructed, including a center turn lane. There will also be a right turn lane into the school parking lot. Bids will be opened on June 13th and the construction time frame is four months. The engineer's estimate is \$2.5M, with funding provided by the 2000 capital improvement sales tax.

6. Sales and Use Taxes

Sales tax collections were up 6.65% above the same month last year. Cumulatively we are now 2.82% above last year and our 1% budget projection for the first eleven months of the fiscal year. We remain in third place in our 7-city comparison group for sales tax collections (behind Yukon and OKC, and ahead of Moore, Midwest City, Tulsa and Norman.)

As predicted, use tax collections were down this month, since it was May of 2017 when cities began receiving Amazon checks in Oklahoma, and they had paid 1.5 times the amount required to fund their "estimate". It's too early to determine the change within the NAICS categories.

Combined sales/use tax collections are up a healthy 8.23% from last year through 11 months, down very slightly from the 8.73% at the end of last month.

Warren has updated the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) charts for sales and use taxes, and they are included in his background information. On the sales tax side Natural Gas Distribution moved into the Top 14 because of a normal seasonal change after the winter months' collections are received. Sporting Goods dropped out of the Top 14.

No big change in the use tax, but worth noting that the 3 medical categories combined account for over 18% of use tax collections for the year.

Respectfully submitted
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