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SUBJECT:	Monthly Progress Report – October, 2019			

1. Sales & Use Taxes

Although October has been our best month for sales tax based on an eight-year average, this month's collections were our best month ever as collections were 7.46% above a year ago. For the first four months of the year we are up 5.8% over last year, up from 5.2% a month ago.

Use tax revenue reflected the best month of the current fiscal year but increased only 2.3% above last October. For the year use tax collections are up 27.7%, down from 32.4% from a month ago. These increases will continue but at a much slower pace as fewer "big" collectors of use tax are being added.

The sales and use tax totals are also well above our budget projections of 2% for sales tax and 5% for use tax. Sales and use taxes combined are up 9.6% through four months, as compared to 10.9% after three months.

2. City/Edmond Public Schools Tennis Center

Construction progress has improved in the past few months after the wet spring. Framing continues for the clubhouse and portions of the roofing. Underground electric is being installed to the outdoor courts, and asphalt is being installed in the fire lane. The City is responsible for the access entrance at 15th & State Street and this portion of the project is underway. Our Tennis Sports Partner (Edmond Tennis Service - David & Lisa Minihan) and Parks Director Craig Dishman have been reviewing furnishings and equipment for the new facility.

Key Construction is the general contractor. The \$16.5M complex will include six indoor courts, 24 outdoor courts and a clubhouse/locker room facility. The City's share of \$6.75M is allocated from the 2017 repurposed capital improvements sales tax. The City also purchased the additional park land needed for the development at \$2.5M.

The start date of the project was February 1 of this year. The original completion date was identified as April 3 of 2020, and the new substantial completion date is April 29 of next year.

3. *I-35 Frontage Trails (Mercy to 15th, and Fox Lake to Spring Creek Trail)*

This project involves creating a trail connection from Fox Lake Lane to the Spring Creek trail on the west side of I-35. This is an ODOT project and CGC is the general contractor. The contractor is waiting to receive new grade elevations due to a sanitary sewer line that is about 6" above the finished surface of the new trail. While the new elevations are being determined they have moved to 15th Street, the other section of the frontage road trail being constructed. This linkage starts at 15th Street and connects with improvements at the Mercy Hospital complex along the frontage road.

The project is scheduled for completion next spring. The total cost is \$550,000, with ODOT providing \$70,000 and the City providing \$480,000 from the Parks Tax.

4. *Downtown Lighting, ITS and ADA Improvements*

These improvements will take place on Broadway from First Street to Ayers, as well as on First Street, and on Main Street from Broadway to the alleys east and west of Broadway. 82 new decorative streetlights will replace the existing sidewalk lights. The new lights will have outlets installed into the base of the poles to be used for special events. The existing bollards will have new outlets installed as well. One feature of the new lights is the intensity of lighting can be changed based upon events.

To avoid multiple construction disruptions downtown, the new street lighting will be installed at the same time traffic signal changes with the Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) and ADA compliance improvements are constructed. The design plans are 90% complete and the project will begin construction after the holiday season.

A smaller secondary project, that will be bid separately, is lighting improvements for the underpass on Edmond Road and colorful lighting added to the structure in Festival Market Place. The total cost of the combined projects is around \$3 million, and the funding source is the 2017 repurposed capital improvements sales tax.

5. *Traffic Signals and Turn Lanes for Exit/Entrance Ramps at I-35 & Covell*

The project plans are under design. Our people have met with ODOT to discuss their requirements and to also check for any possible funding assistance. The plans will be completed when the response from ODOT is received.

It became necessary to accelerate the time frame for this project because of significant increases in traffic volume because of the major new activities in the area. This resulted in the City having to fund the entire cost, and \$3M has been allocated in the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

Respectfully submitted,

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