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Public Safety Sales Tax Quarterly Report

Information through AUGUST 2020



Background Information

A Public Safety Sales Tax for the Independence Fire Department was voted for and approved in August of 2004. In 2016, the tax was renewed for an additional 12 years and will expire in December of 2029.

As part of the original committee for the needs of the Sales Tax, it was determined that funding would be appropriated for Improvements in the following project areas.

- Communications
- Emergency Medical Services & Fire Training
- Training Facility
- Tools and Equipment
- Repair/Maintain Fire Stations
- Fire Department Apparatus

The revenue is projected on a yearly basis for the Public Safety Sales Tax and is anticipated at approximately \$2,000,000 each year through the life of the collection period.

Executions of these expenditures of the Public Safety Sales Tax are reviewed by the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Each quarter reports and reviews are provided and direction given to ensure that the public funds are spent in a fiscally sound manor following the guidance of the ballot language, City charter, City policies and State statutory requirements.

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Revenues

Beginning 2020/21 FY Unassigned Fund Balance:	\$1,243,946
Sales Tax Collected through 8/31/2020:	\$ 389,426
Original projection for sales tax revenue for 20/21 FY:	\$2,012,500

(Fiscal Year = July 1 through June 30)

PST Expenditures for July 2020 - August 2020

Communication Service - 5202	Original Appropriation	YTD Expended*	Available Budget*
Telephones and Communication services, cell phones, etc.	47,200	4,397	41,803*
Overnight Travel and Meals - 5203			
Travel and meal expenses related to training	0	0	0
Maintenance-Mobile Equipment - 5210			
Repair and Maintenance costs for mobile vehicles not performed by City Garage	30,000	0	30,000
Maintenance-Buildings - 5211			
Repair and Maintenance costs for buildings	90,000	6,484	68,496*
Maintenance-Other - 5212			
Repair and Maintenance costs for other items not categorized under mobile equipment or buildings	138,405	1,689	68,916*
Training and Education - 5214			
Costs associated with personnel training including registrations and travel costs	79,000	1,284	77,716
Professional Services - 5226			
Legal, engineering, accounting and other professional services	50,000	0	50,000
SANTA - Professional Services - 5226			
Professional services related to Santa Cali Gon Festival	0	0	0
Utilities - 5229, 5231, 5232			
Utilities paid for PST funded projects, Training Facility and Opticom System	25,791	4,259	21,532
Leases - 5236			
Costs associated with lease of equipment or services covered under the PST	21,405	0	21,405
Other Services - 5240			
Costs associated with fund investment fees and other services not categorized under professional services	40,000	0	40,000
Operating Supplies - 5309			
Supplies purchased specifically to support PST functions that generally have a cost under \$100	15,000	859	15,434*

Small Tools and Equipment - 5313	Original Appropriation	YTD Expended*	Available Budget*
Small tools and equipment that has a value greater than \$100 and a useful life over a year	160,000	2,370	157,630
Capital Outlay-Buildings - 5401			
Includes cost of construction , as well as the initial cost of items associated with the permanent part of the structure	270,000	0	270,000
Capital Outlay-Computer Equip - 5402			
Computers, printers, tablets with expense exceeding \$1000	37,000	0	37,000
Capital Outlay-Mobile Equipment - 5404			
Cost for automobile, fire apparatus and other items needed to put the vehicle in service	640,000	0	571,339*
Capital Outlay-Other Equipment - 5405			
Other machinery or equipment with expense exceeding \$1000	70,000	0	62,200*

*Actual YTD and Available columns reflect amounts that have been paid to date, and do not include current open encumbrances.

Total 20/21 FY Expenditures to date: (21,342)

Open/Unpaid Encumbrances: (161,822)

Upcoming Projects:

Currently we are in the process of purchasing a new ladder apparatus. Our Specifications Committee has completed its work and the process is now working its way through council readings and approval. The truck has an estimated cost of \$1,270,562. The truck and supporting equipment will be purchased using a combination of Budgeted Funds and an appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

UPDATE: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, it has been recommended that the purchase of the aerial apparatus will be changed to a short-term lease arrangement to free up funds as needed.