

Marijuana Sales Tax Overview

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Presentation Summary

- City can seek voter approval to impose an additional 3% sales tax on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult-use marijuana.
- First opportunity to seek voter approval: April 4, 2023.
- Multiple cities and Jackson County coordinating efforts.
- Staff recommendation:
 - Seek voter approval to use revenues as core funding for police facilities OR
 - Neighborhood services
- Current “boiler-plate” language in Bill No. 22-116 needs to be amended to specify use.

The Opportunity

- November 8, 2022: Missouri voters approved Constitutional Amendment, legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.
- Cities may ask voters to impose an additional 3% sales tax on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult-use marijuana.
- First opportunity for voters to approve: April 2023.
- Endorsed by the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Fiscal Impact

- Low-range: \$270,000
- Mid-range: \$440,000
- High-range: \$615,000

Accountability

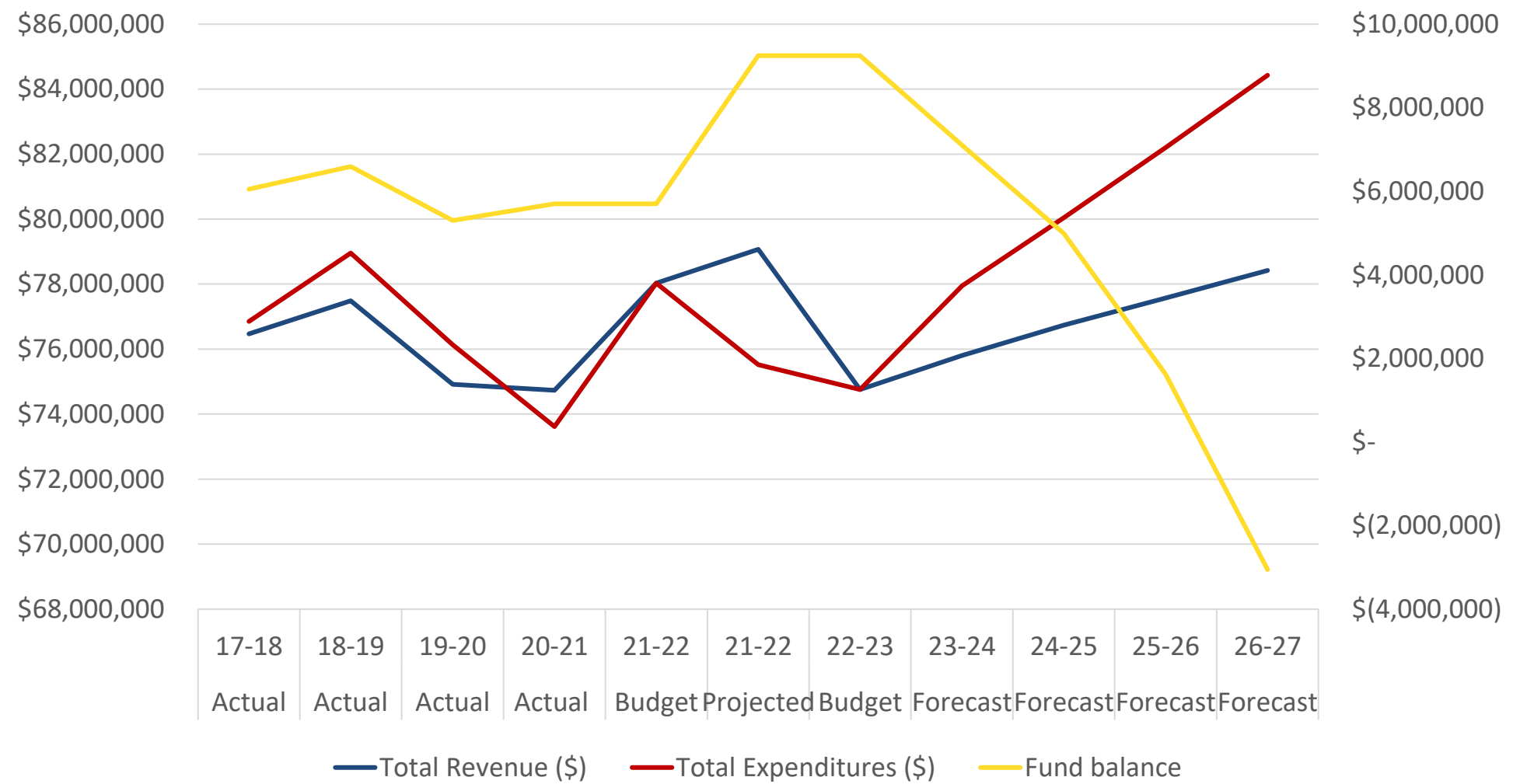
- Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee
 - Comprised of Independence citizens
 - Monitors revenues and ensures expenditures are appropriate
 - Provides a public report to the City Council twice per year
 - Reports presented to City Council and posted on City website

Current Ordinance Proposal

- Neighborhood Services
- Dangerous Building Demo/Code Enforcement/Trash Cleanup



General Fund Expenditure and Revenue Growth Comparison



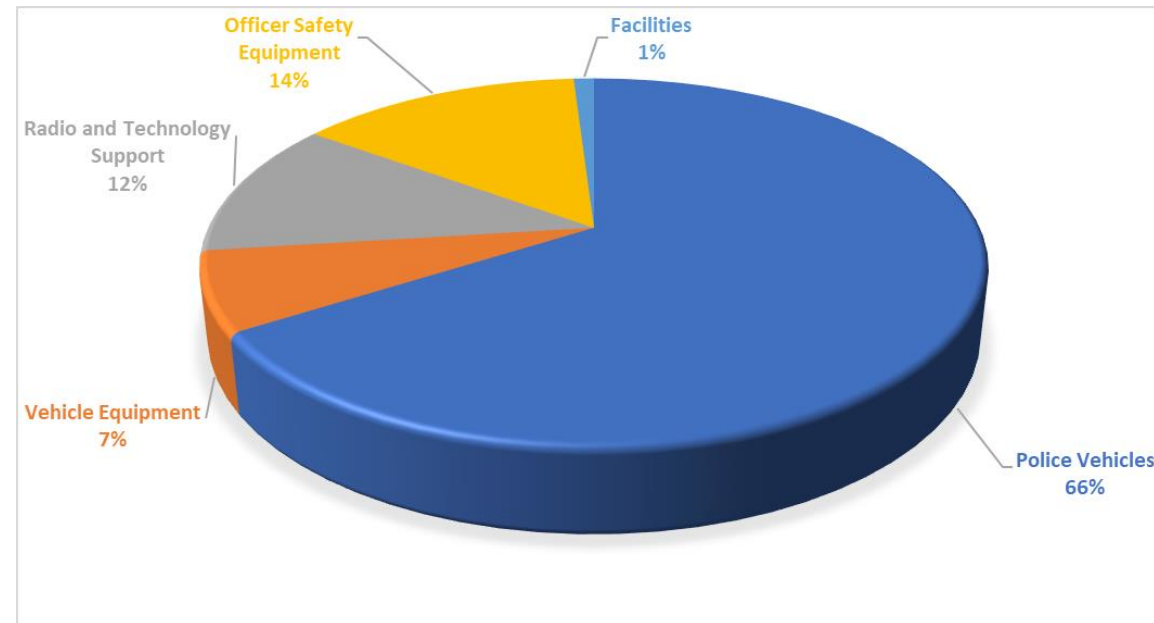
Critical Need: Police Facilities

- Current Police Headquarters built in 1973.
- 2018 Master Plan recommended building new facility to accommodate needs/growth for 100 years+
- Current challenges: safety issues, reduced staff efficiency, windows/roof replacement, basement leakage, mechanical/sewer systems failing. **\$1.85 million spent on facility repairs EACH YEAR!**
- Police recruitment and retention
- Recommend consolidated Public Safety Campus



IPD Public Safety Sales Tax

- The current sales tax for IPD primarily supports police fleet and equipment.
- Only 1% of the current sales tax supports police facilities.
 - Expenses: Utility bills and technology contractors.



Municipality	Year Built/Renovated	Price	Size	Population Served	Sworn/Civilian Personnel
Blue Springs	2015	\$22 million	72,000 sq. ft.	59,430	102/51
Lee's Summit	2021	\$5.5 million		102,781	153/62
Grain Valley	2022*	\$14 million	22,000 sq. ft.	16,002	20/5
KCMO Shoal Creek	2006	\$16.2 million	43,500 sq. ft.	109,213	72/6
KCMO North	2017	\$10 million	26,500 sq. ft.	82,192	81/5
KCMO South	2012	\$28 million	102,000 sq. ft.	70,193	87/7
KCMO Metro	2010	\$17 million	56,000 sq. ft.	91,184	126/7
KCMO East	2015	\$57 million	138,000 sq. ft.	84,787	134/6
KCMO Central	2015	\$26 million	115,000 sq. ft.	70,388	153/9
AVERAGE	2015	\$21.7 MILLION	71,875 sq. ft.	76,241	103/17.5
Independence	1973	***	61,170 sq. ft.	122,088	230/94.33

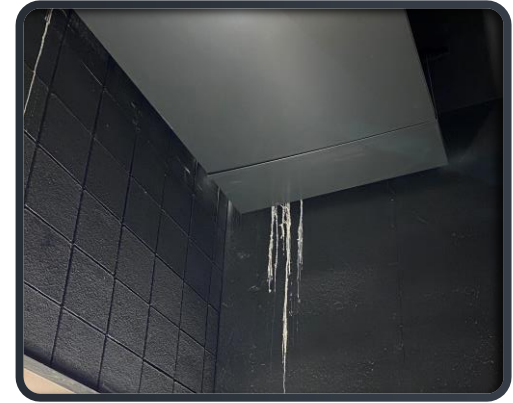


Safety Hazards and Challenges
Recruitment Challenge- Would you want to work here?

After new roof this summer- Water Problems continue

Maintenance and upkeep of technology in each building

- Frequent Internet, HVAC, and Power Outages within the past 6 months



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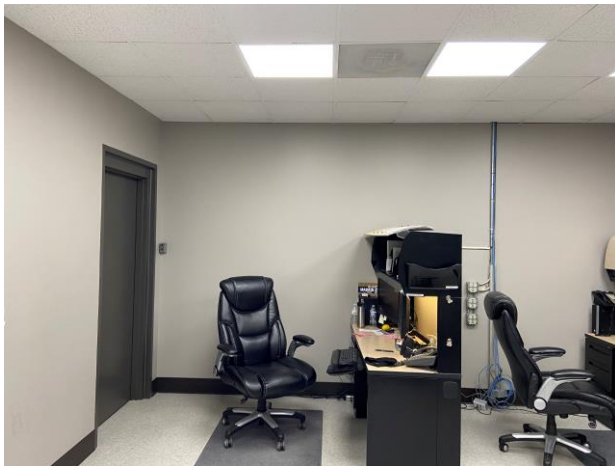
Raw sewage leaks-

Records (1st Floor)- File Room, storage room, and breakroom

Patrol (ground Floor)- Patrol Captains office- on Desk

Admin (2nd Floor)- Men's Restroom

- 2 separate leaks 3 months apart in past 6 months
- Maintenance Personnel put sleeves on the leaks, but advised due to the age of the pipes, it is only a matter of time before another break occurs.





Space/Parking

We have grown to having an off-site SWAT/Traffic Safety Unit

K-9 Unit

Communications Center
and several “sub-stations”

- Englewood
- Independence Center
- Hawthorne Place Apartments

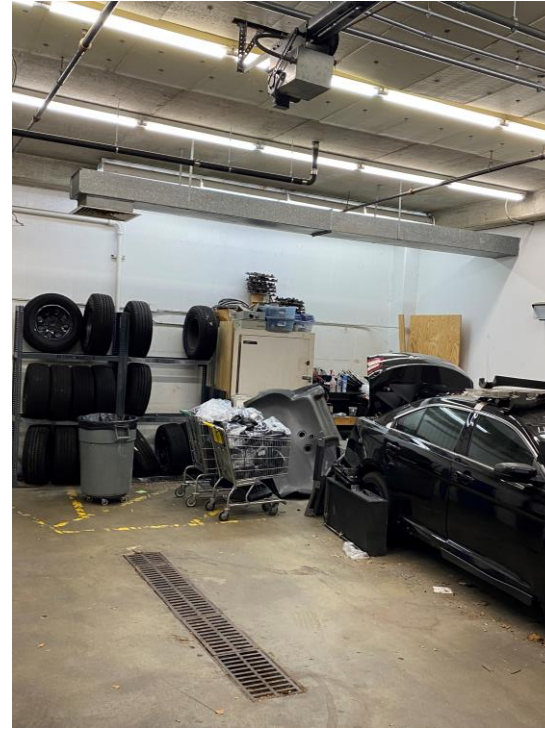
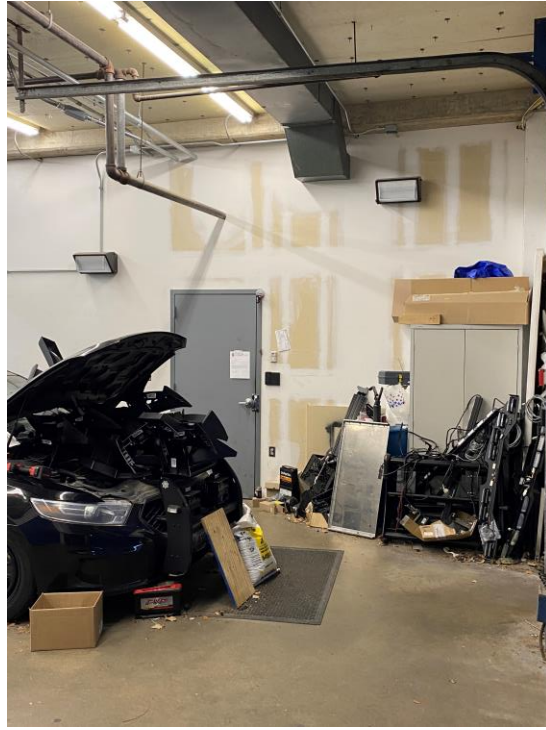
Parking is scarce and often personnel are required to park off-site

Interior space has been re-purposed to point of operational inefficiency
and Supervisory/Managerial Oversight Challenges

- Street Crimes Unit/SWAT not co-located

Crime Scene Unit must travel to K-9 unit to process vehicles (often no space)





The Need for space

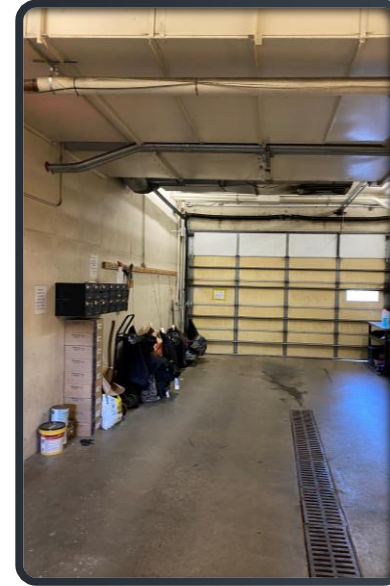
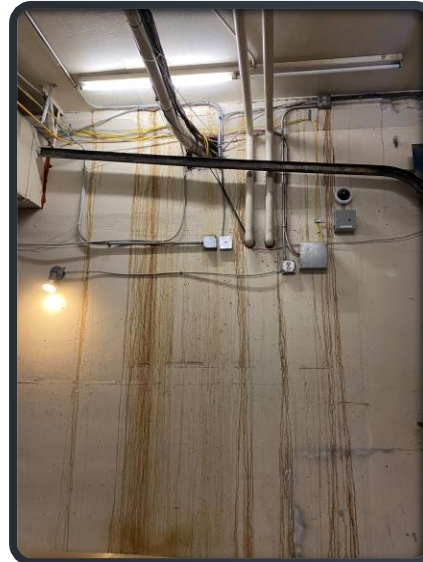
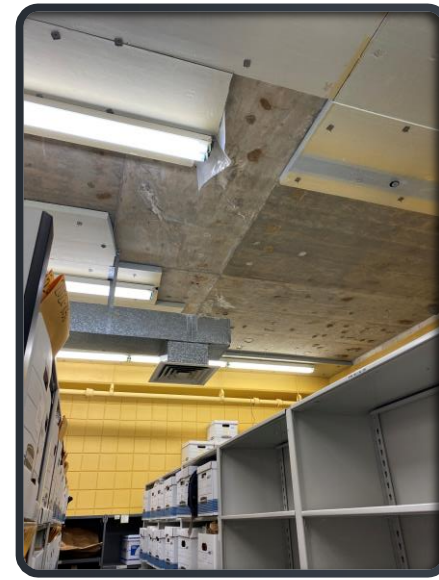
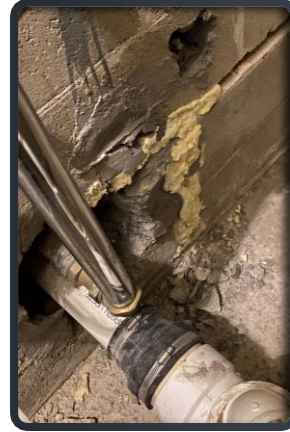
Property room/Detention Unit

Water damage/missing ceiling tiles
Could potentially damage stored evidence

Also in Maintenance Corridor/Sallyport inside
Detention

Damaged lighting and plastic sheeting on storage shelves

Plastic sheeting is to contain/direct water leaks



Training considerations

- Currently, there is an indoor firing range in the building about 5 shooting lanes wide
- No way to bring a vehicle into the range to train with firearms and vehicles
- Looking to purchase use of force training simulators for firearms/de-escalation that require sizable space to set up (30' x 30')...they have to stay in place and are not easily moved
- We currently rely on outside entities for space to conduct some trainings
 - (requires substantial Personnel and Equipment- cones, vehicles, etc. to be coordinated)
 - Building Searches
 - Slow-Speed Driving Training
 - Stop-Stick Deployment
 - Vehicle Stop Procedures
- Travel and coordination limits ability of operational personnel to conduct training on a “shift-level” while personnel are working their regular shift
 - Requires scheduling and trade outs with Department-wide coordination

Summary

- Current Police Headquarters is unsafe, inefficient, and harmful to recruiting
- Construction of a consolidated Public Safety Campus is recommended
- Staff recommends:
 - Seeking voter approval of a 3% sales tax on marijuana in April
 - Allocating funds for Police facilities
 - Ensuring accountability through the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee.