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1. Covell Widening: Fairfax to Griffin

Several significant weather delays in recent months have also significantly delayed this project from moving forward at the pace we had hoped. The ice storm event, several rains and most recently the record cold temperatures and snow have all combined to move the substantial completion of this project back to second week in April. However, we believe the contractor (Crossland Heavy Construction) is fairly close to being able to re-open one lane of traffic in each direction as an interim step.

The photo identifies the large 7 and 8 foot cut and fill sections that require retaining walls as one key element. These walls cannot be completed until the weather is sufficiently dry and warm. Another significant factor has been the inability to pour concrete for the last couple of weeks.

The lighting subcontractor has been able to continue to work through the snow and is installing lights, signal poles and mast arms.

As a reminder, the cost of the project is around \$9.6M, funded through the 2000 capital improvements sales tax.

2. Sales & Use Taxes

These numbers from December collections represent the eighth month of our current fiscal year. Sales tax revenue for the month showed a .93% increase from last year, and the cumulative increase for the year decreased slightly, from 3.87% to 3.5%. Use tax collections for the month were 22% above last year, and now cumulatively the increase is also 22%. Combined collections from both sources for the year is now 7.54%, basically the same as the 7.6% a month ago.

The chart identifies where Edmond fits this month in our 8-city comparison group.

3. *Growth in Adult Softball at 66 Park*

Last year the City began working with a new management partner for this program, Red Dirt Athletics (Jennifer Lemon), with the goal of increasing play at our modern facility. Ms. Lemon had prior adult softball complex management experience in the OKC metro area. The first-year results were very impressive. The league play format featured 32 teams, and 88 teams participated in several tournaments.

These numbers break down as follows:

--2 summer leagues were started, including a men's league and a co-ed league for a total of 7 teams

--in the fall there were 3 league nights with a total of 19 teams

--a recently-completed winter league had 15 teams playing on 2 different nights

--11 tournaments were held, with a total of 88 teams participating

4. *Intersection Improvements: 2nd & Bryant*

This project involves the installation of dual left-turn and single right-turn lanes in all directions. We are waiting on one private utility to complete their relocation activities. Our people anticipate advertising for bids by the end of March.

The repurposed 2017 capital improvements sales tax is providing all the funding.

Respectfully submitted,

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