



AGENDA
Metro Peoria Committee

Thursday, January 5, 2017

@ 3:30 PM

Peoria County Courthouse
324 Main Street, Room 402
Peoria, Illinois 61602



1. Call to Order
2. Approval of July 27, 2016 Minutes
3. Discussion Items
 - a. 2017 Legislative Agenda
4. New Business
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

**MINUTES
METRO PEORIA COMMITTEE
July 27, 2016
8:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT	Stephen Morris, Chairman W. Eric Turner, Vice-Chairman Thomas O'Neill Andrew Rand	Timothy Riggerbach Terry Ruhland Ryan Spain
MEMBERS ABSENT		
STAFF PRESENT	Patrick Urich, City Manager	Scott Sorrel, County Administrator Mark Rothert, Asst. County Admin Shauna Musselman, Asst. County Admin Sharon Williams, County Board Eric Dubrowski, County CFO Jeff Gilles, County Highway Gretchen Pearsall, County Dir. of Strategic Communications
OTHERS PRESENT	Cheryl Budzinski, League of Women Voters Darren Smith, IUOE 649 Brett Villarreal, IUOE 649	Clint Drury, WCIB & CTC Matt Bartolo, LIUNA 165 Steve Tarter, Journal Star

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morris at 8:30 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting was made by Member Rand; seconded by Member O'Neill. The motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Road Funding

County Administrator Scott Sorrel distributed a handout outlining the results of discussion between City and County officials, and incorporating suggestions and recommendations made by this committee at their last meeting. He stated both sides agreed on a goal of simplifying the message to the voters with a 15 year Sunset at 1/4%. He commented that under this plan, the City would continue to collect its Home Rule Sales Tax as it currently is, and can make adjustments going forward as their financial situation dictates. He stated that using the existing Intergovernmental Agreement, improved County highways in the City would be jurisdictionally from the County to the City upon completion of the project.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the deadline to place the Referendum on the November 8, 2016 ballot is Monday, August 22, 2016.

Mr. Sorrel advised that according to the Financial Advisor for both the City and County, the maximum amount the County could issue debt with a 1/4% Sales Tax would be just over \$53.5 million. In reviewing a funding methodology over a 15 year period, an expected \$4.5 million could be generated on

average per year, and a 15 year issuance based on conservative rate projections would see a debt service of \$2.9 million with a remainder of \$1.6 million. He added that there are projects for which there would be debt issued and projects done as a "pay as you go" approach, with the \$1.6 million utilized for the "pay as you go" projects.

Mr. Sorrel advised that the total project cost is approximately \$61.62 million, with a breakdown of \$25.9 million (7 miles) within the City and \$35.7 million (18.50 miles) in the County. Mr. Sorrel summarized the various projects, noting which road projects would be covered by debt issuance, those funded in a "pay as you go" manner, and projects that would remain unfunded. He noted that County roads within the City are heavily prioritized from a scheduling standpoint. Mr. Urich added that in reviewing projects, the most heavily traveled roads in the most need of repair were given precedence.

Mr. Sorrel noted that the scope of work for Richwood Blvd. has been reduced; additionally the scope of work and project cost for Old Galena Road has been reduced by delaying the leg between the roundabout and Route 6 on State Street, delaying the leg going north of Cedar Hills and delaying a bikepath.

City Manager Patrick Urich stated that the proceeds from the voter approved Referendum would cover some of the City's costs incurred under a prior Intergovernmental Agreement on jurisdictional transfers, as well as allowing the County to improve roads within the City which are currently controlled by the County. He noted that the most recent project outline, which frontloads the priorities with these projects, is a positive step in the right direction.

Member Ryan questioned the design standards to which the county highways within the city would be built. Mr. Sorrel responded that for cost estimating purposes, staff utilized the urban cross-section in the Intergovernmental Agreement with closed storm sewer and sidewalks. He stated that the design standard may come down based upon the individual needs of the road. Member Ryan asked if the Referendum is approved by the voters, some form of agreement be devised outlining an agreed upon program of road projects and cost allocation amongst road and jurisdictions. Mr. Sorrel agreed that a plan could be developed with the understanding that, if the Referendum is successful, and after the road projects are complete, it would be agreed to uphold the terms of the original Intergovernmental Agreement to accept the jurisdictional transfers upon completion of the construction. He also agreed on the importance of educating the voters on the intended projects as well as project sequence.

Member Rand asked what would happen if, due to the ebb and flow of sales tax revenues, the increase generates more, or less, dollars than the conservative estimate. Member Ryan stated that if receipts come in higher, his hope is that more road activity would take place within the City of Peoria, as the City generates more than 80% of sales tax receipts in the County. Mr. Sorrel stated that although the estimate is sound, if revenues come in lower there would still be ample amount to make debt service, and the "pay as you go" projects would be pulled from the project template. Member Rand asked the total estimated bond amount, and Mr. Sorrel stated that the bond issued would total \$34.5 million.

Member Ruhland asked if the governmental units would be comfortable with maintaining the percentages in the original proposal if there is excess sales tax. Mr. Urich commented that if repairs were able to be made to all projects for which debt is issued, as well, as the "pay as you go" projects, the four remaining County roads within the City should be given priority. Member Spain said that utilizing excess funds for City roads could gain more substantial support from City voters. Member Ruhland reiterated that any sales tax generated in excess of the original bond issuance should be maintained for the benefit of both the City and the County taxpayers. Member Rand advised that paying off the debtor early is another option. Mr. Dubrowski commented that the bonds would be callable after ten years.

Member Riggerbach commented that committing to the list of projects and advising voters that any excess receipts would be utilized to pay off the bonds early could make voters more likely to support the Referendum. Member Rand agreed that in the interest of transparency, the list of projects remain firm and when those projects are completed, any excess monies would be used to pay the bonds.

After discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the committee to recommend a ballot referendum using infrastructure utility available at 1/4% for a period not to exceed 15 years, as detailed in the project outline distributed to committee members at this meeting. Member Spain advised that the specific road program merits further consideration prior to November. He also stated the importance of communicating the option of retiring the bonds early in the event of excess sales tax receipts.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Budzinski addressed the committee, stating that she did not recall if the urban cross-section includes required sidewalks on both sides in every case. She noted that there is an instance in Lacon that would put the work very near several houses, and installing drainage and sidewalks on both sides could present an issue.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Morris at 9:20 AM.

2017 Joint Legislative Agenda

Requests for Direct Sponsorship

- **Joint Request – Empower Municipalities to Collect Fees:** Allow cities to attach liens for municipal work orders on other Illinois property of common ownership.
- **City Request - State Historic Tax Credit Extension:** Extend the Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit until 2022.
- **City Request - Walkable Urban Areas:** Funnel the local share of State Motor Fuel Taxes directly to municipalities or require IDOT to comply with local design guidelines and policies when rehabilitating infrastructure.
- **County Request - Erroneous Homestead Exemptions:** Extend authority granted to counties under PA 098-0093 under 35 ILCS 200/9-275 to include all counties, not just Cook County to track down and collect fines from property owners that have multiple exemptions when they should not.
- **County Request - Use of Hanna City Work Camp:** Permit the County of Peoria to use the Hanna City Work Camp property for either a public or a private purpose.

Request for Position Support

- **Joint Request - Illinois Fiscal Concerns:** Support efforts that protect and enhance existing revenue base of local governments in the face of increasing pressure to use traditionally local revenues to bridge the State budget gap.
- **Joint Request - DCEO Flexibility:** Revise process for attracting and retaining businesses with State incentives, including reauthorizing a revised EDGE tax credit program.
- **City Request - Preserve Home Rule Powers:** Support efforts to preserve home rule authority when drafting statewide legislations (i.e. cannabis, video gambling, etc.)
- **City Request - Local Pension Reform:** Support common sense reforms for the public safety pension system, including adoption of a 30-year rolling amortization period.
- **County Request – Probation Officer Reimbursement:** Provide the funding necessary to achieve the reimbursement levels for probation officers prescribed by State law.
- **County Request - Medicaid Pending for Skilled Nursing Facilities:** Resolve backlog of CMS' Macon County office to comply with Federal Law and rule on Medicaid Pending requests with 45 days.
- **County Request - Juvenile Detention:** Support Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 (Trotter) to HB 5619 of the 99th GA. Amendment creates a standardized intake assessment tool for juvenile detention; permits use of secure video conferencing to reduce transport from a juvenile detention facility and the Court; and establishes a standard for how soon a juvenile being detained must appear before the Court to determine custody.

Capital Projects

- **Joint Request - Willow Knolls & Allen Road Intersection:** Support funding to reconstruct the intersection.
- **City Request - Pioneer Parkway Extension:** Support funding for the extension of Pioneer Parkway.

- **City Request - University Street Repair:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of University Street between Pioneer Parkway and Townline Road.
- **City Request - Pedestrian Infrastructure on State Routes:** Support funding for construction of pedestrian infrastructure on existing state routes, especially War Memorial/150 and Knoxville.
- **City Request - Western Avenue Repair:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of the IDOT portion of Western Avenue from Martin Luther King Blvd to Lincoln Street.
- **City Request - Glen Avenue Repair:** Support funding for the rehabilitation of Glen Avenue from University to War Memorial Drive.
- **County Request - Old Galena Road Reconstruction:** Support funding to reconstruct Old Galena Road from Cedar Hills Drive to Route 29, less the intersection with State Street.
- **County Request - Maxwell / Middle Roads Reconstruction:** Support funding to reconstruct Maxwell Road from Ill Rte 116 to E.M. Dirksen Parkway.

AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: County Board & Elected Officials Collaboration Committee
MEETING DATE: January 4, 2017

LINE ITEM:
AMOUNT:

ISSUE:

For RESOLUTION: Legislative Agenda for 2017 and 100th General Assembly

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The County Board's Rules of Order place the responsibility of the annual Legislative Program with the County Board and Elected Officials Collaboration Committee. As has been the case in recent years, the legislative program is a joint initiative with the City of Peoria. The MetroPeoria Committee will review the attached program at their meeting on January 5, 2017.

Past practice was followed here again this year. Elected and Appointed Officials were asked for legislative initiatives important to the organization. To be the most effective with our legislators, the most critical to the organization were selected. Coordination between the City Manager and County Administrator then created the attached program.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:



FINANCIAL STABILITY



INFRASTRUCTURE STEWARDSHIP



EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY



HEALTHY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



COLLABORATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Scott Sorrel, County Administrator
DEPARTMENT: County Administration

DATE: December 26, 2016

