

Sales Tax Advisory Committee
March 27, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Commission Room

Members Present

Craig Hamilton
Lori Gioso
Ross Stumpf
Brett Remsberg

Staff Present

David Dillner, City Manager
Alyssa Warner, Finance Director

City Manager Dillner introduced himself and the committee members introduced themselves.

City Manager Dillner began the advisory committee presentation in which he discussed:

- Meeting Agenda
- Committee Purpose & Goals
- Committee Chair responsibilities

City Manager Dillner asked the committee if they would like to appoint a committee chair at this meeting, or at a future meeting when more committee members were in attendance.

Mr. Hamilton asked if there were returning members.

The present committee members chose to wait until a future meeting when additional committee members would be in attendance.

City Manager Dillner continued the presentation in which he discussed:

- Committee process and schedule

Mr. Stumpf asked when the current sales tax sunsets. City Manager Dillner stated September 30, 2024.

The presentation continued:

- Kansas Sales Tax Overview
- El Dorado Sales Tax Overview
- Kansas State Sales Tax on Food
- El Dorado Sales Tax Overview
- Property Tax Reduction
- Street Rehabilitation
- Economic Development

Mr. Hamilton asked if the recommendation was just for the dollar amount of economic development monies and the actual allocation was at the discretion of the City Commission. City Manager Dillner said yes.

He continued the presentation:

- Excess Sales Tax projects since 2018

Mr. Hamilton asked where the Chelsea Bike Path is located and the status of the other bike path. City Manager Dillner indicated that it is near the high school and the other bike path is paused because we have not been able to come up with a good plan to connect them yet.

- Sales Tax performance since 2013
- Sales Tax comparatives

Mr. Stumpf asked what the Sales Tax rate is in Wichita since that is our largest competitor. David said Wichita doesn't have a sales tax, but Sedgwick county does. FD Alyssa Warner responded that it is also 7.5% overall like ours but with a lower pull factor.

- Sales Tax survey results

Mr. Hamilton asked when the sales tax survey was done.

Mr. Stumpf asked if it was a targeted survey or a general survey.

Mr. Remsberg asked if they were asked to increase the amount or just increasing the rate.

Mr. Stumpf asked if voting for permanent would make a sales tax permanent or the sales tax allocations permanent.

Sales Tax Committee members requested copies of the ordinance and sales tax survey questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m.