

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors

From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

Date: November 6, 2015

Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- N/A

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- PSO's Peak Performance Program Letter & Payment Received
- Press Release: Early Voting Begins for Vision 2025 Renewal
- Newspaper Article: Tulsa World Supports BA 2025 Vision Renewal

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- Upcoming Events in Broken Arrow

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

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City of Broken Arrow
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ATTENTION: Anthony Daniel

Public Service Company of Oklahoma is pleased to award you an incentive check for participation as a Peak Performers business. With your contribution to our endeavor in reducing peak demand, the Peak Performers program achieved an average reduction of 53.8 MW which is equivalent to powering approximately 12,000 homes at the time of high demand.

Peak Performers businesses like you are a tremendous help in reducing demand on the grid at critical times. Your efforts in reducing peak demand contribute to keeping prices low for all PSO customers by helping avoid or delay the need to add new supply capacity.

We look forward to having you as one of PSO's Peak Performers again next year.

Sincerely,



Jeff Brown
Manager, PSO Consumer Programs

PRESS RELEASE

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Early Voting Begins Thursday for Vision 2025 Renewal

Broken Arrow, Okla. (11/4/2015) – Early voting begins Thursday for Broken Arrow’s public safety and streets propositions, which will generate funding to hire 20 new police officers, 20 new firefighters and improve streets, sidewalks and traffic flow.

If approved, the two propositions will replace the existing Vision 2025 sales tax, so there will be **NO** tax increase in Tulsa County. The Wagoner County portion of Broken Arrow will see a slight tax increase of 55 hundredths of a penny (\$0.0055).

The election is open to all registered voters living within the Broken Arrow city limits in both Tulsa and Wagoner Counties. Early in-person absentee voting is available during the following times:

TULSA COUNTY INFORMATION

Tulsa County Election Board
555 N. Denver Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74103

- Thursday and Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WAGONER COUNTY INFORMATION

Wagoner County Election Board
208 N. Lee Avenue
Wagoner, OK 74467

- Thursday and Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Broken Arrow voters will see two propositions on the ballot regarding the sales tax renewal:

Proposition 1: Establish a sales tax of three tenths of one penny (\$0.003) to hire additional police officers and firefighter/paramedics; as well as fund the acquisition and replacement of public safety vehicles, equipment, technology and apparatus.

Proposition 2: Establish a sales tax of twenty-five hundredths of one penny (\$0.0025) for the purposes of improving, constructing, and maintaining city streets, sidewalks, and related stormwater appurtenances, including the installation of traffic control devices and signalization.

For additional information, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov/visionalive.

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Tulsa World Editorial: For Broken Arrow and Bixby proposals to extend Vision taxes

By World's Editorial Writers | Posted: Friday, November 6, 2015 12:00 am

Voters in Broken Arrow and Bixby will consider extensions of Vision 2025 sales taxes on Tuesday for improvements in local government services.

In both cases, city leaders have made a rational case for the 0.55 percent tax extension, and the measures have our endorsement.

Broken Arrow: Leaders of Oklahoma's fourth largest city are asking city voters to make the Vision tax permanent and dedicate funding to public safety and transportation.

The Vision renewal would fund 20 new firefighters and 20 new police officers over the next five years. New public safety equipment also is part of the plan. The city has one first responder for every 686 people, which compares to 1-in-378 in Tulsa.

The funding would triple the current budget for the Broken Arrow Streets Department. Any growing suburb has to think about the streets needed to keep up with that growth.

Bixby: The Bixby Vision also targets public safety and infrastructure. A companion set of proposals would fund parks without raising taxes.

0.3 percent from the Vision extension would be used for a 20-year, \$20 million Arkansas River and downtown corridor development plan.

Another 0.25 percent of the Vision extension would provide permanent funding for four additional firefighters, four police officers, and four other city employees.

On the same ballot, Bixby voters will be asked to extend and reallocate a 2006 0.5 percent municipal tax for parks. The park tax reallocation would emphasize park maintenance, although there would still be money set aside for improvements.

Neither Broken Arrow nor Bixby voters are being asked to increase their tax rates. The measures would only extend current taxes and refocus the Vision tax on projects in the communities where the taxes will be collected.

The measures don't affect consideration of similar Vision extensions in Tulsa, but would mark the first communities to buy into the rubric proposed by Mayor Dewey Bartlett and suburban leaders in March to move the vast majority of the Vision tax from the county to the municipal level.

We support both proposals, which promise stronger futures for two thriving parts of the metropolitan area.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Jennifer Hooks, Executive Assistant to the City Manager
From: Vaunda Olivera, Events Coordinator
CC: Scott Esmond, Jeff Jenkins
Date: November 5, 2015
Re: Notes to Council – Updated upcoming events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Tea Off The Broken Arrow Main Street Merchants will be hosting their 22nd annual event November 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Rose District. Santa will be stopping by, old fashioned carriage rides and of course lots of holiday music and refreshments. The event will be taking place from Broadway to Dallas along Main Street. Road closures will be from 3:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Heart of Broken Arrow The annual arts and crafts event benefiting the Main Street Merchants will be taking place November 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Central Park Community Center. This event is a great opportunity to begin your holiday shopping. Concessions will be available. No road closures are anticipated.

ORCA Lure This is the first annual event for the Oklahoma Racing and Coursing Association. They will be hosting the event at the Events Park on November 21st and 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is to promote lure coursing and racing as a family oriented activity, encouraging good sportsmanship, safety and quality events. They are associated with the American Kennel Club, Continental Whippet Alliance, Large Gazehound Racing Association and the National Oval Track Racing Association. For information regarding the organization, you can check their website at www.okrca.net. No road closures are anticipated.

Civitans Christmas Parade The Broken Arrow Civitans will be hosting their annual Christmas Parade December 5th, in downtown Broken Arrow. The parade will stage participants in an area from College Street to Freeport Street and Ash Avenue to 1st Street. Participants will merge onto Main Street at College and head south through the Rose District and conclude just south of Central Park Community Center. Roads will be closed from 7:00 a.m. until noon.

Santa Run This is the 3rd Annual Santa Run hosted by the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for December 5th, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. This event will take place in the area surrounding Bass Pro Shop. This application will be reviewed at the next Special Events Committee meeting. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Ruts and Guts Team Air Assurance will be hosting their 6th annual event at the Events Park on December 5th and 6th. The event is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day. This event will bring riders from all over the nation. It is a nationally recognized event and is listed on the United Cycling International Calendar and the Pro CX calendar this year. Riders will be challenged by a course that takes them off road and over obstacles in the Events Park. No road closures are anticipated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee will meet November 19th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Facility. The agenda is still pending, but we have two new applications to review as of today and will begin discussions for updates to the application, resource guide and policies, if any.