

## **OWENSBORO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **Work Session**

**May 10, 2022 12:00 PM**

Owensboro City Hall

101 E. 4th Street

Owensboro, Kentucky

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Tom Watson**

Present: Mayor Tom Watson, Commissioners Larry Maglinger, Mark Castlen, Bob Glenn and Jeff Sanford.

**2. TIF UPDATE** – Director of Finance & Support Services, Angela Waninger, introduced the City's TIF consultant, Casey Bolton, Commonwealth Economics who gave an update on the two (2) TIFs (presentation attached). As of June 30, 2021, the Downtown Riverfront TIF has completed/reported \$60.1 Million in Capital Investment (\$26.1 Million in Public Infrastructure costs and \$34 Million in other costs/investments). Participating State taxes include: Kentucky individual income/withholding tax, Kentucky sales tax and Kentucky Ad Valorem tax on real property. Approximately \$1.36 Million of state taxes have been rebated for the first three (3) years of activation (2018-2020). As of June 30, 2021, the Gateway Commons TIF has completed/reported \$69.2 Million in Capital Investment (\$33.9 Million in Public Infrastructure costs and \$35.2 Million in other costs/investments). Approximately \$1.7 Million of state taxes have been rebated for the first three (3) years of activation (2018-2020). Due to the pandemic, the 2020 calendar year sales tax was heavily impacted, although the property tax had little to no impact. House Bill 8 (HB8) was recently adopted by the General Assembly and includes a formula driven phase out of the state Individual Income Tax while immediately expanding the state sales tax to several new service areas. There was discussion on the possible impacts of HB8 and the possibility of lobbying for changes in the near future.

**3. OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT BODY-WORN CAMERAS** – Lieutenant Tristan Russelburg presented information and footage on the department's body-worn cameras (presentation attached). The Motorola Solutions/Watchguard V300 cameras that are worn by all sworn officers have: interchangeable batteries for full shift coverage; wireless video offloading using in-car routers; record after the fact; 128GB storage; waterproofing; magnetic mounts and separate Molle mount for rifle plate carriers; LCD display for tagging and classifying and built-in mute buttons. The cameras provide for accountability/transparency, training value, and evidentiary value. The cameras are activated by the light bar in the cruisers and currently thirty (30) cruisers have the docks installed, each vehicle will eventually be equipped with the dock. City Manager Pagan added that \$108,000 was budgeted this year for the cameras and subsequent year costs which include storage of video footage is approximately \$65,000 per year.

**4. OWENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT** – Chief James Howard reviewed the Owensboro Fire Department 2021 Annual Report (attached). OFD received 9,656 service calls, of that 7,361 were for emergency services/rescues.

**5. TRANSIT SERVICE EQUITY ANALYSIS** – Pamela Canary, Transit Manager, presented the Title VI Equity Analysis findings from a recent Transit network study. Mrs. Canary explained that Owensboro Transit Service maintains an internal policy within its Title VI Plan stating that a Title VI Analysis would be conducted for any of the following: a service reduction of 25% or more, a fare change or the elimination of a route. Based on the recent network study, OTS intends to eliminate the “white” route. The findings which compared the existing network and recommended network included Socioeconomic Impacts within ¾-mile of service and Service Equity Analysis (within ¾-mile) was presented and is attached. There was further discussion on OTS working with the International Center to assist with communication to the refugee population within the City.

**6. CITY PROJECT LIST** – Project list attached.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:24 p.m.

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Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Beth Davis, City Clerk