



REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: 5/24/21

Agenda Item:	3a. CC-21-98
Background / Issue:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oklahoma is the only state that does not allow ad valorem for general fund (with the exception of the newly passed Public Safety Protection District Act) • Revenue has remained flat over the last six years and price of consumables has gone up. • Aging infrastructure and growing community • Last payment on current bond is June 2021 • Pressing infrastructure projects needed in Stillwater are: Fire Station #2, Animal Welfare, and specific transportation projects. • The Public Safety Protection District Act allows for 5 mills for Public Safety ad valorem levy to be put towards public safety operational expenses.
Proposal/Solution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start holding public meetings for input on the citizen's view of a sales tax/bond/public safety district ballot proposal. Hold four public meetings in the different quadrants of town. • Develop a Citizen Advisory Committee that is diverse, represents the community, and involves stakeholders. • Several funding options include a bond, additional half cent sales tax, and/or 5 mills ad valorem. • After receiving public input if Council wishes to move forward, the questions can be on a ballot as early as February 8, 2022.
Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected cost of a new Fire Station #2: \$7-9 million • Projected cost of a new Animal Welfare: \$3-4 million • Project cost for unfunded current needed transportation projects: \$68.5 million

- 5 mills for Public Safety ad valorem levy = \$1.9 million

Related Strategic Priority:

Priority #1 Effective Services & Accountable Government
To provide effective services and accountable government for all residents by practicing fiscal responsibility, transparency and outstanding customer service.

Priority #2 Motivated Management
To serve with integrity and demonstrate proactive leadership, motivated management and smart planning skills that focus on results needed to create a better community.

Priority #3 Safe Community
To promote a safe and secure community for all residents through equitable services, enhanced relationships, and responsive care.

Priority #4 Connected Spaces
To develop a strong sense of place that recognizes the interconnectedness of people, buildings and public systems (such as transportation, utilities and parks) that best serve the needs of the public.

Priority #5 Unique Culture
To cultivate partnerships that enhance the unique culture of Stillwater with equal access to services and amenities, strong and connected neighborhoods, and a thriving economy and business atmosphere.

Priority #6 Engaged & Invested Residents
To encourage participation and an understanding of government through outreach and inclusiveness initiatives that inspire trust, confidence, and ownership in local government.

Recommended Action/Motion:

For discussion only.

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Attachment(s):

Stillwater T.I.M.E. Projects 2021-2022
Stillwater T.I.M.E. Project PowerPoint Presentation