

MINUTES
SPLOST 2016
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 AT 9:30 PM

Present: Ronnie Perry, Chairman
Robert Franklin, Vice Chairman
Robert Terjesen
Ron Maulden
Jeff Kilgore
Philip Graitcer

Also Present: Alan Ours, Glynn County Manager
Jim Drumm, Brunswick City Manager
Jimmy Junkin, Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer
Commission (JWSC)

Absent: Kamau Dickerson
Lance Sabbee
Albert Verheyen

1. Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2017, subject to any necessary corrections
~~A motion was made by Mr. Terjesen and seconded by Mr. Graitcer to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.~~

2. ESPLOST (Bob Brown)

Bob Brown, Chairman of the ESPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee gave an overview of the ESPLOST committee, their duties, meeting norms, and common reports. He pointed out differences between the ESPLOST Committee code, management practices and procedures and those of the County Oversight Committee. He then held a short question answer session with the committee members.

3. Discuss changes to SPLOST 2016 Oversight Committee Policies

Mr. Franklin brought up several things that the committee needed to consider going forward including, the limit and scope of power of the committee, possible generation of a committee report on project progress and meeting monthly.

Mr. Kilgore also suggested monthly meetings in conjunction with a community report to make sure information going out to the public is timely.

It was decided, in keeping with the spirit of transparency and public trust, to revisit the subject in 2018 as projects come out of planning and engineering phases to have something more substantial to present to the public by having monthly meetings and reports sent to local news.

4. Receive a projects update from Glynn County

County Manager Alan Ours, gave an overview of funding that has come in so far and how those funds have been allocated. Mr. Franklin suggested that those materials be included in future agenda packets for the committee to review prior to the meetings.

Mr. Ours then gave a breakdown of county SPLOST 2016 projects. He also answered questions from Mr. Kilgore on the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Mr. Kilgore suggested a wider distribution system be used by county staff in instances when interest in a project is low and one bid is received.

Mr. Ours then clarified that direction was given to county staff by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners to issue RFP's for the design of roundabouts at East Beach Causeway and Ocean Boulevard, and East Beach Causeway and Demere Road; and a RFP for the design of a roundabout and turn lanes at Frederica Road and Kings Way. He also stated that the Veterans Memorial item is on the October 19, 2017, Board of Commissioners agenda to approve a design firm to do the project.

5. Receive a projects update from the City of Brunswick

Mr. James Drumm, gave an overview of the drainage project on L St., the restoration sidewalk project and the recent completion of the dock at Mary Ross Park. He also gave an update on the trails project that connected Sidney Lanier Bridge to Howard Coffin Park. This project may qualify for a grant project from the Coastal Regional Commissions and may receive some funds back on that project. There is currently a project being considered to provide a safe walkway to Glynn Middle School on the Johnson street side of the campus, as the access is sometimes flooded.

Mr. Drumm continued by addressing issues at the Greenwood and Palmetto Cemeteries and their need for an updated sprinkler system. It was stated that the Police Department purchased 9 replacement vehicles complete with up fitting and that the fire stations are in need of improvements as the newer trucks are too large for some of the out dated facilities. He also addressed the need for emergency radios and a fire department pumper which funds will be allocated.

Mr. Drumm went on to address the improvements needed in the Park Squares. He advised that the Assistant City Manager is working with Signature Squares in the restoration of Wright Square. These projects will be funded in part by donations collected by Signature Squares. Sidney Lanier and Overlook Parks are in need of

restroom facilities. The Howard Coffin Park swimming pool repairs were completed last year.

Mr. Franklin made a request that a deputation be allowed to come over and visits the City Manager for a couple hours to take a look at the plans and see what they can learn. Mr. Drumm suggested the staff give a presentation. Mr. Kilgore inquired as of the effects of Hurricane Irma on the projects. Mr. Drumm stated that, a little time was lost, but that there was no significant impact on budget or schedule.

6. Receive a projects update from the Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Water & Sewer Commission (JWSC)

Jimmy Junkin, Executive Director of the Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission, reported that they have two projects underway. For the larger of the two projects, the North Mainland Sewer Improvement Project, Phase 1 is underway and should be completed by January of 2018. Upon complication, the north mainland area should be at capacity and the completion of the other phases should be completed shortly after, given there are no vendor hold ups or supply issues.

Mr. Junkin also addressed the complications of the project. The firm of Four Waters Engineering has been hired and has given multiple scenarios of routing. It has been estimated the project will cost over 15-21 million over what SPLOST can do. Mr. Junkin explained in depth that dramatic changes will also be made to the two outdated water waste plants and because of the newer technology that will be implemented, the long term maintenance cost should greatly reduce. Because of the added cost, they will be moving forward with the bond issue. A May 1st execution of bonds will help to make the downstream assets tolerate the upstream improvements.

Mr. Kilgore questioned the old bond issue and if JWSC will be increasing tap fees. Their financial advisor, Mr. Courtney from the Davenport Group, was present to explain the financial side of the bond study. Mr. Junkin reiterated that these repairs and upgrades are necessary.

Mr. Bob Franklin requested the End of the Year Financials for 2017 for JWSC. Mr. Jimmy Junkin requested that copies of documentation provided at this meeting be forwarded to the three committee members that could not attend.

7. Discuss completion of Committee Member CVs for the website
8. Selection of dates for future meetings

The next regular meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 9:30 am.

Ronnie Perry, Chairman
SPLOST Citizen's Oversight Committee
Glynn County, Georgia

Attest:

Dhwani Patel