

AGENDA
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
SIMULTANEOUS PUBLIC ACCESS PROVIDED STREAMED LIVE AT THE BELOW WEB
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

Present:

Philip Graitcer, Chairman
Lance Sabbe, Vice Chairman
John Dow
Bob Franklin
Jane Fraser
Ron Maulden
Ronnie Perry

Absent:

William Kitts

Also Present:

Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineer
Tamara Munson, Glynn County Interim Chief Financial Officer
Regina McDuffie, Brunswick City Manager
Garrow Albertson, Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director
Andrew Burroughs, Executive Director, Brunswick - Glynn County Joint
Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC)
Jones Hooks, Executive Director of Jekyll Island Authority

1. Discuss and approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ronnie Perry. The motion was seconded by Bob Franklin. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Glynn County project updates [REPORT](#)

Glynn County Public Works Director, Dave Austin began his update with the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) portion. Jane Fraser asked why Atlantic was added to the SPLOST/LMIG project list. Mr. Austin responded that it is not a SPLOST project, but it was a change to the LMIG contract and is using Capital Improvement Fund. John Dow stated that questions should come at the end of the

presentation and the committee should follow the agenda. Glynn County Engineer, Paul Andrews continued the update with the Canal Road widening project which is currently in the acquisition phase for right of way and an intersection improvement item will go to the Board of Commissioner the following week. Mr. Dow asked if the County was confident that the right of way would be acquired and Mr. Andrews replied that they had already done preliminary outreach to the property owners and they were in agreement depending on negotiations. Mr. Andrews continued with the Dungeness Extension project which will go to the Board of Commissioners in January to get opinions on alternatives.

Mr. Austin continued with the Pennick Road Paving project for which he expects permits to come in soon and be out for bid within the next couple months. Ms. Fraser asked about the payment to EMC in November and Mr. Austin replied that it was paid on an invoice received for design services and that contractors are paid as the work is done. Mr. Austin continued with the ongoing Sea Island ditch piping project and the Sea Island Road at Demere Road sidewalk and culvert extension that is currently out for bid. Ms. Fraser asked why a contractor only had five days to bid on the project. Mr. Austin replied that he's never bid a project with less than 30 days' time to submit a bid.

Mr. Austin continued with the Kings Way and Frederica Road roundabout that opens at the end of the December and each bid will offer three options for traffic control. Ms. Fraser asked what Southeastern Engineering was paid \$16,980 for and Mr. Austin said he would find out. Mr. Dow stated that the committee members should have sufficient advanced notice to respond to any notes released by other members of the committee and that the current discussion is out of order. Philip Graitcer asked what the completion date would be and Mr. Austin replied that it depends on which of the five phase traffic options the commissioners choose: a 21-day complete intersection shutdown, night time partial intersection shutdown, or a 90-day daytime partial intersection shutdown. Dr. Graitcer asked how many potential bidders there are and Mr. Austin replied that there were three contractors at the pre-bid meeting, but they are not required to bid. Mr. Dow asked what the earliest the project could start and Mr. Austin replied that site preparation and construction could start as early as January 11, 2021 with proposed completion by spring break. He said that each of the options has its own issues and that even if the work is done at night, that the roadway might not be completely open during the day. He explained that The Lodge has a bypass through Kings Lane for access. Mr. Dow asked about advertising the closure and Mr. Austin replied that that would depend on when the board approves the project and when bonds and contracts are completed.

Mr. Austin continued with the SPUR 25 and Altama Connector intersection project which is currently in right of way acquisition and waiting for Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) approval and funds. Ms. Fraser asked about POND company change orders and Mr. Austin replied that the POND company wasn't originally slated to do title insurance and right of way acquisition and no other company was available to do the work. Mr. Austin continued with the Frederica Road sidewalk project for which bids are due on December 14, 2020 to fix, widen, and improve the sidewalk. Ms. Fraser asked about protecting the trees while laying the sidewalks and Mr. Austin replied that they are

moving sidewalks around trees, laying gravel for the roots, and plan to plant more trees in the area without removing any.

Mr. Andrews updated on the Harry Driggers Trail project for which federal funding has been delayed and pushed to next year, but the Northern part of the trail is expected to go out to bid in December. He continued with the College Park joint City/County project for which the plans were submitted the GDOT and the County is expecting an acquisition package for right of way at the first of the year. Ms. Fraser asked why the funding was sent through an agreement to the City of Brunswick for this project and Mr. Andrews said that Brunswick will pay the bills because the contract is with Brunswick. Mr. Andrews continued with the Chapel Crossing Drainage partnership with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and he said that they are still reviewing it. He continued with the Golden Isles Parkway Extension project for which alternatives will be presented to the Board of Commissioners the following week, the Hornet Drive and South Palm Ditch drainage improvements which will go to the Board of Commissioners after the first of the year for acquisition approval.

Mr. Austin concluded the update with the Animal Control Facility for which the framing has begun and kennel slabs are under construction. Mr. Dow asked what the estimated completion date is and Mr. Austin replied that with the loss of much of October due to rain, the construction should be completed in the summer of 2021. Ms. Fraser asked about \$2,945 paid to Ussery Rule and Mr. Austin said that would be for architectural oversight and monthly construction meetings.

3. Discussion of City of Brunswick project updates [REPORT](#)

City of Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director, Garrow Albertson updated the committee on projects including the milling and paving of streets, which includes the near completion of L-Street, and the beginning of the Magnolia Park project, the storm drainage improvements, and the Mary Ross Park splash pad placement. Mr. Dow asked if the budget for the Mary Ross Park has been spent and Mr. Albertson replied that there has been some work on the dock with SPLOST funds and if there was enough money left to do the work. He said that a grant would supplement the installation of the splash pad for installation elsewhere. Brunswick City Manager, Regina McDuffie stated that any money that has currently be used for the splash pad out of SPLOST funds will be transferred back and that there is enough money to accomplish the goals of the project.

He continued with the Highway 17 Infrastructure improvements which are used to match state funds for landscape improvements at 4th Avenue and Highway 17 and a boardwalk from Overlook Park to the F.J. Torras Causeway, the wayfinding signage with installation after the beginning of the year, the MLK Jr trail that is awaiting GDOT approval, the cemetery restoration of fencing and gateways at Palmetto and Greenwood, Dr. Graitcer asked when the Wayfinding and Cemetery Restoration projects should be completed. Mr. Albertson replied that once the signage is made that installation should be fairly quick and that the cemetery projects are under design so there is not a completion date yet.

Mr. Albertson continued with the historic squares projects on which Queen Square Northeast is currently underway and Wright Square is to begin soon. Lance Sabbe asked about the status of an underground tank in Queen Square and if Queen Square was waiting on road improvements. Mr. Albertson replied that there is a grease trap in a corner of the square and the City is looking at options, but it should be a minor expense and that Phase I of Queen Square is removing the intersecting street which goes before the City Commission soon.

Mr. Albertson continued with park improvements and the finalization of an overall parks master plan, the Sidney Lanier Park Improvement in which the restrooms were recently installed, and concluded with the Howard Coffin Park playground and pavilion installation and the improvement of various sidewalks.

4. Discussion of Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer project updates [REPORT](#)

Executive Director of the Brunswick - Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission (JWSC), Andrew Burroughs updated the committee on the North Mainland Sewer Rehab Phase 2 completion and Phase 3 that is due to go out for bid on December 10, 2020 and the 4003 Basin project on which demolition of the piping and well structures has begun and the installation of a new well is due on January. Mr. Dow asked about a smell at Sea Island Road and Frederica Road and Mr. Burroughs said that he thinks they made a substantial improvement there.

5. Discussion of Jekyll Island Authority project updates [REPORT](#)

Executive Director of Jekyll Island Authority, Jones Hooks updated the committee on the final projects to be undertaken with all of the remaining SPLOST money to be completed by February 2021. He began with St. Andrews public parking area which had just begun some minor work. Ms. Fraser asked about the trees to be removed and Mr. Hooks replied that of the trees are pine trees and they are taken down to spare the oaks. Mr. Hooks continued with the three remaining projects, the North Riverview 3-way parking area, the Driftwood Beach ADA and airport parking, and paving of the Boat Ramp Road.

6. Selection of dates for future meetings to be held every 60 days

Dr. Graitcer asked if the committee has heard from the Board of Commissioner concerning the annual report. Ms. McDuffie said that she had read the report, but hadn't had a chance to respond with her comments. No other committee members said that they heard any response. Ms. Fraser said that public input was important for a future SPLOST.

Mr. Sabbe made a motion to hold the next meeting on February 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fraser. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Perry made a motion to hold the February 24, 2021 meeting in person. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dow. Mr. Perry amended his motion to abide by the guidelines for in-person public meetings at the time of the meeting. Mr. Dow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.