

AGENDA
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING
W. HAROLD PATE BUILDING
1725 REYNOLDS STREET, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

Present: Philip Graitcer, Chairman
Lance Sabbe, Vice Chairman
John Dow
Bob Franklin
Jane Fraser
William Kitts
Ron Maulden
Ronnie Perry
Robert Terjesen

Also Present: Dave Austin, Glynn County Public Works Director
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineer
Garrow Albertson, Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director
Andrew Burroughs, Executive Director, Brunswick - Glynn County Joint
Water and Sewer Commission and Sewer Commission (JWSC)
Matthew Kent, Glynn County Public Communications Manager

Chairman's Items: (Led by Chairman Lance Sabbe)

1. Discussion of Annual Report

Lance Sabbe asked for volunteers to assemble the next annual report from the SPLOST 2016 Citizen's Oversight Committee (SCOC). Bob Franklin, Bob Terjesen, and Philip Graitcer agreed to serve on the subcommittee. Mr. Sabbe suggested that a draft of the report be available at the next SCOC meeting for possible approval and dispersal.

2. Discussion of SPLOST 2020

Mr. Sabbe expressed his concern/displeasure that none of the entities have submitted lists for the 2020 SPLOST to the SCOC for their input. He requested that the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Jekyll Island, and the Brunswick – Glynn County Joint Water Sewer Commission (JWSC) give a presentation of SPLOST 2020 projects at the next meeting. Mr. Sabbe also wanted to discuss budgeting and suggested that there is a better way to project estimates for five years in the future because it looks like the current SPLOST is completely off budget.

John Dow said that he too would like to be included in the conversation about future projects, but that the discussion is premature as a project list has not been finalized. Dr.

Graitcer said that it's a misstep for the County to exclude the SCOC from the discussion of a SPLOST 2020 project list, but at least the current SCOC should shape the role of a future oversight committee as the current SCOC is toothless. Mr. Sabbe clarified to say that the SCOC would not have a project by project impact, but that each entity should ask for feedback and relayed public opinion from the SCOC. Jane Fraser commented that the SCOC is as toothless as they allow themselves to be.

Mr. Dow said that because staff and press are in the room with the SCOC that issues are clarified for the public and that he would be willing to serve on a SPLOST 2020 Oversight Committee, even if it were laid out the same because he thinks it makes a difference because staff is being very responsive.

Dr. Graitcer reiterated that, because of the experience and SPLOST knowledge, the SCOC should shape the next oversight committee if one is created by the Board of Commissioners.

Ronnie Perry asked whether or not the City of Brunswick had finalized their list and Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director Garrow Albertson said that a list has been submitted, but it may change due to the later date of the ballot.

Dr. Graitcer commented that he would like to have a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss SPLOST 2020 and a future SCOC.

General Business: (Led by Chairman Philip Graitcer)

3. Election of Officers per SPLOST 2016 Citizen's Oversight Committee By-laws Article III. Section 301.

Mr. Franklin nominated Dr. Graitcer as Chairman and Mr. Terjesen seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Graitcer nominated Mr. Sabbe as Vice Chairman. Ms. Fraser seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections

Ronnie Perry made a motion to approve the October 23, 2019, minutes. Mr. Sabbe seconded the motion.

Ms. Fraser asked that a note be made in the minutes that she received a letter from the County Attorney stating that money could be transferred from project to project within SPLOST. Glynn County Public Communications Manager, Matthew Kent said that he could include it in the minutes for the January 22, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Fraser had another note about the Demere Rd. turn lane project that in a past meeting was proposed to be done at the same time as a SPLOST project. Glynn County Public Works Director, Dave Austin stated that the project is planned be included in a SPLOST project, but the money is separate and is not being funded by SPLOST dollars. He said that due to complications it was not included with the Demere Rd. paving, but will likely be included with the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Project bids. Glynn County Engineer, Paul Andrews stated that the Community Development Director, Pamela Thompson, was working on acquiring the funds from the developer for the turn lane.

Ms. Fraser asked about a discrepancy in design bids.

The motion for approval of minutes was approved.

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

Mr. Austin began his update with LMIG 2020 projects approved by the Glynn County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) going to bid. Ms. Fraser asked if the remaining funds from major roads category could be transferred. Mr. Austin said that that money is used to supplement other road projects such as the asphalt on the Demere Rd. East Beach Roundabout project and to match the LMIG grant.

Mr. Andrews continued the County update with the title certifications for the Canal Rd. improvements which when finished, allows the County to reach out to property owners concerning land acquisition, and that once the design is completed a closer estimate of the funds needed would be available. He stated that acquisition could be challenging. He continued with the Dungeness project, stating that he is communicating with property owners to be able to finalize options.

Mr. Austin updated that the Army Corps of Engineers are reviewing plans for the Pennick Rd. paving project and that there would probably be wetland impact and right of way challenges. Mr. Sabbe asked about expenses on the project. Mr. Austin said that money had been spent and he's not sure why it's not on the spreadsheet. He continued with the Sea Island Rd. ditch piping and the Sea Island Rd. and Demere Rd. projects are in final review of plans, but permitting approval is pending from the Department of Natural Resources: Coastal Resources Division. (CRD). He stated that the Ocean Blvd. at Mallory St. intersection improvement is set to begin in mid-February 2020 after the contractor finishes flatwork at the Veteran's Memorial park and that the project should be finished before April 2020. He continued his update with the Kings Way/ Frederica Rd. single lane roundabout design change that was approved and a Sea Island Company memorandum of understanding (MOU) to provide landscaping maintenance and right of way that is in the works. Mr. Austin said that there are two turn lanes intended to support large trucks, but that a one lane roundabout would serve the needs for the intersection with traffic flows through 2035 with the least amount of trees being removed. Ms. Fraser asked about the price as the POND study said around \$751,000 to construct the

roundabout. Mr. Austin responded he's not sure what the price is yet because of the MOU with the Sea Island Co. is not finalized and utilities under the road are not yet identified.

Dr. Graitcer asked about landscaping the East Beach Causeway at Ocean Blvd roundabout. Mr. Austin replied that it was designed to be a small roundabout with a mountable curb to not impact the marshland areas and that maybe something could put in more permanently.

Mr. Austin continued his update with the East Beach Causeway at Demere Rd. roundabout project. Dr. Graitcer asked where the money over the budget was coming from. Mr. Austin replied that \$86,000 was coming from general fund budget and the money was moved from other SPLOST projects that came in under budget. Ms. Fraser asked about the difference in cost between the two East Beach Causeway roundabouts. Mr. Austin replied that the East Beach and Demere Rd roundabout will be a larger diameter and includes more asphalt and more storm water work. He stated that there were three bids within \$80,000 of each other and that both jobs to a similar list of bidders and that bidders were treated equally for both projects.

Dr. Graitcer asked about the timing of the roundabouts. Mr. Austin replied that the original intent was to build the Kings Way and Frederica Rd. intersection first, after the RSM Classic, and then build the East Beach Causeway, but currently the East Beach Causeway roundabout is due to start February 2020 and Kings Way will be later. Dr. Graitcer asked when the public will know the date of the road closures and asked about more signage for this project. Mr. Austin said that the word will put out through the Public Information Office and signage near the time of the closure.

Mr. Andrews continued his update on the release from GDOT to acquire right of way on the Harry Driggers sidewalk project and the re-scoping and timing of the project within the funding of a GDOT transportation grant. Mr. Austin continued with the SPUR 25/Altama project right of way and the ordering of the three Arnold Tide Gates for installation.

Mr. Andrews picked up the College Park Drainage project which requires GDOT right of way and design approvals for an open ditch drainage design, the Chapel Crossing drainage project meeting cancellation with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Sommersby Pointe drainage project that the property owner is looking to build and the expectation that the design firm would present options for the Golden Parkway Extension drainage project in March 2020. He concluded his portion of the update with the Hornet St. and South Palm Ditch projects for which final responses on the design are due from GDOT.

Mr. Austin finished his update with the Veteran's memorial project that is under construction, with 80% of the flatwork completed, due to be completed by Mid-April 2020 and that the animal control facility will move forward at the public safety Boulevard location. Mr. Dow asked if the land that the current animal control facility is on could be

sold to offset the cost. Mr. Austin said that it would be up to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Sabbe about the \$25 million figure in the budget remaining. Mr. Austin answered that the figure includes all of the projected collections and that only 80% has been collected to this point.

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

City of Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director, Garrow Albertson began his update with street paving including L St., the Magnolia Park project bids received the day before, sidewalk replacement and upgrades, including a plan for the use of the remaining money, and storm drainage improvements primarily in the College Park area, L St. and Magnolia Park. He continued with the Mary Ross park splash pad installation after the Stewbilee that includes a pump room or recirculation station, the Hwy 17 infrastructure project that will match funds for a beautification grant, and wayfinding signage to direct travelers to significant areas around town.

Mr. Sabbe asked where the Martin Luther King Trail, to begin construction start at the end of January, crosses Prince St. Mr. Albertson replied that the Southside of Prince St. would be striped as a bike lane with no additional sidewalks. Mr. Albertson continued to update the SCOC on the cemetery improvements, police and fire vehicle purchases, a June 2020 completion date for the Fire Station 1 bay addition due to some drainage issues and had a discussion on subscriber radio services to which Mr. Albertson said he would get the answers. He continued his update with historic squares surveys and designs, park renovations, Sidney Lanier Park and Overlook Park restrooms to be installed in April 2020, Howard Coffin Park playground improvements, and the completion of the senior center expansion.

Mr. Kitts asked about the delay on the L St. project. Mr. Albertson said that Atlanta-Gas Light damaged a water line while installing new gas lines and now Phase 1 should have an April 2020 completion. He said that Phases 2 and 3 should be much shorter projects.

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

Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission and Sewer Commission Executive Director, Andrew Burroughs updated the SCOC that the North Mainland improvement project Phase 2, which includes cured in place piping near B&W Grade Rd, is nearing completion. He said there is one more section under Community Rd to complete and then under Phase 3 JWSC can begin to upgrade the force mains in the area. Mr. Burroughs said that the Pump station 4003 project should go out to bid the following week with a possible April 2020 start date and may take up to a year.

8. Selection of dates for future meetings

Mr. Dow made a motion to hold the next SCOC meeting on March 25, 2020. Mr. Terjesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sabbe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.