

AGENDA
SPLOST 2016 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS SIMULTANEOUS PUBLIC
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020 AT 5:30 PM

Present: Philip Graitcer, Chairman
John Dow
Jane Fraser
William Kitts
Ron Maulden
Bob Franklin
Ronnie Perry

Absent: Lance Sabbe, Vice Chairman
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 (JWSC)
Marla Thomas, Glynn County Accountant
Regina McDuffie, Brunswick City Manager

1. Discuss and approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020, meeting, subject to any necessary corrections

Ron Maulden made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by William Kitts. The motion passed unanimously.

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 began his update with the North Mainland Sewer Rehab Project. He stated that Phase 2's manhole rehab project is still underway and that the engineering for Phase 3, which will use an existing gravity sewer instead of drilling a new line, will be complete in July 2020. He continued with the Pump Station 4003 project stating that the contract was awarded and construction is intended to start in the third week of July 2020. Philip Graitcer asked if the completion date is still in winter of 2020 and Mr. Burroughs affirmed that it would take 6-9 months. John Dow asked if the JWSC work on the East Beach Causeway was coming from SPLOST funds. Mr. Burroughs replied that it wasn't. Mr. Graitcer asked

how the work on East Beach was progressing and Mr. Burroughs said that it's moving along.

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

Brunswick Engineer and Public Works Director, Garrow Albertson began his update with the completion of the milling and paving of various streets category, the start of a project to remove trip hazards on sidewalks in the City, and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) drainage approval for the College Park drainage improvements and design completion in December 2020. Mr. Albertson continued with the completion of Phase 1 of the L Street project and moving into Phase 2 between Goodyear Street and Cooke Street with a completion date estimated for October 2020. He updated on the Magnolia Park drainage project and Mary Ross Park development project which is ready to move forward with construction. John Dow asked if the final location of the splash pad has been approved and Mr. Albertson said that the Urban Redevelopment Agency has been over the project, but that he believes it is finalized and the money will be spent.

Mr. Albertson continued with the Highway 17 infrastructure for which the design is complete and permitting is underway, moving ahead with the wayfinding signage, the completed trail on MLK Street between 3rd Avenue and Prince Street, and are advertising for bids on another portion, cemetery restoration, and subscriber radio payments to be made. Mr. Dow asked that the next payment date be kept current on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Albertson continued with a completed fire station, including a new bay, generator, and driveway, surveying historic squares including a completed design for Wright Square, and the installation of some signage at Abe Brown Park and other parks. Mr. Dow asked if SPLOST funds were eligible to replace confederate statues in the squares. Dr. Graitcer said that it was clear that it was not. Brunswick City Manager, Regina McDuffie said that it could be available but there is need for clarification. Mr. Albertson continued with Liberty Ship Park permitting to install restrooms, the restroom placement in Overlook Park, and a hold on Howard Coffin Park improvements depending on the decision involving a baseball park.

Ms. McDuffie was asked for comments and she stated that she wanted to know the structure and purpose of the oversight committee and asked how well Brunswick was meeting the needs of the committee. Mr. Maulden said that the City is moving slowly including the Sidney Lanier Park. Mr. Albertson said that utility permits were approved and they are working on encroachment permit from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Dr. Graitcer said that he agreed with Mr. Maulden and said that he would like to see projects move to completion. Ms. McDuffie said that COVID-19 and the changeover in Brunswick City Management caused some slowdowns, but she said that the City is disappointed that Glynn County has not decided to go with a 2020 SPLOST because there is no other capital funding source. Jane Fraser asked how much money was left and Ms. McDuffie responded that she would reconcile the numbers to find out. Ms. Fraser stated that if the City can't finish the current projects such as the Mary Ross Park splash pad why would they want more with a 2020 SPLOST.

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

Glynn County Public Work Director, Dave Austin began the update with 8 of 25 roads completed for the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) 2020. Glynn County Engineer, Paul Andrews continued with the Canal Road project which has begun right of way acquisition and the intersection improvement design. Ms. Fraser asked why only \$98,948 has been spent. Mr. Andrews replied that \$323,590 has been either spent or encumbered in contracts and that the remaining money is for land acquisition and construction pending permitting and utility location. Mr. Dow asked what the right of way will cost. Mr. Andrews replied that during concept planning, a maximum amount of right of way was planned for and the money budgeted. Ms. Fraser asked what the Board of Commissioners will be presented with concerning the intersection. Mr. Andrews said that he will show the commissioners a history of the project with a final concept with a roundabout intersection. Mr. Dow asked if the remaining funds are sufficient to complete the project. Mr. Andrews stated that the money is for the widening and not the intersection, but would include it if possible.

Mr. Andrews continued with the Dungeness Drive Extension, on which the property owner wants to change the scope of the project to their specifications and the change is significantly more expensive to purchase and improve. Mr. Austin continued with the Pennick Road design, permitting by October 2020, right of way acquisition, and a bid opening in the Winter of 2020. Dr. Graitcer asked why two non-SPLOST dirt roads are included within the spreadsheet. Glynn County Accountant, Marla Thomas replied that she provided a breakdown by dirt road on the spreadsheet, but two non-SPLOST roads were included because it was more cost effective to bid them out that way.

Mr. Austin continued with the Sea Island Road Ditch Piping to begin in August 2020, the Sea Island and Demere Road sidewalk public comment and an upcoming meeting with the Coastal Resources Division (CRD) of DNR. Dr. Graitcer asked if it includes a pedestrian crosswalk and Mr. Austin responded that the pedestrian crosswalk would be at the Demere Road light for safety. He continued with the completion of Frederica and Demere Road roundabout. Ms. Fraser said that the roundabout has slowed down traffic. Mr. Austin responded that he has a flyover that shows the traffic flows, that the improvements are working, and that there is always confusion in a two lane roundabout, but the new markings might clarify the traffic.

Mr. Austin continued with the completed Ocean Blvd Mallery St sidewalk project, the Kings Way Frederica roundabout project concept design negotiations to be presented to the BOC on July 22, 2020, and the East Beach Causeway Demere Road roundabout construction that will have a Demere Road closure soon and currently has pipe installation underway. Dr. Graitcer asked that pedestrian path be provided through the construction and Mr. Austin replied that he cannot safely allow pedestrians in a construction site, but perhaps money could be allocated for future projects. Dr. Graitcer asked if the roundabout will be landscaped and Mr. Austin replied that they are going to run water and power to the center and are working a deal with a local landscaping group.

Mr. Austin continued with the Spur 25 at Altama Connector project which is under GDOT review and property right of way easements are underway by a firm. Ms. Fraser asked if only \$12,000 has been spent in the last two months. Mr. Austin replied that POND and Company billed \$11,649 for property negotiations.

Mr. Andrews covered the Harry Driggers Trail GDOT permitting that is expected to be authorized for bid in October 2020. The project requires utility relocation and one right of way acquisition. Mr. Austin updated on the Frederica Road sidewalks expected to be bid out in the winter of 2020 that includes a sidewalk in a dangerous area near Synovus Bank and the Arnold Road tide gate completion.

Mr. Andrews reiterated Garrow Albertson's report on the College Park drainage project, the Chapel Crossing Road drainage Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the Somersby Point to Martin Palmer drainage project which the owner of the property is working with the County to incorporate the design into their current plans, the Golden Isles Parkway Planning Extension report to offer the BOC alternatives to choose from, and the Hornet Drive/ South Palm projects to be built together that are near approval by GDOT and could be underway by the Fall of 2020.

Mr. Austin finished with the Animal Control Facility approval and notice to proceed and the completion of the Veteran's Memorial Park. Ms. Fraser commented that it's unfortunate that the costs per square foot on the Animal Control Facility are so high based off of a single bid design and that the Veteran's Memorial has no shade to sit in. Mr. Austin replied that the Animal Control Facility construction had nine bids and the two lowest were within \$3,000 of each other and that the price per square foot is consistent with other animal control facilities built recently. He stated that the design of \$179,000 is well below the average, at 9%, of the overall cost of the construction and that the tap-in fee has been paid and land is ready. Ms. Fraser asked if the lift station was improved and why a kennel would cost \$300 per square foot. Mr. Austin replied that the lift station will be funded out of the Fiscal Year 21 Capital Projects Fund and that many of the shelters built recently have been in that price range.

5. Discussion of Annual Report

Due to technical difficulties, Mr. Maulden dropped off the call and there was no longer a quorum of board members.

Dr. Graitcer began the discussion of the annual report with what should be included, including authority, structure, and goals. Mr. Dow responded that decisions on authorities and structure are a slippery slope because the members are divided. He asked if everyone would be able to critique the report and Dr. Graitcer asked for those comments before the finished product to include all the viewpoints.

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

The remaining committee members decided that August 26, 2020 was feasible for the next meeting date. Due to a lack of quorum a vote was not taken and the committee adjourned.