

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Members Present:

Alice Summerour
Bill Carver
Frank Wigington
Roger Sandbothe
Susan Tucker
Lindsay Edwards
Marline Elkins
Sally Riddle
Barkley Russell

Members Present Cont.:

Marty Williamson
Dee Gay
James Brock
Kenneth Jones
Gene Lewis

Absent:

Jay Cunningham

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Dr. Jackie McMorris, Deputy County Manager
Scott Barfield, Director, Property Mgt
Sam Heaton, Director, Public Safety
Sharon Stanley, Director, IS
Meagean Diaz, Admin, DOT
Lindy Tisdell, Finance

City of Kennesaw:

Ricky Stewart, Public Works Director

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on March 21, 2019.

The new SPLOST COC member, Gene Lewis, introduced himself to the committee.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously with the addition to minor edits.

Lindy Tisdell, General Accounting Manager, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Ricky Stewart, Public Works Director, City of Kennesaw, gave an update on the City's 2005, 2011 and 2016 SPLOST programs. The following projects were highlighted; Stanley Road & Collins Road Improvements, Old Highway 41 – Cobb Parkway to Barrett Parkway, Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements and the McCollum/Ben King Roundabout (managed by Cobb DOT).

Questions/Answers for City of Kennesaw:

Q. Rutledge Road & North Main Street Project – on hold due to insufficient funding: Do you anticipate funding the remainder of it in the next SPLOST?

A. Yes. It has been requested to be added to the list for the City's projects.

Q. In 2018 City of Kennesaw SPLOST Update, insufficient funding was noted on multiple projects, where is the disconnect?

A. The influx of prices for contractors is making it challenging to take projects from design to construction.

Q. In comparison to other municipalities, there is very little progress of the SPLOST programs, 2005, 2011 and 2016. Why is this and what changes will be made to navigate through this?

A. Encountered multiple challenges including conflicts with a consultant which led to litigations on the Old 41 project. We are trying as much as we can to accomplish the projects in the programs.

Q. How is the budget determined for projects?

A. It is put through a formula that is established.

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Q. Has the City improved their level of security in their offices?

A. Our Court Room and City Counsel office does have metal detectors but no other offices.

Q. How many police cars were purchased and what is the cost per car?

A. Five cars were purchased and they are approximately \$45-\$50k fully loaded with lights, radio etc.

Scott Barfield, Director, Property Management, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. The following projects were highlighted; Public Safety Training Facility, Magistrate Court, Demo of old Law Library, IS Data Center, North Cobb Regional Library, and Fire Station 1.

Correction to PowerPoint:

Fire station 1 = Mableton Parkway

Fire station 7 = Hurt Road and Hicks Road

Sam Heaton, Director, Public Safety, announced his retirement date and expressed this would be his last SPLOST COC meeting. He provided a quarterly update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST program. The following projects were highlighted; Police Headquarters property has been purchased, Training Center is in the design phase, continue to look for property for Fire Station #29, Fire Station #1 is under construction, and Fire Station #7 is in design.

Questions/Answers for Public Safety:

Q. Fire Station #29: Was it worked out to build around Cumberland Mall?

A. Developers are working with the Commissioner. In the meantime, continue to revisit old prospects.

Q. Radio Towers: Report continues to carryover a Radio Tower, will it not be built?

A. We have purchased all equipment and awaiting installation.

Q. Fire Station off Canton Road, is it set to be replaced?

A. Yes, Station 12 property has been purchased but may be delayed a year. This is not a SPLOST funded station.

Sharon Stanley, Information Services, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. Projects in progress include installation of new Network Firewalls, location selected for new Data Center, met with vendors to assess current Data Center and plan moving forward (Board Action for RFP to come), Web Portal Phase II, Sheriff Offender Management System (OMS) migrated to new hardware in March 2019, selection committee currently reviewing proposals for Business License System, and various Facility Improvements.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.