

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

Members Present:

Alice Summerour
Dee Gay
Frank Wigington
Roger Sandbothe
Jay Cunningham
James Brock
Gene Lewis
Susan Tucker
Lindsay Edwards
Marline Elkins
Sally Riddle
Marty Williamson

Absent:

Bill Carver
Barkley Russell
Kenneth Jones

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Dr. Jackie McMorris, Deputy County Manager
Scott Barfield, Director, Property Mgt
Adam Storey, Captain, Public Safety
Sharon Stanley, Director, IS
Yolanda Rucker, Tech Service Manager, IS
Ross Cavitt, Director, Communications
Erica Parish, Director, DOT
Desiree Young, Admin, DOT
Priscilla Parton, Accountant, Finance

City of Smyrna:

Kevin Moore, City Engineer
Ashley White, Assistant City Engineer
Landon O'Neal, ICMA Management Fellow
Scott Andrews, Assistant City Administrator
Tammi Saddler Jones, City Administrator
Larry Terry, CROY Engineering, Prgm Mgt

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

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously with the addition to minor edits.

Priscilla Parton, Accountant, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Kevin Moore, P.E., City Engineer, City of Smyrna, gave an update on the City's 2011 and 2016 SPLOST programs. The following projects were highlighted; Windy Hill Road Improvements, Roswell Street Roundabout, Fire Station #2 Improvements, North Cooper Lake Bike Park and the Gann Road Bridge Rehabilitation.

Questions/Answers for City of Smyrna:

Q. Windy Hill Road Improvement: In the design, is there a traffic management plan?

A. Yes.

Q. Windy Hill Road will begin construction in 2020, and last how long?

A. Three years.

Q. North Cooper Lake Bike Park: Is this a refurbished park that was already there, or is it a new park?

A. The park was already there, but the bike facility that was there has been replaced. There is also, a community garden.

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Scott Barfield, Director, Property Management, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. The following projects were highlighted; Public Safety Training Facility, State Court SEU, Switzer Library, IS Data Center, Medical Examiner, and Fire Station 1 (Mableton Pkwy).

Questions/Answers for Property Management:

Q. How much capacity does the County have to take on the role of General Contractor as a whole to save money on projects?

A. It saves on the markup, taxes when buying supplies as well as the overhead.

Q. If it saves money, do we have the capacity to do this on more projects than what we are currently doing?

A. We do have program managers that are taking care of a lot of jobs in other Departments. We oversee every project. If we could do more, we would.

Q. What would be the percentage that would be saved?

A. Depending on the size of the job 4%. The smaller the job the more you will spend on the overhead the larger the job the less you will spend.

Q. Police Headquarters: Can you share how things are going with the new Police Headquarter?

A. The lease for the current occupants of the building ends this August, in which they will have the opportunity to extend it or not. The current occupants are currently renovating a space to move into. There are two sections to the building, the first floor being the bank. All office staff are on the floors above it. They are currently working to get all office staff moved, possibly by March/April. Once the Police decides what they want to renovations to be, the work will be performed by Property Management.

Q. Is there enough money in the SPLOST available to renovate?

A. Yes.

Sharon Stanley, Information Services, Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. Projects in progress include new Data Center, met with vendors to assess current Data Center, Unified Court Case Management System, Kronos Time & Attendance System Upgrade, Fleet & Fueling System Upgrades and various Security/Safety Upgrades.

Question/Answers for IS:

Q: Unified Court Case Management System: Last time this was reported you mentioned compatibility/interactivity with other counties, can you elaborate?

A: While we were building ours, the State wanted to see how it was being done. They are still in talks on whether or not the State mandates that all systems be able to communicate with one another.

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Adam Storey, Captain, Public Safety, 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 under construction, continue to look for property for Fire Station #29, Fire Station #1 will have a parade at the grand opening, Fire Station #7 will house Special Ops Unit, and various Police Precinct Renovations.

Questions/Answers for Public Safety:

Q. Fire Station #29: Is the Sears Tire Center still an option?

A. Yes.

Q. Is Precinct 6 a new building?

A. Yes, that is correct.

The next order of business was an announcement from SPLOST COC member, Frank Wigington. He has been asked by the Chamber of Commerce to serve on the Chamber's Advocacy committee to promote/campaign for the upcoming SPLOST.

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