

**Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2020**

**Members Present:**

Alice Summerour  
Barkley Russell  
Bill Carver  
Jay Cunningham  
Lindsay Edwards  
Roger Sandbothe  
Sally Riddle  
Susan Tucker  
Marty Williamson  
Frank Wigington

**Absent:**

Kenneth Jones  
Dee Gay  
James Brock  
Gene Lewis  
Marline Elkins

**Cobb County & Other Officials Present:**

Jimmy Gisi, Director, PARKS  
Michael Brantley, Operations Director, PARKS  
Tom Bills, Program Manager, PARKS  
Wade Kelly, SPLOST Program Manager, DOT  
April Jones, Admin, DOT  
Erica Parish, Director, DOT  
Priscilla Parton, Accountant, Finance  
Bill Volckmann, Director, Finance

**City of Austell:**

Tommy (Bo) Garrison  
Darrell Weaver

**City of Marietta:**

Dan Conn

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on January 16, 2020.

As there was a quorum present, a motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Bill Volckmann, Director, Finance Department, gave an update regarding planning for the 2022 SPLOST.

Bo Garrison, Public Works Director, City of Austell, gave an update on the City's SPLOST program pertaining to Transportation. The 2016 SPLOST projects highlighted were various resurfacing projects, sign replacement and upgrades, the purchase of roadway equipment. Projects under consideration included resurfacing Rolly Street and Sweetwater Street, roadway striping of Old Marietta Road and Humpries Hill Road, and sidewalk improvements to Pine Street and Hotel Street.

**Questions/Answers for City of Austell:**

**Q.** Do you sell the compost back to the community or do you reuse it?

**A.** It's privately owned and they do sell it. We just bring the compost into the facility.

**Q.** Will the sidewalks be both sides of the streets or will you pick one side?

**A.** It will be both sides.

**Q. Sidewalks:** Will Hotel Street be from one end to the other?

**A.** Yes.

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**Q.** Are sidewalks completed inhouse or contracted out?

**A.** We have them contracted out.

**Q.** Are there any eminent deadlines that you are being affected by?

**A.** We are not aware of any deadline.

Darrell Weaver, Assistant Director of Community Affairs, City of Austell, gave an update on the City's PARKS and Public Safety SPLOST programs. The 2011 SPLOST projects highlighted were upgrades to Threadmill Complex, multiple purchases of PARKS equipment and the purchase of a new facility.

Dan Conn, City of Marietta, Public Works Director, gave an update on the City's 2011 and 2016 SPLOST programs. The following projects were highlighted from the 2016 and 2011 SPLOST; Core General Transportation Projects, Resurfacing Projects, Powder Springs Streetscapes, Fairground Street Improvements, Public Safety Projects and various Capital Improvement Projects.

**Questions/Answers for City of Marietta:**

**Q. Resurfacing:** When is Powder Springs expected to be paved?

**A.** Next spring.

**Q.** What caused the delay in the other 2011 SPLOST projects?

**A.** Right-of-way acquisition, design, and the timeline when we received the 2011 funds.

**Q. ATM/ITS:** On your traffic control management system roughly how many cameras do you have around the city?

**A.** Around 30.

**Q.** How far along are you on signaling lights so traffic flows better?

**A.** We reevaluate the timing about every three years for the whole city. The timing is completed in groups so it's an ongoing everyday thing.

**Q. Resurfacing:** Completed projects like Tower and Roselane, the intersections are not that old are they?

**A.** They were rebuilt back in the 2008 timeframe.

**Q.** Will the Roswell Street sections finish out Roswell Street?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** What is the process for acquiring police vehicles, are they bought new or used?

**A.** We buy them new.

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**Q.** What's the general lifespan of police vehicles?

**A.** 4-5 years.

Tom Bills, Program Manager, PARKS, provided an update on the 2011 and 2016 SPLOST projects. The 2011 program is 98.5% complete, 0.5% construction underway, 1% in design and the 2016 program is 82% complete. He highlighted the following projects; Wallace Park – Additional ADA Parking, is complete, Fullers Park – synthetic turf installation is 80% complete, Mountain View Community Center parking – scheduled to begin in February, Jim R. Miller Park, Automatic License Plate Readers, and other additional projects.

**Questions/Answers for PARKS:**

**Q. Fellton Property:** Is it fenced?

**A.** It will be

**Q.** How much did demolition on the house cost?

**A.** \$69,000

**Q.** How long is the obligation to maintain the property?

**A.** In perpetuity

**Q.** Was it purchased by the County or donated?

**A.** The property came to the county through a securitas group.

**Q. Fullers Park:** What's the money split between county and school?

**A.** It's all coming out of the County's SPLOST.

**Q.** The Parks signage and building signage, has the sponsorship been worked out yet?

**A.** Not yet, we are waiting on Board approval.

Erica Parish, Director, DOT, provided a quarterly update on 2005, 2011 and 2016 SPLOST program. The 2005 SPLOST is near completion. The 2011 SPLOST currently has 96.2% projects completed, 1.9% in construction and 1.9% in design. Some highlights for the 2011 SPLOST program include Sandy Plains Road, River View Road, McCollum Pkwy Sidewalks and Gordon Combs Road Sidewalks. The 2016 SPLOST currently has 130 projects completed, 37 in construction and 37 in design. Some highlights for the 2016 SPLOST program include Silver Comet Trail Bridges, Post Oak Tritt Road at Hembree Road, Paces Ferry Road at New Paces Ferry Road/Paces Mill Road, Westside Drive, Cherokee Street, and other various projects including Resurfacing Projects.

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**Questions/Answers for DOT:**

**Q.** Is Holly Springs Road at Post Oak Tritt Road also going to be a roundabout?

**A.** That location is a potential project on the next SPLOST.

**Q.** Without the SPLOST General Funding cannot keep up with the Transportation Department?

**A.** No.

**The next order of business was the Election of Officers for 2020.**

Marline Elkins was nominated for Secretary; nomination was seconded and Marline Elkins was approved unanimously.

Frank Wigington was nominated for Vice-Chairman; nomination was seconded and Frank Wigington was approved unanimously.

Alice Summerour was nominated for Chairperson; nomination was seconded and Alice Summerour was approved unanimously.

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