

Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee
Thursday, March 17, 2022

Members Present/Virtual:

Jacquelyn Bettadapur
Steve Byrne
Jay Cunningham
Lindsey Edwards
Marline Elkins
Wilmark Harris
Essence Johnson
Gene Lewis
Felicia McDade
Tania Robinson
William de St. Aubin
Alice Summerour
Frank Wiginton

Absent:

Matthew Yarbrough

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Jimmy Gisi, Deputy County Manager
April Jones, DOT Admin
Travis Stalcup, Deputy Director, Property Mgt
Adam Storey, Captain, Public Safety
Kimberly Lemley, Director, IS
Bill Volckmann, Director, Finance
Jenny Xu, SPLOST Accountant, Finance

City of Acworth:

James Albright, City Manager
Brandon Douglas, Deputy City Manager

City of Smyrna:

Eric Randall, City Engineer

Chairperson Felicia McDade called the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 PM on March 17, 2022.

A discussion took place regarding the future locations of the SPLOST meetings. Chairperson Felicia McDade made a motion to conduct future meetings in-person with a virtual option. The motion was seconded and approved in a vote 7-6.

Jenny Xu, Accountant, Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report regarding the 2016 SPLOST Summary.

Marty Hughes, Assistant City Manager, City of Kennesaw, gave an update on the City's 2005, 2011, and 2016 SPLOST programs. The following projects were highlighted; Ben King Road Improvements, Cherokee Street, and Depot Park.

Questions/Answers for City of Kennesaw:

Q. Sardis Street: Are merchants on board with the shift in traffic?

A. Yes, it's currently alleviating traffic issues for their customers.

Q. How is the City dealing with price increases when it comes to bid and projects?

A. We look at what bids were received and compare those to what we estimated the cost to be.

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Pam Conner, City Manager, City of Powder Springs gave an update on the City's 2016 SPLOST program. Several projects were highlighted including intersection improvements to include: striping, signals, and pedestrian improvements, as well as traffic flow upgrades, and other various project updates.

Questions/Answers for City of Powder Springs:

Q. Does the City keep a total of what the maintenance and operations costs are going to be for signal and intersection improvements?

A. Yes, we keep these in mind when we meet with Finance and include these costs into our next year's budget.

Travis Stalcup, Deputy Director, Property Management, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program which included; new cabinet shop property acquisition, Gritters Library, firing range upgrades, and Public Safety generator updates.

Adam Storey, Captain, Public Safety, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program and briefed completed projects to include; new fire stations and training facilities.

Kimberly Lemley, IS Director, provided an update on the 2016 SPLOST program. Projects in progress GIS ELM trail markers, the County's internal performance appraisal system upgrades, and drone detection systems.

Other Business:

The Deputy County Manager briefed the Committee on the RAP2.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022, meeting. Motion was made and seconded; minutes were approved unanimously.

Jay Cunningham made a request that County Legal staff present rules on how the SPLOST Committee conducts business.

Steve Byrne asked about the impact of cityhood on SPLOST collections.

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