

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
SPLOST 2020 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday April 4, 2019**

The Athens-Clarke County SPLOST 2020 Citizens Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at 780 Barber Street, Athens, Georgia. The purpose of the meeting was for review of previous M&C Action and process for the upcoming public meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Aitkens, Sara Beresford, Carl Blount, Laura W. Carter, Dr. Cshanyse Allen, Tracy Davenport, Katrina Evans, Denny Galis, Thomas P. Lauth, Adam Shirley, Rob Trevena, Dr. Shannon Wilder, Jennifer Zwirn, Lora Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Stone, Frances Berry, Shane Blackwell, Dr. LaKeisha Gantt, David Griffin, Robert Miles, and Dr. Marilyn Wolf-Ragatz

**STAFF PRESENT:** Blaine Williams, Manager and Keith Sanders, SPLOST Program Administrator

**WELCOME / COMMENTS / INFORMATION**

Welcome by Chair, Dr. Shannon Wilder.

**Explanation of M&C Action April 2, 2019:**

Blaine Williams explained, on behalf of the Mayor, the action M&C took on Tuesday April 2, 2019. Two Projects were designated: 1) Judicial Center (Space Modernization Program) combined with the renovation of the courthouse to move staff out of multiple buildings around town into one central location; 2) Affordable Housing Program; 3) debt service cost for GO bonds on the two above projects; and, 4) Allocation amounts for Winterville and Bogart.

Also, the program value was increased from \$248 million to \$278 million total.

**General Fund Balance Review and Projects that impact General Fund Balance:**

Blaine Williams explained how Capital Projects have been funded in the past for surpluses from previous years. If there has been enough surplus from the past year then reserves have been used to fund the balance of the needed capital projects. This method of funding capital is not sustainable and needs to change.

As part of the M&C comments to the CAC, the M&C was asking that two projects be put back on the list for consideration by the CAC and that a third project on the Potential Project lists be funded. The three projects, listed below, are ones that can directly put impact the General Fund Budget:

- Project #3 Facilities Life Cycle Replacement (\$10,506,000);
- Project #11 Public Safety Vehicle Replacement (\$18,726,000); and,
- Project #32 Fire Department Safety Equipment (Potential Project); \$4,830,000.

Some CAC members noted that the first two of these were not necessarily ones that the committee felt the public would support. The CAC requested a list of other projects that could have a similar impact to help the General Fund but that might have more broad based public support.

The question was raised about how these two projects could be added back to the list without undoing the voting for all of the other projects. It was explained, that no changes to the Potential Projects List would be made unless projects received overwhelming public support or they are requested/directed by M&C to be added back to the list. Also, M&C was going to be asked to provide additional comments and input to the Committee prior to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Meeting Process:**

The process for receiving public comments, at the following meeting, was discussed. It was discussed and agreed that the SPLOST would have project sheets available for all projects and that the project description sheets, used for the Saturday meeting, would be available for the public.

**INFORMATION / NEXT MEETING DATE**

- The Public Meeting is April 10, 2019 5:30 PM at the Planning Auditorium, in the Dougherty Street Government Building.
- The next regular meeting of the committee is Monday April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bob Snipes Water Resource Center. Purpose: Discussion results of Public Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The above summation is an interpretation of the items discussed and decisions reached at the above referenced meeting, not a transcript of the meeting. Anyone desiring to add to, or otherwise correct the minutes, is requested to return written comments to the SPLOST Administrator by the date of the next meeting.

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Keith D. Sanders, SPLOST Program Administrator

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