

SPLOST V Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Locust Grove - Mayor Robert Price
Public Safety Building

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Acceptance of Agenda
- IV. Opening - Clayton Carte
- V. Introduction of Henry County Commissioners
- VI. Introduction of Committee Members and City Representatives
- VII. Introduction of Staff / Technical Committee
- VIII. Proposed I-75 exit at Bethlehem Road - Roque Romero
- IX. Proposed City Projects
 - X. Review potential projects within District I
- XI. Public Comments
- XII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 4, 2018
- XIII. Future Meetings
 - a. November 1, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Hampton - Fortson Library
 - b. November 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM
McDonough - City Hall
- XIV. Committee Comments
- XV. Adjournment

Minutes SPLOST V Committee

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

Public Safety Building, 3640 Highway 42, Locust Grove, Georgia

The Henry Herald was notified of the meeting via email.

Meeting Agenda (See Attached Agenda)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Clayton Carte, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Carte.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

****See attached agenda***

Mr. Carte called for a motion for acceptance of the agenda for October 18, 2018, and asked committee members if there were any revisions. Motion was made by Mr. Harold Jenkins (District 4 Representative) and seconded by Mr. Tom Israel (District 1 Representative). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Opening – Clayton Carte

Mr. Carte opened with a brief overview of what the SPLOST program is. SPLOST stands for Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. It is a program that the Georgia General Assembly created in the 1980s allowing Georgia counties to call for local sales tax for the purpose of funding capital projects. Every county in Georgia uses SPLOST in one form or another. There are a couple of different variations of SPLOST; there is the General SPLOST, run by the Henry County Board of Commissioners, which is being represented at this meeting; and, in Henry County, there is also an Education SPLOST governed by the Henry County Board of Education – that penny is operated separately from the General SPLOST.

Mr. Carte continued that within Henry County, SPLOST was first passed in September 1996 and since then three subsequent programs have been passed by voters, most recently in March 2013. We are currently in SPLOST IV and are looking at a possible SPLOST V moving forward into 2020. The SPLOST V Committee has been established by the Henry County Board of Commissioners to explore the possibility of a SPLOST V. The Committee is charged with considering possible projects, soliciting public feedback on those projects, preparing cost estimates working with Henry County staff, utility

companies, and the Henry County Water Authority to gather accurate cost estimates on possible projects. The Committee will select projects to recommend to the Board of Commissioners. The SPLOST V Committee is comprised of seven members, one appointee from each of the Board of Commissioners, one appointee from the County Manager's office, and one representing the County Chair.

Mr. Carte added that the SPLOST V Committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in May 2019. Currently meetings are being held every other week across Henry County and at the end of these meetings the Committee will have a list that has been approved and vetted and the list will be presented to the Commissioners in May 2019. The Board of Commissioners may then modify the list before giving its final approval. Then, in November 2019, the list will go before the Henry County voters for a proposed extension of Henry County SPLOST. Should the voters approve the extension, the SPLOST V program would run from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2026, extending the existing program.

V. Introduction of County Commissioners

- Johnny Wilson, District 1 Commissioner

VI. Introduction of Committee Members and City Representatives

- Clayton Carte, Committee Chair (County Chair)
- Tom Israel (District 1)
- Arnold Cole (District 2)
- Mike Elrod (District 3)
- Harold Jenkins (District 4)
- Carlotta Harrell, Vice-Chair (District 5)
- Tim Young, City Manager, Locust Grove
- Otis Hammock, City Councilmember

Not in attendance: Claud Spinks (County Manager)

VII. Introduction of Staff/Technical Committee

- Brad Johnson, Assistant County Manager
- Ron Burckhalter, Public Works Director
- Chae Yi, SPLOST
- Leanna Sims, SPLOST
- Lynn Planchon, SPLOST/Airport

VIII. Proposed I-75 Exit at Bethlehem Road – Chae Yi

Mr. Yi gave an update on the new interchange on I-75 at Bethlehem Road. A feasibility study was completed in 2018 and was approved by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Early in 2018, a second Interchange Justification Report (IJR) was completed and submitted to GDOT as well as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and was approved in September 2018. Currently the interchange study will be in the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) TIP program and will have matching funds for right of way and also design in the current SPLOST program. A major milestone will be going to the design phase and also right of way before moving into the construction phase. Mr. Yi concluded by saying that a lot of progress has been made on the IJR.

Mr. Carte added that this project would be included in SPLOST V as well.

IX. Proposed City Projects – Tim Young

Mr. Tim Young gave a review of the growth of Locust Grove and presented a list of possible projects to be included in the proposed SPLOST V program.

Roundabout at Bill Gardner @ SR42

Roundabout at Market Place Blvd. @ SR42

An additional westbound right-hand turn lane from Bill Gardner Parkway onto I-75 northbound

Repaving older subdivisions within the City

Phase II of the City's Municipal Complex to add additional parking in front of the Public Safety Building and install a Veterans Memorial next to City Hall

Continue work that was started in SPLOST IV on Bill Gardner @ I-75

Additional lane between Market Place and I-75 along Bill Gardner

General repaving

Water and Sewer enhancements and Sewer rehab

Debt retirement for water and sewer

Mr. Young gave a presentation of projects that have been completed in Locust Grove under previous SPLOST programs.

X. Review Potential Projects within District I

Mr. Carte stated that District 1 stretches from Heron Bay in the Luella area, over to the Butts County line in the Ola area, and is comprised of much of the southern area of Henry County and the City of Locust Grove.

Mr. Carte turned the discussion over to Mr. Israel.

Mr. Israel provided the following as possible projects for the SPLOST V program:

Capital Projects:

- Fire Station/Police Precinct in the Ola area off SR81 close to the county line
- Passive park near Heron Bay

Transportation Projects:

- SR81 Widening Phase I right of way and construction match
- SR81 Widening Phase II design
- McDonough Parkway construction
- Bill Gardner Parkway right of way acquisition
- Hampton Locust Grove Road right of way acquisition
- Hampton Locust Grove Road widening and paving

Intersection Improvement Projects:

- South Ola Road @ North Ola Road
- Lester Mill Road @ Bill Gardner Parkway

Dirt Road Improvement Projects:

- Peeksville Road from the bridge to Old Jackson Road
- Burg Road
- Ellistown Road from Peeksville Road to Moccasin Gap

- Sandy Ridge Road

Bridge Replacement Project:

- Hampton-Locust Grove Road over Indian Creek

Mr. Israel stated that this is not an inclusive list, but is a good start for projects to be included in the proposed SPLOST V program.

Mr. Israel asked if Commissioner Wilson had any additional projects to add. Commissioner Wilson stated that Mr. Israel had covered the projects.

Mr. Carte asked the Committee if they had any questions concerning the projects. Mr. Elrod stated that he didn't have a question, but had a comment that District 3 would partner with District 1 on both SR81 Widening projects, the South Ola Road @ North Ola Road project, as well as McDonough Parkway.

Mr. Carte asked if there were any more projects that the public would like to add to the list of possible projects.

Mr. Johnny Smith asked why the light at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive @ SR42 had been removed. Mr. Young stated that there was a design problem under the original design and that the Georgia Department of Transportation had to re-bid the design as well as placement of the signal and that the signal should be up and operating within the next few months.

XI. Public Comments

Mr. Carte stated that there were two speakers signed up for public comment.

Mrs. Brenda Smith thanked the Committee for giving her the opportunity to speak about her concerns. Mrs. Smith stated that she would like to see Sipka Road paved. She and her husband donated right of way to Henry County in 1997 and would like to see this road added to the list of roads to be paved in SPLOST V.

Mr. Johnny Smith stated that he is a former Henry County Department of Transportation employee. Mr. Smith asked that the Committee add the paving of Sipka Road as a possible SPLOST V project.

XII. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Carte made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 4, 2018, SPLOST V Committee Meeting. Mrs. Harrell made the motion, Mr. Elrod seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

XIII. Future Meetings

Mr. Carte made the announcement that the next two meetings of the SPLOST V Committee will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Hampton at the Hampton Public Library; and on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City of McDonough at McDonough City Hall. Mr. Carte added that the conclusion of the city meetings will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018, in the City Stockbridge at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

XIV. Committee Comments

Mr. Carte asked the Committee if there were any comments. There were no comments. Mr. Carte thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

XV. Adjournment

Mr. Carte made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Harrell and seconded by Mr. Israel. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**Minutes were prepared by Leanna Sims, Henry County SPLOST staff.*

