

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MINUTES

April 13, 2017

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert Reichert
Commissioner Gary Bechtel
Commissioner Mallory Jones
Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
Commissioner Joe Allen
Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
Commissioner Virgil Watkins
Commissioner Al Tillman
Commissioner Elaine Lucas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Judd Drake, County Attorney
Crystal Jones, Sr. Assistant County Attorney
Jansen Head, Assistant County Attorney
Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
Charles Coney, Assistant County Manager
Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
Janice Ross, Clerk of the Commission
Robert McCord, EMA

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NEWS MEDIA:

Stanley Dunlap, The Telegraph
Mary Grace Shaw, 13WMAZ

VISITORS:

Clay Murphey, SPLOST Project Manager
Gram Slaton, Executive Director, Grand Opera House
Crystal Rutherford, Sheriff's Office
Cass Hatcher, SPLOST Project Manager

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1. 2018 SPLSOT Project Timeline and Budget

Discussion

Mayor Reichert stated that the Project Timeline and Budget was a project that had involved long hours of calculations by Julie Moore and Clay Murphey. He continued that it was important to remember that if a Commissioner chose to move a project forward on the timeline then another project of the same dollar value must be moved back on the timeline. Mr. Murphey distributed Version 4 of the Project Timeline. All projects that are shovel ready for 2017 and 2018 mean that the project is actually ready to go out for bid. He continued that the list could change every two weeks as the projects moved forward. Commissioner Schlesinger stated that he was open to moving ahead with the list since the Commission was aware that the list was flexible and would be open to changes. Commissioner Lucas stated that she was concerned that once the list was adopted that it would not change.

ACTION

On motion of Commission Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, the motion to amend the list by reducing \$2.4 M from Central City Park to Bowden Golf Course and blight failed by a vote of three to five with Commissioners Lucas, Watkins and Tillman casting the affirmative votes and Commissions Allen, Shepherd, Bechtel, Jones and Schlesinger casting the dissenting votes.

ACTION

On motion of Commissioner Bechtel, seconded by Commissioner Jones and carried six to two with Commissioners Allen, Shepherd, Bechtel, Jones, Tillman and Schlesinger casting the affirmative votes and Commissioner Lucas, and Watkins casting the dissenting votes, the Resolution to approve the 2018 SPLOST Project Timeline and budget as presented by the SPLOST Project Manager was approved.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janice S. Ross
Clerk of the Commission