

February 14, 2008  
Statesboro, GA

## WORKSHOP

The Board met for a workshop in the Community Room of the North Main Annex.

Commissioners present: Chairman Nevil, Commissioner Tankersley, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Thompson, and Commissioner Rushing.

Staff present: County Manager Tom Couch, Staff Attorney Jeff Akins, Andy Welch, Mike Rollins, Chad Avret, Harry Starling, Ted Wynn, Maurice McDowell, and County Clerk Marcia Collins.

Chairman Nevil called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Couch to proceed with the meeting. Mr. Couch asked Mike Rollins to present the Splash in the 'Boro Expansion for discussion. Mr. Rollins gave a brief summary of Five Year Strategic Enterprise Plan that was developed for Splash in the 'Boro by consultants. The plan was done to keep pace with growth. The following items were major objectives of the plan: (1) Needs Assessment, (2) Stake Holder Analysis to evaluate findings and recommendations, (3) Analyze Existing Program Inventory, (4) Develop concepts for new aquatic features, and (5) Ongoing operation. He gave a summary of the following major components of Splash in the 'Boro: (1) Lazy River, (2) Play Pool, (3) Leisure Pool, (4) three Water Slides, (5) Competition Pool, and (6) Therapy Pool. He said the net income over expense has varied from \$24,000. to \$281,000 over the last three years. They have been tracking the attendance and residence of each visitor. Effingham County and Chatham County represent 24% of the growth for last year. The consultants recommended doing a tiered phase improvement. This would feature a tot slide and spray ground in the existing island area of the leisure pool. The lazy river area would be expanded on the west side of the park to add a zero depth beach entry and sunning area, and a new four lane mat racer slide would be added. In addition to the aquatic enhancements, an expanded entrance would be developed with additional restrooms, concessions, and administrative space. Additional shade structures and deck space would also be provided. He wants to bid on the project in July 2008 and begin construction in September 2008.

Mr. Rollins discussed the plan that he put together to address the recommendations made in the Splash in the 'Boro Special Audit. He said there were (14) recommendations made such as: creating forms, changing operations procedures, purchasing cash drawers and safe, performing spot checks, and installing a surveillance system.

Mr. Couch discussed the SPLOST 2002 Solid Waste Air Rights. He said there is a \$479,000.00 gap that the City of Statesboro needs to recover out of the funds they have been using to support air rights. He said there is about \$381,000.00 left in Post Closure and the only way to cover the gap is to use SPLOST undesignated funds. He said he will propose at the next Board of Commissioners meeting to use that money to replace the funds.

The next item for discussion was the Roads and Bridges Policies. Mr. Couch suggested reading the proposed policies to decide if there needs to be stipulations for emergency work on private roads. He also discussed permitting driveways, street name signs, traffic engineering and construction programming, surplus dirt, acceptance and maintenance of new storm drains, inverted crown roads, and eminent domain.

The next item for discussion was the Cell Phone Policies. Mr. Couch said he has been monitoring the cell phone cost and the usage is high. He discussed the idea of going to an allowance or reimbursement policy for cell phones. The allowance or reimbursement will vary depending on your position.

The next item for discussion was the Ag Arena. Mr. Couch said the projections given for building are \$9 million, \$18 million, and \$26 million. Available funds and ideas of scaling the plan down were also discussed,

Chairman Nevil announced the workshop adjourned.

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J. Garrett Nevil

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