



PUBLIC HEARING & Informational Session – Minutes

November 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM | Pooler City Hall | 100 US Hwy 80 SW, Pooler, GA
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I. WELCOME

Leon Davenport, P.E., welcomed all present.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the informational session at 6:00 p.m.

III. VIEW EXHIBITS

A. Quacco Road Widening - Moffatt & Nichol

The public was invited to view all printed plans that had been set up around the room.

IV. PRESENTATION

A. Quacco Road Improvements - Leon Davenport of Thunderbolt Consultants

Leon Davenport, Principal of Thunderbolt Consultants, presented on the Quacco Road improvements to include the existing conditions, right-of-way plans, proposed improvements, intersections, and the remaining schedule through 2025. Leon Davenport also noted that the widening is a Special-Purpose Local-Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) project. SPLOST projects are funded at about 30% by those who don't live within the city, but spend money here. A representative from Moffatt & Nichol was also present.

V. PUBLIC HEARING / Q&A

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton opened the public hearing. Questions were heard from a number of residents. Kimberley M. O'Connell inquired about intersections. A member of Risen Savior inquired about potential changes to the area near the church. A resident inquired about wetlands permitting; it was explained that the City obtains regional permits for transportation and linear projects, which differ from private and individual permits. Individual permits generally take 12 months, but ours has a 6-month turnaround. Staff offered to discuss with owners the topics of rights-of-way, easements, and existing signage, as well as how a right-of-way differs from an easement and how those may differ depending upon ownership. Leon Davenport noted that there will be no displacement of people related to this project, but there may possibly be displacement of signs; he also reported that DOT standards will be followed throughout the process. A member of Risen Savior inquired as to compensation

for loss of land in front of the church or other areas. Leon Davenport explained that it would depend whether there was an easement or a right-of-way present in that area and that there are different valuations for each. If a right-of-way is present, title research is completed, an appraisal is completed, and a representative will present the appraisal. Any portion of land to be taken will be offered at fair market value (not tax-assessed value). Mayor Rebecca C. Benton closed the public hearing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rebecca C. Benton adjourned the informational session at 7:16 p.m