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Call Meeting
Thursday February 12, 2015
6:30 PM
Agenda

Resolution to oppose the state of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of
2015 2015 - 3 - 03

Center divide Hwy 41 cutting

Franchise Management

February 12, 2015

CALL MEETING

6:35 PM

This Call meeting of the Lake Park Governing Body was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mayor Schindler. Those present, Mayor Schindler, members Carter, Mulkey and Rutland, minutes taken by Clerk Consultant.

First item on agenda, Resolution # 2015-3-03, a resolution opposing the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015 (see attached). After some discussion, member Rutland moved City sign said Resolution, motion second by member Mulkey, all votes affirmative.

Mayor Schindler advised Council that Mr. Bob Wilbers of 360 Back Forty Dr. has offered to mow, without charge to City, all the raised mediums on Marian Ave. within the City. Member Rutland moved City accept this generous offer for an unspecified length of time, and that proper liability release forms be signed for this service only. Motion second by member Mulkey, all votes affirmative.

Under Franchise management, Mayor explained that GMA has a Service Contract Program to assist City's in collecting cable/video franchise fees. Normal contract fee is \$1,000.00 per year. As City has not collected any monies from these required franchises since 2012, member Rutland moved City enter into a contract for a one year term, total cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 with GMA. Motion second by member Carter, all votes affirmative.

There being no further business of this Call meeting, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Read & approved Jamatha Fowler Date 3-10-15

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-3-03

**A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015**

WHEREAS, the Joint Study Committee on Critical Transportation Infrastructure Funding has issued a report which identifies the need for the State of Georgia to raise additional revenue to address transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 170 has now been introduced which recommends the state invest over \$1 billion annually in transportation related projects, with over \$500 million of the \$1 billion coming from local sales taxes from cities, counties and school systems; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, local governments in Georgia collected \$516 million in local sales taxes (LOST, SPLOST, ELOST, ESPLOST, HOST, MARTA and Atlanta's MOST) from the sales of motor fuel; and

WHEREAS, if motor fuel is removed or exempted from local sales taxes, the Georgia Municipal Association estimates that Lowndes County could lose approximately \$12,387,653.89 million annually, including proceeds to the Valdosta City government, the Lowndes County government and the Lowndes County and Valdosta City School Systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would reduce local SPLOST funding, local LOST collections used for funding services and property tax reduction and local E-SPLOST funding to the school systems by approximately \$4,129,217.96 for each tax annually; and

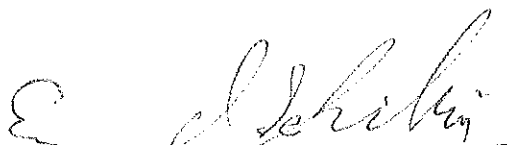
WHEREAS, in 2013, the total amount of SPLOST funds spent on transportation by the cities and counties of Georgia was approximately \$746 million; and

WHEREAS, Georgia's local governments have made and continue to make substantial investments toward transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, this Council urges the members of the Georgia General Assembly and our local delegation to strongly oppose any provision or measure to reduce allocation of sales tax funding to local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of Lake Park, Georgia hereby urges the Georgia General Assembly and our local delegation to strongly oppose any bill, provision or measure to re-allocate local sales tax funding from local governments to the state of Georgia. Furthermore that the State of Georgia not approve any provision of a Transportation Bill that authorizes double taxation of municipal residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was introduced at a Call Meeting of the City Council of Lake Park, Georgia, held on the 12th day of February, 2015, and adopted at said meeting by the majority vote of members of the Mayor and Council.



Mayor Eric Schindler, City of Lake Park

ATTEST:



Tabatha Fowler, Municipal Clerk