



## **Executive Director's Report**

August 25, 2021

The Gwinnett and Snellville Police Departments are now under new Leadership. Chief J D McClure has been appointed Chief for Gwinnett County. This appointment follows the retirement of Chief Brett West. Chief McClure has been on the Command Staff for a number of years. Chief Greg Perry has been appointed to the Chief's position in the city of Snellville. Chief Roy Whitehead retired after 17 years with the city of Snellville and 50 years in law enforcement. Both chiefs will continue the traditions of each of those departments. We welcome and look forward to working together with both Gwinnett and Snellville Police Departments.

To that end, the CID has received a request from the South Precinct Command, Major Wilkerson to add additional Flock cameras in order to support the crime detection and fighting efforts of the department. The request is for 8 additional cameras to augment the 11 cameras located within the CID. In the CID's Security line-item funds are available for this enhancement to our security and safety efforts. The estimated cost of the cameras is \$20,000. The Board will consider approval of this request in the August meeting. While the Flock cameras are a tremendous investigative tool, they also capture more than just tag numbers. Take for instance recently we had someone move two cameras and stole another camera. With the help of Alex, she was able to get a face shot of the suspect. That picture was then shared with Snellville Police. The officers recognized the individual, was able to get a warrant and arrest the suspect.

The Evermore CID hosted the Gwinnett Municipal Association at Vecoma for their first in-person meeting. Also, a first no CID has ever hosted the association. Of note, besides the great job Alex did, four of five County Commissioners attended the meeting. This was the most County Commissioners who have attended a single meeting.

During the GwMA meeting, Chairwoman Nicole Love-Hendrickson addressed the group. She discussed the future of Gwinnett County and shared her vision. District 3 Commissioner, Jasper Watkins focused on the future improvements to the southern area of Gwinnett. He discussed the need for transit access in Centerville, Annistown Road, US-78, and the Snellville area. Additionally, he spoke of his focus on the Centerville area. His commitment to making improvement and community engagement were paramount in order to improve the area. Kirkland Carden, District 1 Commissioner, spoke about the broader vision for the county. District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque discussed her vision for the county as a whole. She discussed what new developments would impact the county. She discussed the need for additional sewer capacity.

At the conclusion of the meeting, many cities reported on unique developments within their communities. It was quite amazing all the projects that are taking place in each city within Gwinnett County.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eastside became Piedmont Eastside. AND it did so with great fanfare. The CEO of Piedmont and corporate staff joined city and county officials for the ribbon cutting. As has been discussed, Trent Lind continues at Piedmont Eastside CEO. We join with the community to welcome Piedmont to the CID and to the broader community.

We were very pleased to welcome Commissioner Marlene Fosque to the CID. Her continued interest in the CID demonstrates what she calls her, "interest in the entire county". You may be aware, Commissioner Fosque is seeking her second term as a District Commissioner.

Stay tuned for more development in the West Park Place Blvd area. Additionally, we are developing an opportunity to work with Gwinnett County on another development opportunity. While this development has only come about very recently, the project is not far enough along to share, but good news and great opportunity are occurring within the area.

An updated Property Tax Collection Report as of 8/13 /2021 is as follows below. The 2020 property tax collections continue to exceed the 2019 property taxes received during the same time period.

The following chart is an update to this comparison using the first 37 weeks of collections for both. 2020 has exceeded 2019 collections by more than 1%:

<b>Accts. Receivable Balance</b>	-	-	-
<b>2018 Property Taxes Billed with adjustments thru 5/31/2021</b>			<b>940,302.20</b>
<b>2018 Property Taxes Collected through 7/31/2021</b>			<b>940,302.20</b>
<b>2018 Accts. Receivable Balance as of 7/31/2021</b>			<b>0.00</b>
<b>2019 Property Taxes Billed with adjustments thru 5/31/2021</b>			<b>997,852.00</b>
<b>2019 Property Taxes Collected through 7/31/2021</b>			<b>997,852.00</b>
<b>2019 Accts. Receivable Balance as of 7/31/2021</b>			<b>-</b>
<b>2020 Property Taxes Billed with adjustments thru 5/31/2021</b>			<b>1,005,608.00</b>
<b>2020 Property Taxes Collected through 7/31/2021</b>			<b>999,678.43</b>
<b>2020 Accts. Receivable Balance as of 7/31/2021</b>			<b>5,929.57</b>
<b>Total Accts. Receivable outstanding as of 7/31/2021</b>			<b>5,929.57</b>

**Collector Road Phase III Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-Parkwood-Britt):**

In the August 13th Status Meeting, participants discussed issues of the project. The environmental and historical updates have been completed successfully. All necessary approvals for environmental documents have been return approved. The sight barrier wall which was originally approved by the residents of Rainbow Circle is available. The discussion now is cost per sq. ft.

Below is the most recent update on the ROW acquisition progress:

Right-of-Way status as of **August 13, 2021**

- a. Parcels closed: *1, 6, 8, 10, 11,13, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, 32, 34, 35/36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43*
- b. *Closing Pending: 9, 12, 14, 15/17, 24*
- c. *GDOT Review : (15, 17 same owner)*
- d. 10 Day letters -
- e. In Appeal -
- f. *Condemnations Filed: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 37, 44*
- g. *Condemnation Filing Pending: 20, 42*
- h. *Awaiting Relocation information:*
- i. *Other Information:*
  - i. *Parcels Eliminated: 45*

The GwDOT continues to negotiate with owners. Currently, staff of the CID are working to assist in locating a space for one business to relocate.

**General Comments:**

We continue to face challenges with our landscape companies. Certainly, with the amount of traffic along US-78, the task is a significant challenge. However, there is an expectation of a reasonable level of service. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with a representative of Visionscape to discuss some of those issues. We provided him with a list of issues that were yet to be resolved. Additionally, we encouraged him to comply with all elements in the contract and to improve the product he was delivering to the CID. We have noticed a significant improvement to the area prior to the “monsoon”.

Staff of the CID continues to meet with Commissioner Jasper Watkins as he develops a strategic plan for improve areas within his district. His vision is to look at opportunities to tailor a response to areas which need improvement through the district.

We had a meeting Mayor Barbara Bender to discuss some of the projects taking place in the city of Snellville. While she provided an overview of the “Grove” project, we also discussed roadway issues impacted by the development. Additionally, some of the challenges regarding the impacts to the traffic patterns on Wisteria and Oak Road. These issues will further impact the intersection of GA-124/US-78/GA-10.

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On August 12<sup>th</sup>, US Representatives, Carolyn Bourdeaux and Hank Johnson met with a group of interested community leaders to discuss the potential impact of the Infrastructure Bill that is moving through Congress. Both Congress members provided their views on the subject. Both focused on job creation, improved mobility, and development of Transit options. Additionally, a portion of their presentation discussed the infrastructure such as water, sewer, bridges and other elements which would create a need for a trained workforce.

As has been discussed previously, the US-78/GA-10 resurfacing has been programmed. Currently, the let on the project should be May 2022 (FY-22) and construction beginning in the early Spring of 2023 (FY-2023). In advance of the actual resurfacing project, we can expect some leveling and repairs to some of the major areas of deterioration. This is a much-needed project, especially with intersections in the corridor carrying 135,000 VPD at peak periods.