



## Executive Director's Report

April 24, 2024

The Board April Meeting will feature a required decision by the Board of Directors. As in previous years, the Board will set the millage rate for this year. By setting the millage rate in the April meeting, the CID will be prepared to provide that information and approval to the Tax Commissioner. Early indications are that the tax digest may rise by 2-2.2%. As the CID continues to advance the parallel road system, the fund balance will experience a decrease as projects are funded. Therefore, the Board will take this and other factors, such as landscape, security systems and other activities increase in cost into account during their deliberations.

The April meeting will also have an election of Posts 3 and 6. (Chairman Garner and Warren Auld). The voter ballots will be issued between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM. The Caucus of Electors will be held immediately thereafter.

Once the newly elected members are sworn in, the CID's attorney will hold the election of officers for the upcoming year. These offices are: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. Once seated, the Chairman will call the regular April Board meeting to order.

In the April meeting, the auditor will present the audit to the Board of Directors. This presentation will be by the auditor and on the TV screen in the office. The Board members will be able to ask any questions they feel is important to add to your understanding of the budget.

With the recent approval by the CID Board, the lighting project for additional lighting continues. Walton EMC has ordered all lighting fixtures with an anticipated installation in early Summer or before.

The Chamber of Commerce held its annual DC-Fly-In April 9-11. This event features visits by all representatives that represent or will represent Gwinnett County. Both Senators share efforts they are currently making to positively impact Georgia and the Nation.

### **Collector Road Phase III Evermore North Blvd. (Hewatt-Parkwood-Britt): Project PI0007535/F-8031/F-1287-19 M-0907-01**

In the picture below, you will see the sanitary sewer project well underway. Not shown in the picture is the ROW has been completely cleared of trees and other debris. As has been

discussed, the sanitary sewer must be operational before any destruction of the current, private sewer system is accomplished.

As part of the clearing process fences and other temporary and permanent buildings and fixtures had to be removed. As part of the project, Martin-Robbins Fence Company removed and relocated their fencing. That task has been accomplished.



The CID continues its efforts to be available for persons impacted by the construction as well as the contractors working on the project. Our efforts have been used on a number of occasions as a liaison between the property owners and the contractors.

### **Financial Update:**

The auditor will present the 2023 Audit to the Board. The audit will be provided to the Board via electronic and a personal presentation by the auditor.

The CID has an offering of \$600,000 for the banking companies to bid their best CD rate. This rate will take into account the necessity of having those funds securitized for the term of the CD. The CID is scheduled to have all bids received on or before April 23, 2024. The CID staff will review all bids and discuss them with Bill Gower, Secretary/Treasurer before selecting the bank.

**General Comments:**

Intern Harrison Hartley is a student at KSU as a sophomore. Every year the CID conducts a survey of existing businesses within the corridor. For example, last year we identified 866 business licenses within the CID. We believe this effort accomplishes two goals. Number one, the CID provides the Snellville and Gwinnett PDs a list of businesses, their address, phone number and email address. This document will provide the most up-to-date information to the departments when there are emergencies or other needs to contact the business or the owner. Secondly, this list gives the CID an opportunity to communicate with the businesses and property owners via social media or Constant Contacts.

The CID, at the request of the Gwinnett County Police Foundation facilitated a strategic planning session. The foundation is in the process of separating its function from department and community involvement to a totally separate, and stand alone, function. This transition is at the request of GwPD leadership.

The CID representative continues to work with GwPD's effort to connect businesses to the Real Time Crime Center. FUSUS systems are currently being installed and funded through Explore Gwinnett. This funding source will allow the CID to place its resources elsewhere in the district.

The CID had a street sweeping contract with Kelly Street Sweepers. Because of the higher than expected estimated cost, the CID staff are developing an RFP. How significant a price increase; from \$1700 per quarter to \$5000 per quarter. (See RFP as attached)

The Gwinnett First Responders Valor Awards event was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. These amazing individuals accomplished many amazing feats. These awards have been a centerpiece for more than 15 years.

Initial planning for the Peer Tour to Birmingham and Huntsville, Alabama is currently underway. This tour will feature redevelopment projects in Birmingham and adaptive reuse of strip shopping centers in Huntsville as well as green field projects. We find this tour very beneficial to our economic development offices in the county and efforts within all CIDs.

The CID hosted members of the Gwinnett County Economic Development Office. Randall Toussant is the new Gwinnett County Economic Development Deputy Director. We had a discussion about county projects inside the CID. Currently county projects include the Costco site, an affordable housing development, two studies (Lake Lucerne and West Park Place) and the continuation of the connector road project.

After the meeting, he has continued to provide updates on projects and providing project information. This has greatly improved our ability to respond to the business and private community.

The CID continues to work with the community as the extension of Evermore North Blvd continues. In the near future GwDOT will let the engineering contract for the Ross to Hewatt Road project. While this planning phase is critical to the ultimate outcome, it is the first step toward creating a local path that will allow for less conflicts on US-78 and the beginning of the multi-use pedestrian trail. We have long believed that this road project will add significantly to public safety as well.

We continue to have visits from a number of economic development professionals from throughout the region. One of their most questioned activities of this CID are the parallel roads, the intersection at 124/78 and AMAZON.

We are in the very early stages of two major projects that will be located within the CID. These are high-end residential projects that will be located in the western side of the CID. The project is projected to feature an upscale restaurant as well as condos in the \$600 to \$700 thousand price range. The second project has now been forwarded to Gwinnett County's Economic Development Office. This project, when completed should be in the 300 to 350 Million dollar range.