

Minutes - Draft

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services
Committee**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:20PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Long Spears, Patrick, Terry

Present 3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Robert Patrick, and Michelle Long Spears

I. MINUTES

2023-0600 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the May 9, 2023 Planning, Economic Development,
and Community Services Committee Meeting
This agenda item was approved

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

[2023-0404](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1174317, 1174318, 1174320 and Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1174324
Architecture and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA): for use by the Department of RPCA. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through August 31, 2023. Awarded to: Lose & Associates, Inc. dba Lose Design, Pond & Company, Inc., Foresite Group, Inc., and WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (formerly Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,500,000.00.
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

-information provided by Michelle Butler, P&C Director

-additional information provided by Chuck Ellis, RPCA Director

[2023-0405](#) Commission District(s): 2 & 6
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Surfaces, Repair and Renovation, and Gym Floor Refinishing (Interlocal BuyBoard Contract 641-21): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to be utilized by all County departments. Consists of the purchase of synthetic or natural sports fields, courts, or tracks to include job order contracting (JOC). This request seeks to renovate the sodded open field near two reservable pavilions at Mason Mill Park. This request also seeks authorization to execute the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement. Awarded to: Cornerstone Sports Group c/o Controlled Products. Amount Not To Exceed: \$369,158.59.
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/13/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

-information provided by Michelle Butler

-additional information provided by Chuck Ellis, RPCA Director

III. DISCUSSION

Discover DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau

-discussion not heard in committee

Zoning Procedures Law Text Amendment

-presentation provided by Brandon White, Planning & Sustainability
-additional information provided by the Law Department
-Question MLS: are other counties taking different approaches with this?
V Ernstes: that's correct
-TT: regarding signage, I would request that the font for the signs are made bigger

IV. STATUS UPDATE

Code Compliance Update

-presentation provided by Director Hardy
-Question LJ: when will you be able to discuss the audit with the Commissioners?
T Hardy: we can present it whenever; there are different phases of it; it will be complete very soon; if you could give us 60 days to work on it
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick
-Question RP: do your officers have time to drive through neighborhoods and note any issues?
-response provided by Director Hardy
-LJ: at midyear could you provide how many officers you might need to get from reactive to proactive and alleviate some of the cases. If you have a chance to amend the budget please bring that back to discuss with Mr. Williams
-Question MLS: why are you seeing such an increase from 2019 - 2022? Is that related to having more people? Is this a new initiative that you have engaged in?
-responses provided by Director Hardy
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry
-Question TT: are you seeing more court cases than you have in previous years?
-response provided by Director Hardy
-Question TT: with the Magistrate Court, Judge Anderson stated they had cleared 60% of the backlog for the last couple of years. It seems that 2023 there is a good pace here
T Hardy: yes they are working hard at it and we are quite happy about
-Question TT: does your team touch the animal control issues?
T Hardy: no sir that is under animal control and works with public safety. Additional information provided by Director Hardy

Meeting Ended At: 3:30PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Long Spears

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC