



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Thursday, November 17, 2022

10:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 10:02AM

Attendees: Commissioners Rader, Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Bradshaw, Davis Johnson

Present 2 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

I. MINUTES

2022-2497 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 7, 2022 Special Called Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

-no vote taken

2022-2498 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 8, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee
MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

2022-2507

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
 To consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the creation of DeKalb County Tax Allocation District Number Four: Market Square TAD and the DeKalb County Tax Allocation District Number Four: Market Square TAD Redevelopment Plan as attached thereto.

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

- a substitute agenda item has been provided*
- discussion by Jen Hagler of Decide DeKalb and Jonathan Gilbert on the redevelopment plan*
- LCJ: I don't need further discussion and am happy to move this along right now*
- TT: I appreciate Commissioner Rader for letting me learn on this process; there will be a committee part of the tax allocation district, to allow for local input on the development plans over the next 40+ years. The County's representatives on the Doraville TAD were vacant; we are not going to have an issue with this TAD as it relates to the committee?*
- response provided by Commissioner Rader*
- JR: I would like Mr. Welch to discuss what this resolution accomplishes in the process*
- comments provided by Attorney Welch*
- JR: regarding the pledge as to the 25 years, if the goals are accomplished and the debt is retired, then the TAD can be decommissioned before that 25 year period correct?*
- M Welch: yes sir; additional comments provided by Attorney Welch*
- LCJ: motion to approve the substitute*

2022-2488

Commission District(s): All
 An Appropriation of \$10.5 Million Dollars of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Funding to Continue Support to District Related Eligible Community Initiative Programs and Operating Expenses

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by COO Williams

-LCJ: so the ask is approximately \$3.2M of the remaining funds to be allocated equitably amongst all 7 districts?

-TT: that's what I'm proposing yes

-LCJ: I take no issue with the request but would like to hear from the Administration

-comments provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-Question SB: so Commissioner Terry, your recommendation will be for \$3.2M additional?

-TT: correct my recommendation would be a substitute

-Question SB: you discussed earlier what's remaining in tranche 1. Do you have a sense what's remaining in the first tranche?

-Z Williams: we will have real numbers on Friday; I'm guessing it's around half of the \$37M. Additional comments provided by COO Williams

-LCJ: Motion to approve this substitute for the agenda and put before the full body for a vote (pending additional information)

-JR: so the committee substitute would appropriate the \$3.2M remaining in fund balance reserve for commission community initiative projects? This is a substitute for 2022-2488, and could potentially reflect a substitute for the entire ARP tranche 2 budget

-LCJ: correct; additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Second JR

Vote: yes 2-0

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

[2022-2389](#)

Commission District(s): All

Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Eligible Programs and Operating Expenses

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/13/2022 .

III. DISCUSSION

ARP Tranche 2:

State Court

-presentation by Magistrate Court Judge Berryl Anderson and Judge Wayne Purdom
-discussion of court facility upgrades and the need for them by Judge Purdom
-discussion of hybrid proceedings provided by Judge Anderson
-discussion of parity with Superior Court via this request
-Question JR: we have received a proposal at a summary level. Have you all reviewed these dollar numbers and the scope of work that they would fund, and if the proposal from the administration is consistent with what you believe your needs to be?
-response provided by Judge Purdom
-JR: I would hope that with your staff you can assure yourself that the current proposal is consistent with what you believe your needs to be
-additional response provided by Judge Anderson regarding Magistrate Court
-additional comments regarding A/V by Judge Purdom
-JR: by the time that we vote on this in December, we should hear from you if it's not going to do what you want it to do
-Question LCJ: why didn't we act initially? I would think this would've been part of the midyear allocation?
-response provided by COO Williams
-LCJ: I look forward to seeing this on the agenda and getting it passed so that we can move progressively forward here. Regarding resources, we need to get someone there to retrofit the building. Is the \$3M part of what you all are in need of?
-Z Williams: yes it's all part of the same conversation. Additional responses provided by COO Williams
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the budget submittal process
-comments provided by COO Williams regarding ARP appropriations report
-JR: we will receive the report that Mr. Williams is discussing later this week

-LCJ: motion to approve the \$3,921,708 plus \$93,000 to State and Magistrate Courts

Second JR

Vote: yes 2-0

-Z Williams: I will prepare a substitute item that you will see on December 6th

Magistrate Court

-discussion noted above pertains to both State and Magistrate Courts

FY23 Annual Budget Process

-presentation from Director Sigler on the FY23 budget process and timeline

-Question JR: is there anything the administration needs from the Board of Commissioners to ensure the budget is consistent with the priorities that the Commission has identified?

-response provided by Director Sigler

-Question TT: can we email you budget ideas?

TJ Sigler: yes; that will allow us to track any of the requests you may have

-Question TT: when do you need that by?

TJ Sigler: the sooner the better; early December will give us over a week to review and incorporate into the recommendation

-Question SB: is there a particular format in submitting these items to you?

TJ Sigler: email is fine; there is no particular format

-Question TT: At the city, the city manager would sit down with every council member and mayor. Is that too much to ask for our format? It is unclear where the funnel is for decision-making. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-JR: maybe we could start that process

-Z Williams: I will reach out to each of the offices and we will capture any ideas that you may have. What we will do is have the commission provide input in committee meetings in terms of what they want to see

-JR: Dr. Obeng perhaps you could put budget priorities in committee coming into the next cycle

-Question LCJ: how are we coming with the allocation from the midyear budget that should be going to each department? Are we getting the money out now to the department to be used as needed?

-Z Williams: the funds approved in the midyear budget have been going out accordingly

-MDJ: I have not been getting complaints or major concerns from my constituents in District 5 concerning the budget

Meeting Ended At: 11:12AM

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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