

Minutes - Draft

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

Chairperson: Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Member: Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Member: Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 9:02 AM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Johnson, Patrick, Bradshaw, Terry, Davis Johnson

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

I. DISCUSSION

Budget Amendments

DeKalb CSB

-presentation provided by CEO Fabio Van Der Merwe
-Request 1: Capital improvement projects request - \$1,750,000
-Request 2: Needs assessment resources and staffing for data analyst and writers - \$20,000
-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears
-Question LJ: are you saying you need a needs assessment for opioids?
-response provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
-Question LJ: would it better use of money to focus on the assets to bring the needed parties to the table?
-response provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
-Question LJ: what would the \$20,000 request be for?
-response provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
-Question LJ: the same group would be used for the advisory oversight committee? That's all part of the same proposal? And the \$20,000 would be used to organize the coalition?
Van Der Merwe: yes
-Question LJ: for the coalition, how much money is allocated for the settlement?
-response provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
Question LJ: why can't we supplement the \$1.4M from the settlement from the request you have today?
-response provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding the opioid center and resources allocated to other addictive issues in DeKalb
-comments provided by COO Williams regarding funding sources
-additional information provided by Mr. Van Der Merwe
-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding supportive services and housing
-Question RP: how long would it take to get this committee stood up?
Van Der Merwe: at least 4 months to get the committee up and have the draft needs assessment. Additional comments provided by CEO Van Der Merwe
-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-LJ: Motion to approve \$20,000 request for Coalition Needs assessment and half of 1.7 million request (\$850,000)
Second RP
Vote: yes unanimous

Compassionate Atlanta

-presentation provided by Leanne Rubenstein, Iyabo Onipede of Compassionate Atlanta
-Request 1: Charter for Compassion: "Compassion Inside Out" project training
-Question LJ: when you say staff, what are you referring to?
I Onipede: this would be for the Commissioners' staff
-Question LJ: is there a separate fee for Compassion-Con?
I Onipede: that is included in the request
-comments provided by CEO Rubenstein
-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson
-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears
-LJ: Motion to approve request

Board of Health

-presentation provided by Dr. Valenciano - BOH

-Request 1: BOH environmental staff vehicles purchase for fleet of 28, including insurance, maintenance, and gas: \$1,024,800

-Request 2: refugee health clinic increase of \$542,008 for 5 public health nurses in refugee clinic. Already funded in budget

-Question LJ: regarding the staff vehicles, the BOH is a state agency. The more we keep funding state agencies we take away from the initiatives we can fund at the local level. Will you all be handling the maintenance, insurance, and gas?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Question TT: instead of the \$1M for automobile, we do a 28 person allowance of \$500 for 10 months. That would be a total of \$140,000

-COO Williams: the \$542,008 is in the current budget

LJ: Motion to approve request

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Wellroot

-Presentation provided by Wellroot representatives

Request: \$580,000 for renovations of building to expand capacity for children aging out of foster care. D2 Office committed \$50,000 - gap request \$530,000

MDJ: Additional appropriation of \$50,000

New Request total: \$480,0000

-additional funding committed by Commissioner Davis Johnson

LJ: Motion to approve \$250,00 for facility renovations

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

LJ: lets do \$250,000 now and come back at mid-year

OTHER REQUESTS

Commissioner Johnson

Request 1: \$500,000 for Flock for Communities Initiatives. Partnership with HOAs to install Flock in neighborhoods

LJ: Motion to approve \$250,00 for Flock Communities Initiative

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Request 2: \$250,000 Summer Food Program - breakfast and lunch program for school children

LJ: Motion to approve \$250,00 for 10 weeks that focus on breakfast and lunch

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Request 3: \$500,000 Senior Home Repair Program

LJ: Motion to approve \$250,00 for senior repair program

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Request 4: Prioritization of \$68 Million in CIP funding current unfunded

LJ: I want to make sure _____

LJ: Motion that CIP projects named will be a part of SPLOST Funding starting April 1st

RP: Sidewalk project and Peachtree greenway

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Commissioner Patrick

Request 1: CIP project list added in as priorities

Request 2: \$350,000 Sidewalk Fund - 50,000 per district

RP: Motion to approve \$350,000 for sidewalk maintenance fund

Second LJ

Vote: yes unanimous

Commissioner Terry

Request 1: \$100,000 temporary fencing for dog run in property near PDK/ Chamblee Animal Shelter

Request 2: \$100,000 Park Masterplan through RPCA for dog park

LJ: Motion to approve \$200,000 animal services needs. Half for both projects now and half at midyear

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Request 3: \$700,000 for continued youth violence prevention allocations - \$100,000 per district LJ: Motion to approve \$350,000 now for the second half to be reviewed at midyear

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

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Meeting Ended At: 10:22 AM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC