



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes

PWI-Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Chairperson: Robert Patrick, District 1

Member: Ted Terry, District 6

Member: Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson, District 7

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:45PM

Attendees: Commissioners Patrick, Terry, Cochran Johnson, Johnson, Davis Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Ted Terry

I. MINUTES

2024-0254 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the February 6, 2024, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Ted Terry, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

II. DISCUSSION

FY2024 Budget

RP: Commissioners is there anything additional questions you have ?

Question TT: Last midyear budget we approved a public art/ Landscaping/graffiti removal line item for \$350,000, was that in sanitation?

Was the money carried over or do we need to approve it again?

Sigler: I do believe you would have to approve it again

Question RP: how much was it for Commissioner?

TT: \$350,000 - \$50,000 for each district

Question TT: stormwater utility fund, the \$350,000 annual with the school districts?

Sigler: We've made note of that, it is included in the stormwater fund.

Question TT: how are you allocating the line item?

Sigler: depends on the use, probably a miscellaneous account and as usages are identified pulled from it or move it to the proper account

TT: Motion to approve FY2024 budget out of PWI Committee with amendments ; 1. capturing Stormwater green fund as a specific category in the Budget and approve beautification amendment of \$350,000 graffiti removal and landscaping for each district office

Second LCJ

Vote: yes unanimous

Committee Goals

Information provided by Commissioner Patrick

RP: Commissioners are there any priorities?

TT: At this point I don't have anything else to add. Look forward to special called meetings to dive deeper into discussion. Question LJ:

There is a lot of faded signage in the County. Stop signs and speed signs. Additionally, Is there something we can do to alert people of speed changes, not sure if signs need to be updated? Maybe just general update on Signage

LCJ: I agree with the discussion of the state of signage also want to add the deuteriation of electric poles and our partnership with Georgia Power. I believe Ms. Allen will bring a recommendation but discussion will need to occur due to the manpower that will be needed and how best to facilitate her ability. I think a CID would be needed. Can director Peggy Allen come forward to speak to those goals?

RP: GIS team did LIDAR for sidewalks maybe that can be used? Maybe the data you are referring to is already in existence in so capacity.

TT: three things 1. streetlight analysis - parenting with GA power to determined where we need to update lights and fill in dark spots. 2. related to stormwater masterplan and fees - We passed a \$350,000 annual fund with the schools. I would like to follow up and create some mechanism with the school system to discuss action as it relates to their properties to improve stormwater and maybe implementing green infrastructure. 3. related to transportation - engage the school systems on school speed zones ticketing.

COO: I'd offer up Water/sewer capital plan - consent decree and drinking water. Those would be main topics we would want to speak on.

RP: Please email me some dates you think would be appropriate for special calls and we can flush it out with Central Staff and Administration.

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Items

Watershed Management

[2023-0978](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 22-101488 Consent Decree: Find and Fix Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD: FFAR) [Multiyear Contract]: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of primarily providing sanitary sewer assessments that include: assessments of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for pipes 18” diameter and Totally Integrated Sonar and Camera Inspection Technique (TISCIT) assessments and rehabilitation of pipes 24” diameter”. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidders: Inliner Solutions, LLC, and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$90,712,867.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

County Attorney: We ask this item be withdrawn

-TT: motion to withdraw

Sanitation

[2023-1084](#)

Commission District(s): All

LB - Invitation No. 23-101564 Modular Office Trailers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Public Works - Sanitation. Consists of the purchase of modular office trailers. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Modular Solutions, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,600,000.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Information provided by Director Tracy Hutchinson

TH: sanitation is requesting we move forward with 1 vendor. Additional information provided

Question TT: wanted to clarify - it is 1.6 million because the bid is \$906,000 and there is a \$573,000 environmental service fee? What is that?

TH: it is a contingency; that is additional charges for meters or charger ports, water/sewer hook ups.

-TT: motion to approve

2023-1634

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 23-101580 Litter Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Department of Public Works Sanitation/Beautification. Consists of providing year-round litter removal services on sixty-two (62) county roadways. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: American Eagle, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,602,240.00.

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Information provided by Director Tracy Hutchinson

Hutchinson: we are asking for an additional 30 days for review to confirm the vendors can do what needs to be done. Question LCJ: I have no problem with due diligence. But is your liberty to review is that not handled through procurement? TH: if is through procurement. I want to double check.

Question LCJ: would you then make a recommendation with procurement?

Context provided by Director Hutchinson

Question RP: did you receive the street requests from commissioners?

TH: yes. This current contract is also till June 2024 services will not lapse.

-TT: motion to defer 30 days

New Agenda Items

Transportation

2024-0231

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Preliminary Engineering for Michelle Obama Trail Extension (PI # 0019888)

MOTION was made by Ted Terry, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Terry**

Information provided by Director Pelton

DP: this item is to accept the GDOT funds and set up a SPLOST

Match -TT: motion to approve

2024-0237 Commission District(s): 3, 6 and 7
Payment of \$135,538.66 to Georgia Power for LED Conversion of
Candler Road at I-20 Interchange Lighting

Information provided by Director Pelton

Information provided by Patrice Keeter

-TT: motion to approve

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2024-0282 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a Resolution to Collaborate with MARTA to Achieve
Portions of the DeKalb County Transit Master Plan Goals without
Additional Sales Tax Levies
**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by
Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for
deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Terry

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

LCJ: I understand the spirit, but I believe we continue to put the cart before the horse since we ourselves do not have dedicated funding.

MDJ: the citizens of DeKalb should be the ones to approve/disapprove a sales tax. If we got the funding without it we could move forward. We cannot be led by MARTA and need to explore all opportunities.

Comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

Question LJ: can you define the advance certain objectives? The bill Hank Johnson in congress would support funding of heavy rail and BRT. I still have questions about the master plan.

Response provided by Commissioner Terry

Response provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

Response provided by Commissioner Johnson

LCJ: Motion to defer to next PWI Meeting for further discussion

Meeting Ended At:4:55 PM

MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Terry

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC