

**Minutes - Draft**

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

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Tuesday, August 23, 2022

2:00 PM

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*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available*

*(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,*

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 2:00PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Rader, Davis Johnson, Terry

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Jeff Rader, and  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

**I. MINUTES**

**2022-2044**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the August 9, 2022 Planning, Economic Development,  
and Community Services Committee Meeting

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by  
Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and  
Commissioner Davis Johnson**

**II. DISCUSSION**

Major Development Projects by Commission Districts

- presentation provided by Dr. Aaron Kimble - Planning & Sustainability
- Question MDJ: on the value for Electric Owl, it was my understanding the amount was more than that. South Indian Creek was not included in the presentation
- response provided by Director Baker
- information provided by James Burge
- TT: it would be good to include super districts as a GIS layer in the storymap. It would also be good to have some delineation of the impact on the tax digest on the tax dollars received with these major development projects, because they are strengthening the tax digest

### III. STATUS UPDATE

#### Quarterly Update: Revitalization Strategy

- presentation provided by Larry Washington and James Burge of Planning & Sustainability
- LJ: so you will be bringing back a report on all the school areas so this is just the beginning?
- L Washington: absolutely
- additional information provided by Director Baker
- Question TT: what is the rationale for dividing these areas by high cluster?
- response provided by Director Baker
- Question TT: are we planning to engage the school system in some regard, since we are moving forward in this process based on those boundaries?
- A Baker: that's a great recommendation commissioner, and we have reached out to several entities that can support or improve those conditions. We will take a look at the relevant data like crime or dropout rates and see where the school board can assist us

#### Public Hearing Signs

*-presentation provided by Brianna McCloud on the signs redesign and budget options*

*-Question MDJ: I had initially stated that there would be confusion and we would have backlash, and Mr. White came back and stated what he just stated. I'm in support of your recommendations, you are recommending the third option, and at the appropriate time I will make my motion*

*-JR: I do think it's administratively straightforward to be able to require that documentation, and that be put in the file, and further we can ensure they go back and document the presence of the signage. It will save staff time to focus on the professional activities rather than this belabored part of it. I think it's also conducive to maintain signs that are specifically prepared for an event where the applicant can go to a sign store, print and post them, so that we won't have to hand-write the signs. Is this recommendation focused on when it starts?*

*B White: that is a major factor, when we would begin implementation of it*

*-Question JR: so option 3 is option 1 annualized?*

*B White: that's correct*

*-Question JR: do you need to march of next year to implement?*

*B White: no I don't think it would take that long; we didn't want to be too hasty with the transition*

*-JR: option 1 suits me because I know that option 3 would follow behind it*

*-Question TT: I want to clarify the options. If we're moving toward the system where the applicant pays for the sign, would the cost be 0 for 2023?*

*-B White: no because there are still other signs we would continue to post and provide public notices for. Additional information provided by Mr. White*

*-Question TT: would those be the old designs?*

*-B White: no sir those would be the new signs*

*-Question TT: what is the cost for a single sign?*

*-B White: \$45 for a double sided sign*

*-TT: I think the signs are really great and the best designed, and most clear of all the signs provided to the committee. Thank you for taking the ideas of the committee and coming up with a good work product. Regarding the website, we can create our own redirect URL's to have a shorter website title that would be easier. Would we be able to track how many people visited that URL? I would like to see the data of the impact of the sign.*

*-MDJ: thank you to the department for a job well done and thank you to the commissioners for working through this. I would like to give option 3 which would give the applicants time to digest*

*-LJ: Mr. Baker do I need to put this in the mid-year budget?*

*A Baker: it will be for next year*

*-MDJ: motion that the signage be adopted, and that we adopt item 3 for implementation of it*

*Second JR*

*Vote: yes unanimous*

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEM**

*New Agenda Items:*

2022-1887

Commission District(s): 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground Systems, Installation, Service and Related Items: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of upgrades and renovations for Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas. Awarded to: BCI Burke Company LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$968,176.84.

**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis 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 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by CPO Horner, Director Ellis*

*-Question MDJ: is Redan inclusive of this? It doesn't include District 5?*

*-Z Williams: we'll update that Commissioner*

*-MDJ: motion to approve, with the amendment of District 5 and deletion of District 3 pending additional information*

2022-1901

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1174317, 1174318, 1174320, and 1174324 for Architecture and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew) for use by the Department of RPCA. Awarded to: Lose & Associates dba Lose Design, Pond & Company, Inc., Foresite Group, Inc. and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,850,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by CPO Horner*

*-C Horner: we would like to allow additional time during the solicitation for new contracts. Once voted on this meeting, if approved, we will be processing an emergency extension. We would like to have a substitute to ratify that extension.*

*-additional information provided by Director Ellis*

*-Question MDJ: this contract expires on August 31, 2022 correct?*

*C Horner: yes*

*-Question MDJ: so this amount is for an additional amount?*

*C Horner: yes commissioner it is and that would be an expiration of June 2023. if the money is not spent it would be encumbered to the department*

### 2022-1937

Commission District(s): 3 and 6

RA - Ratification of property at 2055 Bouldercrest Road (Michele Obama Park)-Erosion Issues and Property Protection Rider (Emergency): for use by Recreation Parks and Culture Affairs (RPCA). Purchase Order (PO) 1297476 has been issued in the amount of \$189,381.00 as emergency purchase request. Consists of the removal and re-installation of silt fencing to stabilize slope erosion issues and runoff onto neighboring properties. An additional \$14,278.00 is being requested for future purchase of a property/equipment protection rider to contractor's insurance policy. Recommend approval to ratify this emergency purchase with EFS, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$203,659.00.

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by CPO Horner, Director Ellis*

*-Question TT: is this part of the land swap land?*

*-C Ellis: that's correct it is tract 3*

### 2022-2060

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Task Force to Honor the Life of Reverend Dr. Hosea Lorenzo Williams, Sr., and Recognizing His Accomplishments as Worth of an Enduring Memorial

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/27/2022 .**

*-information provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-MDJ: I remember Hosea being in the State legislature for a number of years. He served about 5 terms in the State legislature. I never received copies of the letters sent in from the organizations you spoke of Commissioner. Could you forward those to me as well?*

*-TT: yes, it was a paper letter mailed to the office. I can scan it; it was from the DeKalb SCLC*

*-JR: it seems to focus 'including but not limited to' - it's a specific direction to build a statue at the courthouse. I'm concerned that we're making this decision unilaterally as the Board of Commissioners as to what will populate the square. We also need to think comprehensively about the heroes of the County.*

*-LJ: we have this deferred in BOC for 30 days, so Commissioner Terry if you need time to talk about what Commissioner Rader said. What do you all prefer?*

*-JR: I think we need to make it more inclusive process*

*-MDJ: recommended holding in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 3:31PM

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

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC