

Minutes - DRAFT

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

2:15 PM

Special Called Meeting

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: 2:16 PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

- 2022-2172** Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 8, 2022 Special Called Planning,
Economic Development, and Community Services Committee
Meeting
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis
Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion
carried by the following vote:**
**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and
Commissioner Davis Johnson**

2022-2195 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 13, 2022 Planning, Economic
Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis
Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried
by the following vote:**

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

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2022-2107](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 7
CA - Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 010521-LTS-3:
Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories
and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and
Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of upgrades and renovations for
parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. Award to Hasley
Recreation Inc. c/o Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. - PlayPower,
Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$369,551.13.
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by
Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on
10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-information provided by Director Ellis

Chief Executive Office

[2022-2133](#) Commission District(s): All
To Appropriate \$1,880,934 from the Tourist Product Development
CIP Account to Fund Various Projects
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee

*-agenda item not heard in committee
-recommended holding in committee*

Planning & Sustainability

2022-2066 COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 5 & 7
Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-191 (b) Improvements, Right-of-Way Dedication at 2700 Turner Hill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners

*-agenda item not heard in committee
-recommended holding in committee*

2022-2068 COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): 3 & 7
Request for deviation from the Requirements of Section 14-190 (Street Classification and Right-of-Way Width) at/near 2425 Mellville Avenue, Decatur, GA 30032
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners

*-agenda item not heard in committee
-recommended holding in committee*

WorkSource DeKalb

2022-2116 Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICT
Approval of three-year lease extension amendment to standard rental agreement, dated December 1, 2012, between DeKalb County Government and Cherians Real Estate, LLC. The extension amendment, from January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025, increases the rent approximately 3% annually as follows: 2023 - \$463,185.00; 2024 - \$477,050.00 and 2025 - \$491,385.00.
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 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Davis

[2022-2128](#) Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
Acceptance of Multiple Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth for Program Year 2022 from the Technical College System of Georgia not to exceed \$3,478,451.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Davis

-MDJ: at some point I'd like for you to give us an update in PECS on job training and placement for our youth in WorkSource.

-TT: I would like to announce an opportunity for a \$80M grant from Department of Labor to address skilled nursing shortages. Perhaps we could have WorkSource and other partners work together to address the nursing shortages experienced

-LJ: I believe I passed that on to Zach for his review as well

-Z Williams: we'll bring a team together to work through it; that

Board of Commissioners - District 3

2022-2308 Commission District(s): District 3
Senator Emmanuel Jones to Request the Senate Appropriations Committee for Inclusion in the Bonding Projects for the State of Georgia in the Amount of \$2 Million for Improvements and Pathway forward to Restore the South DeKalb Y to Vibrancy for the Community.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/11/2022 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Chief Executive Office

2022-2322 Commission District(s): All
Appropriation of Funding from American Rescue Plan Act and General Fund to Emory Hospital System

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-Question JR: we're interested in seeing what the prospects are in our capacity to providing trauma care. Over the years I've always had that as a discussion item with hospital management at Emory. Secondly, I would like to have a discussion of this new investment in the fiscal plan of these hospitals that were former county assets, and now stewardship to Emory. Third, to see how our investments here in DeKalb are thought of within the larger context of our development with Grady Hospital as it relates to indigent care; would it be fruitful to discuss expanding the players in that relationship regarding the Grady Hospital Corporation.

-information provided by Emory COO Dane Peterson

-comments provided by Chair Johnson

-Question MDJ: I support everything that you've said. I've also sat on the board of the DeKalb Medical. There's many issues that confront us; I don't think one shoe fits all. We have to learn to work together with our partners, understanding their goals as well as ours to get to the solutions for our communities. In the near future I will have a town hall on the Affordable Care Act. Additional information provided by Commissioner Davis Johnson

-CEO Thurmond: what percent of the eligible population under ACA is actually covered?

-Dr. Bryce Gartland: I don't have a specific number, but I can share with you more information. Additional information provided by Dr. Gartland

-Grady CEO John Haupt: in Georgia we're seeing around 80% of those who could qualify availing themselves of it. Additional information provided by CEO Haupt

-Question TT: could the partners could speak to the mental health component, and any commitment to work on this parallel crisis of the crisis center, and it's potential to impact this work?

-response provided by Emory COO Dane Peterson

-LJ: COO Williams if you could give us the ask again, and we'll open it up for discussion and a motion

-Z Williams: the total funding request is for \$11.9 Million. \$3 Million from ARP and \$8.9 Million from General Fund. Additional information provided by COO Williams

-Question LJ: with the violence piece, Emory I would like for us to have public health education as part of this process

-CEO Thurmond: Mr. Chair we'd love to have an independent conversation with you and the committee as we go forward

-Question JR: several of these items are items of first impression to us. I think it would be helpful to understand the capital improvements within that context. We need to treat trauma holistically; I support this idea, but it begs the question of how this relates to our strategy of a medical safety net in DeKalb County? I would like to see what the road forward is in bringing forward all of those players, and how these expenditures directly contribute to that. We should deal immediately with the request for ARP funding for the nurses, we could potentially look at the programmatic approach as it relates to trauma as an important first step of bringing Emory into the safety net network. I would also like to ensure we have exhausted the capacity for ARP for this. But I am ready to support the Grady piece, I would just like more information on the trauma piece.

-LJ: does the medical facilities piece relate to this directly or is this something we can deal with at a later date?

-Question LJ: Emory are you in the process of replacing the equipment that is proposed in this ask?

-response provided by Dr. Gartland

-comments provided by Commissioner Rader

-information on the request process provided by COO Dane Peterson

-LJ: I am hoping you can also use your philanthropic community to assist with upgrades as well. It is about quality of care in our community; it is crucial that we get the help in that we need

-MDJ: at this crucial point the place is on fire, and no one knew that Wellstar was closing. When I heard about it I was with other public officials that were just as stunned as I was, because there was not notice. We are in a situation now that it will affect people's lives. We must step up to the plate; since I have been a Commissioner, and since the CEO has been in office, one of the things that impressed me the most about the CEO is that he dots his I's and crosses his T's. Since I've been in office those decisions have been sound. With this crisis in front of us now, we're going to have to move to save lives. These are valid questions that Commissioner Rader has, but I think that this place is on fire, and its not due to Emory or Grady. After the CEO speaks I have a motion

-comments provided by CEO Thurmond

-Z Williams: I will send you the agenda item documents Commissioners. Additional information on funding provided by COO Williams

- MDJ: motion to approve the \$11.9M Emory appropriation, and \$8M for Grady

-JR: if Commissioner Davis Johnson would accept a friendly amendment?

-Question MDJ: COO please explain if the \$74M ARP has been discussed yet?

Z Williams: this would be the first appropriation for those monies

-LJ: the ARPA money that can be used for these types of expenditures, it can help us keep our rainy day fund at the current level without touching it. If we have that funding available and not touching our rainy day that could be a good option.

-CEO Thurmond: if you recall we are injecting an additional \$20M into the rainy day fund

-JR: substitute motion - that we use ARP funding for this appropriation

-NO Second, motion fails

-MDJ: motion to approve the \$11.9M Emory appropriation, and \$8M for Grady appropriation

Second LJ

-Question JR: what is the timeline on making these improvements?

-response provided by Dr. Gartland

-Question JR: when would you bring this to your own board for decision?

-response provided by COO Dane Peterson

Vote: yes 2-0-1 (JR abstain)

2022-2323 Commission District(s): All
Appropriation of Funding from American Rescue Plan Act to Grady Memorial Hospital

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Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-MDJ: motion to approve the \$11.9M Emory appropriation, and \$8M for Grady appropriation

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 1

[2021-2853](#) Commission District(s): All
A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Stacy Grear

-S Grear: I would like to ask for a deferral for 6 months, as the capturing will be starting in January

-Question MDJ: would this be held in committee or a deferral?

-Question RP: if possible could we keep in committee until January?

-MDJ: motion to recommend holding in Committee until January 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2022-1953

Commission District(s): All Districts

Approve a Resolution to ask the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County to Request A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Noise Study for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Development Proposal.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 10/11/2022 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

-recommended holding in committee

III. STATUS UPDATE

Small Box Discount Retailers

-discussion not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:35 PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC