

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:01PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Long Spears, Patrick, Terry, Cochran-Johnson (via call-in)

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

I. MINUTES

2023-0169 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 6, 2023 Special Called Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

[2023-0149](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Contract No. 1248535 Pressure Washing Services of the County Playgrounds (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of debris removal and pressure washing the County's forty-five (45) playgrounds. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option, with price increase, through March 31, 2024. Awarded to Facility Maintenance & Services Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$47,134.88.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Ellis

-Question MLS: this is done one time per year?

C Ellis: we do one general cleaning per year, but we do additional cleaning as needed

[2023-0253](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1240584 Eagleview Reveal Oblique Imagery (Sole Source): for use by the Department of GIS. This contract consists of state-of-the-art oblique (birds-eye view), 4-way color imagining, annual, aerial capturing of data for DeKalb County. This request is to increase contract funds and scope of work. Awarded to Eagleview Technologies, Inc. (Pictometry). Amount Not To Exceed: \$472,894.21.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Gear

-Question MLS: in 2013 was the last time this was done; is it common to do this every 10 years?

S Gear: no it's not. There are several aspects to base mapping, and is usually done a lot sooner than it is

-Question TT: when will this be operational?

S Gear: they are flying right now; it takes time for processing; I would say late summer

-Question TT: how often is this done?

S Gear: the photography flight is done on an annual basis, and commissioners will be able to access the information

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Commission District(s): All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia,
to Provide Annual Funding to the Clarkston Community Health Center

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/28/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-LJ: I had a meeting with the executive director to receive clarity on this project and discuss where the funding would come from. We had a good conversation on the service delivery. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-information provided by COO Williams

-Z Williams: give us another couple of weeks to discuss details so we can come back with a funding proposal and timing proposal that would be timely to the needs of the Clarkston community

-Question MLS: they are asking for \$1.5M in ARP funding this year, and \$1.5M for next year?

Z Williams: I think we'll be able to modify how this request was written and how they are modified. If given a couple of weeks we can come back with something that meets their needs. There will be modifications to these funds

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Larry Johnson

-Question RP: should we have a criteria in case there is another center that comes to us in the future, to establish performance measures?

-LJ: as part of this process Mr. Williams work to establish a criteria for investing funds in the safety net, and work with our Central Staff as well

-Z Williams: yes sir we can work to put something together. One will be for federally funded allocations, and another on the County side with ad valorem tax

-LJ: we will have this come back in around 90 days as we discuss the midyear budget

-Question MLS: is there no ability to allocate ARP funds for 2025 and 2026?

Z Williams: the ARP program ends in December 2024

-MLS: my understanding is that you have to either spend or commit the funds in 2024, but if you commit the funds you can spend them later, such as in 2025 or 2026

-Z Williams: we have a grants team who can take a look, so we'll review

-RP: motion to defer 90 days

Second MLS

Vote: yes unanimous

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

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 item was approved during the Board of Commissioners' meeting on 3/14/23

III. STATUS UPDATE

Golf Courses Quarterly Update

-presentation provided by David Flaherty

-Question MLS: what are the overall revenue projections for both courses in 2023?

D Flaherty: Mystery Valley somewhere between \$950K-\$1M. For Sugar Creek I think we'll be close to \$725K on our way to \$750K

-Question MLS: how were the courses affected by the pandemic?

D Flaherty: for a few weeks we shut down, but because of the nature of golf we re-opened to the public. Additional information provided by Mr. Flaherty

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question MLS: what do your golf and tennis fees look like? For those that can't afford those fees is there a financial source to help those who can't play golf?

-responses provided by Mr. Flaherty

-Question MLS: what about your special events?

-responses provided by Mr. Flaherty

ReLeaf DeKalb

-presentation provided by interim director Cedric Hudson, Sustainability Coordinator Angelo Teachout

-Question RP: do you have data on trees in front yards for those in less affluent areas?

A Teachout: I don't have that specific list but our department can provide that; regarding the front yard trees, Trees Atlanta does track that and can provide

-RP: requests additional landscaping along Chamblee-Tucker Road

-Question MLS: regarding community engagement, until last year I hadn't heard of this program and I would like to help you promote it. Could you tell me about how you publicize it?

-response provided by Mr. Teachout

-Question MLS: regarding the application process, when is the enrollment deadline and other than being a resident of DeKalb what is the eligibility criteria?

A Teachout: to my knowledge that is the only criteria as long as you are in unincorporated DeKalb

-Question MLS: regarding public county-owned property, after the 2 years expires DeKalb County will provide maintenance?

A Teachout: that's correct. Additional information provided by Mr. Teachout

-Question TT: is this your main scope of work regarding this program?

A Teachout: yes as well as other programs

-Question TT: there is a goal of 300 trees that are planted each year?

A Teachout: there are around 250 per season, this year it is a bit higher

-Question TT: is that 250 number based on staff's capacity?

A Teachout: roughly yes; there are 600 trees that Trees Atlanta works with ReLeaf DeKalb over a 4 season period

-Question TT: what is the rationale for limiting it to 600?

-response provided by Mr. Teachout

-Question TT: what is the status of IOU trees and how much money is there for recompense in the tree bank?

A Teachout: I will get with you on the amount of trees in the tree bank

-Question TT: who decided where the public locations and the front yard plantings would be?

A Teachout: to my understanding there is no specific resolution; when I joined the program I was informed that this is how the program works

-Question LJ: do any trees listed have more or less pollen than others? I wonder how this affects those with asthma

A Teachout: I can check that and get back to you

-LJ: we are getting ready for our special called meeting on March 29th

Meeting Ended At: 3:18PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC