

## Minutes - Draft

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

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Tuesday, October 24, 2023

2:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 2:30PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Patrick, Long Spears, Terry, Cochran-Johnson

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-1314**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the October 10, 2023 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### II. APPOINTMENT

[2023-1328](#)      Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
Appointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Lawrence N. Sharp, Jr.  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 11/8/2023 .**

*-interview conducted by the Committee to Mr. Sharp*

#### III. STATUS UPDATE

Community Based Violence Intervention Plan (CBVIP) Grant

-presentation provided by Human Services Director Damon Scott, Debra Furtado, CEO Leonard Dungee of Hope Hustlers, Emory Hillandale representatives

-Question LJ: who is the representative from the school system?

D Furtado: we have quite a few partners; Dr. Marsha Oglesbee, Chief Gober, and several people from the school system involved. Additional information provided by Mr. Furtado

-Question LJ: Since this is a planning grant, is there another round where you can get an intervention grant?

-responses provided by Ms. Furtado

-Question RP: regarding outcomes at schools, those are incredible numbers. Could you provide more information on this approach?

-comments provided by CEO Dungee

-Question LJ: does your data take gentrification into consideration?

CEO Dungee: yes sir that has been taken into consideration; additional comments provided by Mr. Dungee

-Question MLS: how does getting agencies started elsewhere compare to helping getting DeKalb started here?

-responses provided by Mr. Dungee

-Question MLS: regarding Grady and asset mapping, is that something you could share with us in the work you've done with asset mapping?

-responses provided by Ms. Furtado

-Question MLS: regarding MOUs complete in June 2023, does that mean that no other partners are currently added?

-responses provided by Ms. Furtado

-Question MLS: with implementation, would that be an opportunity to expand your partnerships?

-responses provided by Ms. Furtado

-Question MLS: is this the only MPUV that you have worked with?

-responses provided by Ms. Furtado

-Question TT: is the focus on high school aged individuals?

-responses provided by Mr. Dungee

-Question TT: why would we wait to the end to move forward with programs that work?

-responses provided by Mr. Dungee, Director Scott

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the program timeline

-comments provided by Director Scott

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

*New Agenda Items:*

#### **Chief Executive Office**

2023-1368

Commission District(s): ALL

Authorization of DeKalb County Board of Health Fee Adjustment

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-presentation provided by Dr. Valenciano regarding the Board of Health proposed fee adjustment*

*-Question MLS: regarding vehicles in the fleet are these funded by the County? What is the environmental health source for those?*

*Dr. Valenciano: I would have to check on the funding piece. Additional comments provided by Dr. Valenciano*

*-Question MLS: to my colleagues for the 2024 budget, is salary increases something we would look at to become the most attractive county from a recruitment standpoint?*

*-Question MLS: regarding overdue inspections, is there anything else we can do to address this?*

*-responses provided by Dr. Valenciano*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding state funding levels*

*-Question LJ: COO Williams could you see how confiscated vehicles could be used in the environmental services work? We can review that next time we discuss your budget and pay. We need to review that in totality; I would like to see what the State will be doing*

*-Question TT: is the intention to hire more inspectors, and/or to bring salaries up as well?*

*-responses provided by Dr. Valenciano*

### **Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Facilities Management (FM)**

2023-1112

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract 1137958 Landscape Maintenance Services (Multiyear): for use by the Departments of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Facilities Management (FM). This contract consists of professional landscape maintenance and emergency services. This request is to increase contract funds to allow for the continuation of services through the end of the contract term. Awarded to Residential Enhancements, Inc. dba RE Global. Amount Not To Exceed: \$532,000.00

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Ms. Butler*

*-Question TT: in future contracts do we have plans to seek out electric leaf blowers and equipment? At what point will we be at a new contract?*

*-responses provided by COO Williams*

### **Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)**

[2023-1186](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
LB - Invitation No. 23-101587 Tree Cutting and Removal Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing tree cutting and removal services for County owned facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: One Two Tree; Sesmas Tree Service, LLC; Casey Tree Experts, Inc.; and Bartlett Tree Experts. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$240,000.00.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Ms. Butler*

*-Question TT: we have selected 4 of the 5 submittals?*

*M Butler: there were 7 submittals; the user department has chosen 4*

*-additional comments provided by Director Ellis*

### **Planning and Sustainability**

[2023-1280](#) Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS  
Acceptance of funds with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for the Stone Mountain PATH Trail Master Plan.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Sylvia Smith - Planning & Sustainability*

[2023-0601](#) COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts  
Application of Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to revise definition of "Drive Through Facility" and revise description of land uses and how they are permitted in land use table relating to "Drive Through Facility" and for other purposes. This text amendment is County-wide.

**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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-presentation provided by Brandon White - Zoning manager*

*-MLS: I would like to schedule time with yourself and your team to discuss this presentation more with some very specific questions*

*-RP: I will also like to schedule time with you to go over additional questions; when ready I would like to make a motion to bring this back in January*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-RP: motion to defer to January 2024*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1200](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the text of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to expand commercial filming opportunities.

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 11/8/2023 .**

*-item not heard in committee; will be heard during November 6th Special Called PECS Committee meeting*

*-recommended holding in committee*

#### **Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0526](#) Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts  
A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 11/8/2023 .**

*-item not heard in committee; will be heard during November 6th Special Called PECS Committee meeting  
-recommended holding in committee*

**Board of Commissioners - District 7**

2023-0252

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

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 11/8/2023 .**

*-item not heard in committee; will be heard during November 6th Special Called PECS Committee meeting  
-recommended holding in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 3:53PM

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

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC