



DeKalb County Government

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Minutes - Draft

FAB-Finance, Audit & Budget Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

3:30 PM

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: 3:31PM

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

Present 3 - Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, and Commissioner Larry Johnson

I. MINUTES

2022-2280 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 27, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Johnson

II. AGENDA ITEM

2022-2099

Commission District(s): ALL

RA - Ratification of Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 966523 Local Small Business Enterprise (LSBE) Certification and/or Contract Compliance Services: for use by the Department of Purchasing and Contracting (P&C). This contract consists of the outsourcing of certification and compliance services in accordance with the DeKalb First LSBE Ordinance. This request is to ratify an emergency contract extension for an additional ninety (90) days of services. Awarded to Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC). Amount Not To Exceed: \$71,288.73.

MOTION was made by Larry 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 10/25/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Johnson

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by Michelle Butler

-Question LCJ: is this emergency ratification because there is not a RFP out?

Z Williams: our intent would be to bring this service in-house; this would hold us over through the next 6 months or so.

-Question LCJ: you're asking for a ratification to keep them on board?

Z Williams: correct; additional information provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: what date will this end?

M Butler: we are seeking a contract term increase through February 28, 2023

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Z Williams: we can provide updates over the next several months as we gear up; it would be good to keep this on monthly or so

-JR: this program has been around for some time. First, LSBE means local small business enterprise. It is not a disadvantaged business program nor a minority business program. Additional information provided by Commissioner Rader. Our ordinance gives advantage those who are local as well as small. This program has some history and audits from OIIA that would be useful to review as well. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Rader. It would be great for the Commission to review this within context of this change order

-LJ: we did have focus groups with many of the small businesses. Also there are positive outcomes with this LSBE program; we need to balance the equation and focus on the good parts.

-TT: I'd like to highlight as a concern the ability for the local nonprofit community to access, register, and have entry point into the program. There is an opportunity there. Would this be in the scope of the contract with the Partnership for Southern Equity to review if this program is in line with how others operate around the country?

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-LCJ: we're not race-neutral; we ought to know to whom our contracts are awarded and to whom they're given, so that we can at least understand where it goes and how we can increase diversity and inclusion. As we are evaluating the program and considering bringing in house, I look forward to conversations to how we will increase diverse organizations to ensure they can sip from the cup of equity as well

-Question JR: when do you plan to bring back a plan on how the administration will structure the program, and performance metrics of the program?

Z Williams: we can start on a regular basis; it would be good to get on a rotation maybe starting next FAB. Yes we will have measures, and we know where we are now on LSBE spend. We have found that this hybrid approach is not as effective as we want it to be. It may be a worthwhile conversation as to what would it take to do a disparity study

-Question LJ: why didn't you all try to pursue disparity studies in the past?

Z Williams: I'd need the Law Department to help me with that, as the program that was modified precedes me. Additional information provided by COO Williams

-additional information provided by Attorney Phillips

-Question LCJ: we need to have a program that reflects our intent so that we ensure diversity. That equity study would be the first step

-additional information provided by Attorney Phillips

III. STATUS UPDATE

Financial Statements

-information provided by Central Staff on the financial statements review process

-presentation provided by CFO McNabb on the Tax funds and Enterprise funds through July 2022

-Question LJ: the numbers provided here, do they impact what was done today?

-D McNabb: The actuals will not impact what we did today; the budgeted numbers will be updated. Additional information provided by CFO McNabb

-JR: the advantage of what we've gone through today, our staff and Central Staff has gone through the process of addressing questions ahead of time, to make the review process more efficient for the Committee. I would ask for Staff to continue working through this through the end of the year and if it is the committee's desire at the beginning of the year to make that decision then

Meeting Ended At: 4:31PM

MOTION was made by Larry Johnson, seconded by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC