

Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:21PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Davis Johnson, Rader, Terry, Patrick

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

I. MINUTES

2022-2401 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 20, 2022 Special Called 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**

2022-2411 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 24, 2022 Special Called 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. APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

2022-2370 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Mr.
Charles Yi

**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
11/15/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

No: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-interview conducted by the Committee to Mr. Yi

-Question JR: did the Administration do any announcements to residents or an application regarding the appointment?

-comments provided by COO Williams

-MDJ: motion to approve

Second LJ

-Question MDJ: for the appointments, can consecutive one-year terms be served?

-M Welch: there is a one year term, but state law stipulates there are no limits in re-appointment

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Rader

Vote: yes 2-1 (JR no)

2022-2371 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Ms.
Eloise Hudson

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 11/15/2022 .**

-information provided by Attorney Welch

-M Welch: it does appear that Ms. Hudson would be more appropriate as a commissioner rather than a resident commissioner. There is an empty commission seat, and a substitute was submitted to appoint Ms. Hudson to a commission seat rather than a resident commission seat

-LJ: please forward the information discussed in the email regarding this appointee

-Question MDJ: would her participation on the committee be a conflict in any way

-M Welch: that is a question best addressed by the Ethics officer or Ms. Hudson herself. Additional information provided by Attorney Welch

-LJ: we will bring that item back up and see where we can go with that

[2022-2440](#) Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County Board -
Ms. Ann Hanlon

**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
11/15/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Davis Johnson

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rader

-interview conducted by the committee to Ms. Hanlon

-Question JR: do we know who currently fills post 6?

M Welch: that is an empty post

-responses provided by President DeBarr of Decide DeKalb Development Authority

-MDJ: motion to approve

Second LJ

Vote: yes 2-0 (JR abstain)

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Human Services

[2022-2374](#) Commission District(s): All
Acceptance of a federal grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the
Department of Justice for a Community Based Violence
Intervention & Prevention Initiative for DeKalb- At No Cost to the
County

**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
11/15/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-information provided by Director Damon Scott

-Question LJ: where are with the organizations at the grassroots level, and how will you engage them to be at this table?

-response provided by Director Scott

-Question JR: is the intent of this program to engage with individuals to intercede at the behavioral level?

-responses provided by Director Scott, Dr. Topalli of Georgia State, and Dr. Smith of Emory

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-LJ: this has to be a multi-pronged approach. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-Question MDJ: the \$1.5M is being accepted as a grant for DeKalb County?

D Scott: that's correct

-Question MDJ: it will focus on some DeKalb residents; are there other funds?

-Dr. Smith: correct, there are matched funds. Additional information provided by Dr. Smith

-LJ: I look forward to an update from you all in 3 months on the implementation

-MDJ: motion to approve

Second JR

-Question JR: since we had a contribution at Emory Hillandale for violence interrupters, is that connected to this?

-D Scott: the funding for this grant is from the US Department of Justice; it's not connected with this one

-LJ: we need to have collaboration and partnership or else things will fall through the cracks

-Z Williams: we will make sure that we work together with Hillandale and everyone present and bring you back reports

-Vote: yes unanimous

GIS

2022-2400

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1179052 for Enterprise License Agreement (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Geographical Information Systems (GIS). This contract consists of proprietary software that allows the County the capability to create publicly accessible GIS Apps/Dashboards/Maps, deploy software and is fully integrated into other departmental workflows and business systems. Awarded to: Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$528,000.00.

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 11/15/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Grear

-Question JR: will this give us the capacity to remote sense features like sidewalks?

S Grear: yes that is the plan; we are set to fly in January 2023 for the flyover, and we are negotiating them capturing the sidewalks and data during that flyover

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Chief Executive Office

2022-2321

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To enter into a Second Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County and the City of Doraville for Economic Development Purposes.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 11/15/2022 .

-information provided by COO Williams

-Z Williams: there will need to be final discussion with the City of Doraville to ensure we have a document that we can both agree on that will be brought to you for a signature

-presentation provided by developer Mr. Gibson

-Question LJ: how many jobs will this create?

-Mr. Gibson: eventually 6,800 jobs just for NBC Universal. 4,100 when they open day 1 in June

-LJ: we will have to ask Doraville about the TAD when they are here, but you showed what the investment of the TAD will do

-JR: what strikes me is that this is a different project than the TAD and its redevelopment plan that we originally approved in 2017. I'm interested in the process that Mr. Williams will bring to us that relates to the mechanism in itself. I hope that Central Staff can work with Mr. Williams to identify the mechanisms built into that, which were subsequently constructed with a community improvement district. There is a network of tax abatements in there that are working to fund this public investment. I want to be able to understand whether that redevelopment plan may need some updating in order for us to understand how those elements work and protect our interests and our increment in that way. I want to understand exactly what the County's interest is in this 10 year extension. For instance I see there is a fire station and other things that you've identified. Have you all discussed with the DeKalb County School System? They have wanted some sort of a convocation hall; it would be also great to see if we could get them into the mix of this TAD if we are going to extend it. What we have to deliver on is the updating of the public finance mechanism in a way that both is inclusive of all the stakeholders, and demonstrates what public value may spring from another 10 years of tax abatement on this. I hope that Central Staff can work with Mr. Williams to put teeth on those bones.

-TT: what sticks out to me is the 20% providing affordable housing requirement to be met within the TAD. We have been discussing the need for more housing across income levels. What we're really missing and we need more of is 60% AMI and 30% AMI. I hope that we can work with Doraville and more of the authorities to carve out those opportunities for the middle to low income wage workers.

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Z Williams: we may be prepared to discuss further at the special called meeting

-this agenda item will be on the special called Thursday, November 10th PECS committee meeting

IV. STATUS UPDATE

Small Box Discount Retailers

-not discussed in committee

2050 Unified Plan

-presentation discussed by Planning and Sustainability on the 2050 Unified Plan updates

V. DISCUSSION

ARP Tranche 2:

-LJ: we will discuss ARP on Thursday, November 10th

Vaccination Events

Board of Health

Food Insecurity

Meeting Ended At: 4:06PM

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