

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:02PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2023-0670 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the May 23, 2023 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, Patrick, and Long Spears

2023-0671 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the May 25, 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, Patrick, and Long Spears

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Community Development

2023-0618 Commission District(s): Commission Districts #2 and #6
To consider approving an agreement with Decatur Cooperative Ministry (DCM) in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 in CDBG-CV funding for Kitchen Renovation Work at the Homeless Shelter.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-presentation provided by Braunwin Camp

-Question MLS: what will the \$190,000 be spent on?

B Camp: It will be spent on the construction and renovation portion of the project. Additional information provided by Ms. Camp

-Commissioner Long Spears requests information regarding the budget

-Question LJ: is this time sensitive?

B Camp: the agency is a little nervous because they don't want to lose those funds

-LJ: we will approve pending the information requested by Commissioner Long Spears

-MLS: motion to approve contingent upon receiving additional information related to the budget

Human Services

2023-0629 Commission District(s): All
Revenue Contract between DeKalb County and the Georgia Department of Human Services to provide Transportation Services to seniors and individuals with disabilities at a cost the County of \$662,985.

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 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Scott

-Question MLS: do you have information on how much each entity contributes?

-response provided by Director Scott

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-0059](#) Commission District(s): ALL
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Synthetic Turf or Natural Sports Fields, Courts, and Tracks Goods and Services (The Interlocal Purchasing System/Texas Region 8 Education Service Center (TIPS/Region 8 ESC)): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to be utilized by all County Departments. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let TIPS/Region 8 ESC Contract No. 23020102 to purchase synthetic or natural sports fields, courts, or tracks and construction services for the renovation of fields at Hamilton Park and Redan Park. Awarded to: Deluxe Athletics LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,280,170.64.

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 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

-additional information provided by Director Ellis

[2023-0355](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
CA - Cooperative Agreement No. 010521-LTS-3: Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services (Sourcewell Contract): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of upgrades and renovations for parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas. This request includes upgrades and renovations to Oak Creek Park. Awarded to Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. c/o Hasley Recreation Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$208,377.42.

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 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 1

- [2023-0464](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited plan reviews for development and building permits
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 6/27/2023 .

-information provided by COO Williams

-additional information provided by Director Hudson

-Question MLS: will you also bring back relevant information on what other counties do regarding the expedited fees?

-C Hudson: yes we will

-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
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-LJ: can we make the \$250,000 something we can do ongoing?

LCJ: that was the goal

-LJ: we can withdraw this, but have the administration come back with a plan on future sustainability and a criteria, so we know that we are starting with the \$250,000 as a baseline

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-COO Williams requests a 90 day holding in committee, to lay out how the county investment will be spent, and how the health center intends to leverage future investments

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-MLS: motion to defer 90 days

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2023-0552 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Establishment of an RFP for Sustainability Vendor to Support the Development and Implementation of DeKalb County's Climate Action Plan and Address Environmental Justice Issues
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question LJ: so you are trying to have a person hired essentially as a sustainability vendor for DeKalb?

TT: this is simply saying we need a vendor to help us in the environmental justice and climate action field

-Question LJ: Law Department, can we create a RFP process if we are not Purchasing?

-response provided by Attorney Phillips

-Question LJ: have we received environmental grants?

-response provided by COO Williams

-TT: we may need to go the route of an urging resolution to the administration

-MLS: do you agree that this would be something that you would strongly consider regarding hiring someone for grant funding?

-response provided by COO Williams

-TT: if you approve what we have here I will work with COO Williams to update the language as needed

-LJ: can we do the urging and you bring back a resolution substitute in 2 weeks?

-MLS: motion to approve an urging resolution contingent upon changing the language within the resolution (motion to approve upon receipt of additional information)

2023-0554 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Reappropriate \$265,000 of Previously Allocated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the "John Jay College" Program for Violence Interrupters Towards the Newly Established Department of Human Services Violence Interrupter Program.
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/27/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-TT: we will need to discuss around the midyear budget conversation

-MLS: motion to defer 30 days

III. DISCUSSION

Parks Grant Awards Presentation

-presentation provided by Director Ellis

-Question MLS: what was the process to receive these funds?

C Ellis: we applied and there was a certain criteria we had to meet. These all fit and we were able to put it together in time. This occurred several months ago.

-Question LJ: someone in your office applied for it?

C Ellis: correct

IV. STATUS UPDATE

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation

-documentation and information provided by Attorney Welch

-comments provided by Commissioner Bradshaw

-Question MLS: I would request that Law go through this. I have concerns regarding unintended consequences of the legislation. Would it loosen some of our zoning requirements?

M Welch: I'm happy to walk you through the basics and address any concerns. Additional comments provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: how would we provide feedback?

-response provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: is Decide DeKalb involved in this legislation?

M Welch: they are not specifically in this draft, however there are ways they can be involved. Additional comments provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: you said this calls for 2 committees?

M Welch: this calls for a standing committee; it also allows for a more specialized committee for other situations

-MLS: thank you for those responses; I would still like to discuss with you offline

-Question LCJ: with the creation of the evaluating and standing committees, one of the concerns I have - is this not already our responsibility? Secondly, should we not trust these decisions to a body we believe has the capacity to make decisions rather than pass off to a subcommittee? How many committees do we need?

-LCJ: I would need to see a job description and what in this group provides them with the authority and the logical means to make the recommendations

-LJ: you can bring it back in 30 days

Multi-Family Enforcement Team

-discussion not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:20PM

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, Patrick, and Long Spears

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC