

Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

1:00 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: 1:04 PM

Attendance: Commissioner Gannon, Bradshaw, Cochran-Johnson, Johnson and Rader;

Present 3 - Chairperson Kathie Gannon, Member Steve Bradshaw, and
Member Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

I. MINUTES

2020-0989 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 3, 2020 Planning, Economic
Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded
by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Gannon, Member Bradshaw, and Member
Cochran-Johnson**

2020-1467 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 5, 2020 Planning, Economic Development,
and Community Services Committee Meeting

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

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Gannon, Member Bradshaw, and Member
Cochran-Johnson**

II. STATUS UPDATE

Code Enforcement - Law

LCJ: Is open to the possibility of a Hearing Officer with the correct authority;

JR: will assigning cases to a Hearing Officer be quicker than Magistrate Court?
Yes but there still needs to be the ability to appeal to the Superior Court;

KG: Can we apply a Hearing Officer process that is focused on taking/suspending business licenses so that violators are shut down for a time

KG: We need a rewrite of ch. 25 and ch. 27 to bring harmony;

KG: Can we look at tools to incentivize compliance before appearing before a hearing officer?

KG: If we have a hearing officer finding that is to close a business, what power do we have to close/stop business?
it could be implemented a part of new business licenses that you are subject to a hearing officer and their findings pending appeal;

SRB: who does the hearing officer report to?
Independent

SRB: who hires hearing officers?
there is a pool of hearing officers available, they are paid by case through a non related departed like finance;

KG: Can we apply the Hearing officer process from ch. 15 to ch. 27?

KG: requests that Law address the language in ch. 27 to clarify a process for how quickly things need to be corrected before going to a hearing officer fro suspending business licenses

SRB: timeframe review IPMC and ch. 15 first product?
could make Hearing Officer a global process for all things with permits and make it part of the ch. 2 administrative process;

KG: need a short term fix for help with the community;

KG: can we put a lock on the door of violators?

KG: what if the do not have a business license?

SRB: Who is going to padlock the doors after the hearing officer process?
Director Baker requests that this be a member of Public Safety that has been conferred the due authority and not anyone from his staff;

Review IPMC
Review ch. 15 for insight on hearing officer process
Draft language for ch. 27 and changes to chapters 15 and 25 (include how to shut down after appeal time frame ends)

Commissioners request that this process be reviewed in writing before they take action on a recommendation;

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

- [2020-0954](#) Commission District(s): 4 & 6
A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of an Unredeemed and Unforeclosed Interest in Property at 3089 Robinson Avenue, Scottdale, GA 30079.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/8/2020 .

This item will be held for further legal review;

- [2020-1105](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
DeKalb County Incentives Policy
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Kathie Gannon, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/8/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Gannon, and Member Bradshaw

Not Present: 1 - Member Cochran-Johnson

Staff will incorporate the process and the recommendations into the minutes;

New Agenda Items:

- [2020-1426](#) Commission District(s): Commission Districts 6 and 3
Redeployment of the approximately \$1.7 million of unspent proceeds of the Urban Redevelopment Agency of DeKalb County, Georgia Revenue Bond (DeKalb County, Georgia Project) Series 2010 (Federally Taxable Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond) in the original aggregate principal amount of \$7,945,000, to pay for the cost of an urban redevelopment project consisting of a new park development in Entrenchment Park.

This item will be heard in the FAB committee;

Meeting Ended At: 2:26 PM

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC