

Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

2:00 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: 2:00 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Davis Johnson, Rader, Cochran-Johnson, Terry, Patrick, Bradshaw

Present 3 - Member Jeff Rader, Chairperson Larry Johnson, and Member Mereda Davis Johnson

I. MINUTES

2021-3000 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the August 16, 2021 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 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

II. STATUS UPDATE

Golf Course Quarterly Update

-information provided from Director Ellis

-MDJ: there was a tennis court put in at Redan. I would like an update on what is happening at that court via email.

Comprehensive Plan Update

-not heard in committee

III. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

[2021-2878](#) Commission District(s): All
Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding to Eligible
Programs and Operating Expenses
This agenda item was no official recommendation

-Z Williams: discussion of \$1 million CSB allocation under the mental health category

-Z Williams: discussion of \$8.65M to Parks allocated for Stormwater

-Z Williams: The first tranche of ARP funds would total \$61,184,704 of the \$73.7M initially provided to the County

-JR: I would like for us to see if we can do projects in every district for Stormwater improvements.

-Question JR: do you think with this \$12 million that is left we could allocate to our stormwater needs?

Z Williams: could we revisit that data that you are discussing, and we would like an opportunity to ensure that we are equitable to commissioners, as well as ensure we are in solid ground on our facility retrofitting.

-LJ: requests Administration bring back a proposal at the next PECS meeting

-RP: requests Administration provide a list of the Parks in which the allocations are being considered

-JR: requests Administration provide information on the County's entire needs as it relates to this proposal

-item held in committee. No official recommendation

[2021-2595](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Implementation of an ordinance to allow for a framework for the
County to consider public private partnerships as contemplated by
O.C.G.A. Sections 36-91-110 through 36-110-119.
**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 9/14/2021. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

-presentation from Central Staff

-JR: I would encourage any language we adopt should ensure that we maintain expert opinions on P3 that is not vested in the project itself. Particularly we do have a policy as it relates to unsolicited proposals for county assets. If we want to go deeper we should review if we should invest in experts.

-Question MDJ: we do not have a convention center in DeKalb, and our surrounding counties do have one. This is something good for us to utilize if we want to explore. I look forward to working with the Administration and further dialogue.

-LJ: for staff when mentioning the feasibility study as part of the criteria, make sure we have a date certain in 30 days to come back with an analysis

-Question LJ: Mr. Welch will you be putting forward a substitute that we should be voting on?

M Welch: what the current item before the board does in the substituted form is urges the administration to fulfill the regulation that would put this framework in place. We and staff will work as directed to move that forward.

LJ: so this asks the administration to put the meat on the bones, and you will use some of the staff analysis as well to help you. And we will get back a more formal presentation, but this just gets the ball rolling.

-Question LJ: Mr. Welch will you be able to come back to us in 30 days for a date certain?

M Welch: yes sir

New Agenda Items:

2021-2851

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

-information provided from Commissioner Patrick

-Question MDJ: would the traffic study be exclusive. If you are utilizing this to determine whether or not a zoning issue should be passed, I'm trying to understand what we would utilize this for.

RP: this would not be a determining factor for that type of zoning decision. When residents tell us that we have heavy traffic 'here', we can go back to the traffic count data and say that this type of road can handle a specific amount of traffic volume without creating a negative effect. It could be used for several different scenarios. Knowledge is power, if we know what is on those roads or in the area, we could have a better conversation.

-Question JR: are we also talking about doing traffic counts on dead end streets?

RP: In previous experience I don't recall doing a traffic count on a dead-end road or cul-de-sac.

-Question JR: what local streets would you like to include?

RP: I would like to leave that to staff to review and determine what would be best.

-LJ: We can have staff come back to us with a scope of work on this.

-Question LCJ: to what extent does DeKalb have an agency that gathers this data? I would like to marry what may already be in place.

D Pelton: we have some traffic counting equipment that we can utilize to gather information in select locations.

-Question LCJ: in terms of rolling this out and determining what areas to begin with first, we must understand that this is a numbers game when it comes to economic development. I would like to have more discussion on our guidelines on how it would be used.

-Question LJ: Do you already have the capacity to do what commissioner Patrick is recommending?

D Pelton: We wouldn't have the funding. If we were to do something that big we need to do a separate contract with someone to perform that amount of traffic counting.

-Question TT: I wonder what would be the updating portion that staff provides reoccurring periodically? It would nice to include that information going forward.

-Question LJ: how would this traffic count take streets with already heavily-burdened traffic into consideration?

RP: that may be the basis of conversation for deceleration lanes. If there is a road that is that heavy, there may be long-range transportation planning that makes the argument for wider road to begin with and takes high density development into account. That's how I would look at it.

-JR: Motion to defer this agenda item, requesting staff to develop a scope that would establish a floor under which this type of data would be collected based on traffic segments of our streets systems

Second MDJ

Vote: yes unanimous

-LJ: Mr. Pelton how long do you need to defer the scope to get back to the commissioners?

D Pelton: 2 weeks

LJ: Motion to defer the scope of work for 2 weeks

2021-2853

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/14/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

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-information provided from Commissioner Patrick

-Question JR: I wonder if this would include sidewalk destinations to show where people are going in conjunction to this.

-Question MDJ: modern bus stops should be included. There are many bus stops that don't have sidewalks and we would need to see that.

-Question JR: do we have a way of estimating the utilization of the facilities that we already have?

D Pelton: we don't routinely count pedestrians; it might be done on occasion.

-Question JR: could you investigate what might be important on what user data to include.

-JR: I move that we ask Mr. Pelton to bring back a scope of the inventory of our sidewalk system, bike and pedestrian system, and bike and pedestrian destinations to include MARTA stops and other stops, bringing this scope back to committee in 30 days.

2021-2823

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - ADA Compliance Inspections (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1213360 for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the performance of ADA assessment of facilities within the County's parks system. Awarded to Bureau Veritas Technical Assessments LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$50,000.00.

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-Question LJ: will you be expanding your signage as well with this ADA compliance?

C Ellis: Recommendations are made on the current requirements and we make sure we are compliant

-Question JR: Is this an incumbent or is this a new contract?

C Ellis: this is the second renewal of the options. We've had them under contract before

2021-2843

Commission District(s): All

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 1226949 for Meal Services for Seniors: Provision of Congregate & Shelf-Stable Meals at Senior Centers (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Human Services (HS). Consists of the provision of congregate and shelf-stable meals for seniors. Awarded to Meals On Wheels Atlanta. Temporary change in SOW only.

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-no additional information requested

[2021-2848](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

CA - Cooperative Agreement No. 010521-LTS-4 Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Rehoboth Park. Awarded to: PlayPower Inc. c/o Little Tikes Commercial. Amount Not To Exceed: \$169,563.44.

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-Question MDJ: What is the savings on this by doing a cooperative agreement?

C Horner: we saved \$46,305.

[2021-2962](#)

Commission District(s): All

Domestic Violence Intervention & Advocacy contract between DeKalb County, Georgia and Women Moving On, Inc.- Transfer funds from the Victim Assistance Fund to the Grant Fund for a State-Certified Victim Assistance Agency-at a Cost to the County of \$150,000.

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-no additional information requested

Meeting Ended At:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC