

Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:01PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Patrick, Long Spears, Terry, Bradshaw

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

I. MINUTES

2023-1424 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 6, 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, Long Spears, and Patrick

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

WorkSource DeKalb

[2023-1349](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Approval to transfer up to \$500,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the PY22/PY23 Dislocated Worker program to the PY22/PY23 Adult program.

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 12/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Robert Davis

-Question LJ: with this funding, what will you be able to do?

-R Davis: we would be able to serve more adults through training and supportive services

-LJ: I would like to you to bring back an update on the Workforce Ordinance; also how many companies have hired and how many have come through you?

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1473](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission District

To set a public hearing for December 12, 2023, for consideration of approval of the DeKalb County Tax Allocation District #5: Southwest DeKalb TAD Redevelopment, a precursor step to the creation of the Southwest DeKalb TAD.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-information provided by Yvette Humphries - Manager, Decide DeKalb Redevelopment & Strategic Initiatives

-Question LJ: what will the Southwest DeKalb TAD do?

-response provided by Ms. Humphries

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-Question LJ: Mr. DeBarr could you look into buying the mall that has been discussed when you are pursuing this tax allocation district?

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-Commissioner Long Spears had questions regarding the process and redevelopment plan

-responses provided by President DeBarr

-Question MLS: will you bring this back to the Board on December 5th or December 12th?

-M Welch: Decide DeKalb will return to COW on the 5th of December for a presentation; on the 12th consider adoption of the plan; additional comments provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: is there an issue if it is not done by December 19th?

-responses provided by Attorney Welch

-LJ: we can discuss this in detail on the December 5th COTW meeting

-MLS: could you send detailed documentation ahead of the COTW meeting?

-D DeBarr: we'd be happy to send you all the documentation ahead of the meeting; additional comments provided by President DeBarr

III. DISCUSSION

DeKalb County Homestead Exemptions

- information provided by Tax Commissioner Irvin Johnson, Terri Gordon, Nicole Marchand Golden
- Question MLS: can you do everything virtually, and are you seeing people taking advantage of that?
- T Gordon: yes; additional comments provided by Ms. Gordon
- Question MLS: do you capture the testimonials of the people that are impacted by this legislation?
- response provided by Ms. Gordon

Grady: Georgia-Aide Annual Report

- presentation provided by Ryan Loke - Chief Health Policy Officer, Shannon Sale of Grady - Chief Strategy Officer
- Question RP: regarding lobbying the State for these programs, how do you handle outreach to the outlying counties and officials in more rural areas?
- responses provided by Mr. Loke
- Question MLS: regarding mobile screening services, what's next?
- S Sale: next will be a primary care mobile van and services; additional comments provided by Ms. Sale
- Question MLS: do you partner with other businesses?
- S Sale: we're working on that plan; additional response provided
- comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry
- comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

Decide DeKalb Update: Tax Allocation Districts

- information provided by Yvette Humphries - Manager, Decide DeKalb Redevelopment & Strategic Initiatives
- LJ: could you resend the information on the TAD advisory committee that was previously sent in June? We will need to provide more information and Central Staff or COO Williams come back with what has been provided in terms of commissioner comments
- LJ: please provide the founding date for each of these TADs
- comments provided by Yvette Humphries
- discussion on the Druid Hills TAD provided by Commissioner Long Spears
- Question SB: regarding 2023 priorities, where do we stand on the Kensington TAD information?
- responses provided by Yvette Humphries
- comments provided by Commissioner Terry
- Question TT: what will be the budgetary process to acknowledge the over \$6M in County funds and how does that impact the Druid Hills fund?
- Z Williams: working with the Finance Department and other appropriate parties I believe that is something that should be done at the end of the year
- LJ: we will have you back in the PECS Committee on December 12th to discuss the South DeKalb TAD

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation Status Update

-information provided by Attorney Welch

-Question LJ: is now the time as the committee to put this on the agenda to be heard on the 12th December?

-M Welch: because this is drafted as a formal regulation or policy, I don't know that formal action by the Board is strictly necessary. I have discussed with COO Williams potentially the Administration distributing this to all the commissioners in final copy, requesting any additional input by a date certain

-Question LJ: do you have a date certain when this would come back to committee?

-M Welch: I believe that we would solicit feedback through the end of the year and potentially put in place at the beginning of 2024

IV. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Chief Executive Office

2022-1045

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Renegotiate the 1984 Grady Operating Agreement between DeKalb County, Fulton County, and the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-information provided by COO Williams

-Question LJ: has the Law Department reviewed and approved to form?

-response provided by COO Williams, County Attorney Ernestes

-Question LJ: so we will hear this during the December 5th COTW, we will bring this back to PECS on the 12th, and then the 19th for a BOC vote?

-COO Williams: that's correct

-Question MLS: when will we receive the draft agreement?

-Z Williams: hopefully next week; the term sheets are being finalized

-Question MLS: where will questions go to?

Z Williams: please send them to me

-MLS: we previously discussed the DeKalb and Fulton boards getting together

-comments provided by COO Williams

-Question MLS: is there language about building a broader evaluation framework?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question MLS: we have to have this done by the end of this year?

Z Williams: or else it will expire; I will share the term sheet

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by COO Williams, County Attorney Ernestes

-LJ: regarding standards, they have the NQF, and they also standards for Medicaid funding; I hope you look at those standards and how they align with what DeKalb is asking Grady

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-recommended holding in committee

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

- [2023-1100](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
To Increase Monthly Horse Boarding Fees at Little Creek Horse Farm
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 1

- [2023-1200](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
A Request for the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the text of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to expand commercial filming opportunities.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

- [2023-0792](#) Commission District(s): District 1
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 4

- [2023-1403](#) Commission District(s): All Commission District are affected by this item.
An Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County, as Revised 1988, Chapter 18 Pertaining to Dwellings, Rooming and Boarding Houses, and for Other Purposes.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

- [2023-1405](#) Commission District(s): All Districts are affected by this item.
Adoption of the 2018 International Maintenance Code
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 6

- [2023-1137](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution Encouraging the DeKalb County Governing Body to Collaborate with Metro Atlanta Counties and Their Health Departments to Support Access to Abortion Health Services and Resources
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

- [2023-0835](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/12/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:41PM

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, Long Spears, and Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC