

## Minutes - Draft

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

*Chairperson: Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2*

*Member: Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1*

*Member: Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3*

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024

3:30 PM

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#### Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 3:31PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson

**Present**            2 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, and Commissioner Robert Patrick

**Absent**             1 - Commissioner Larry Johnson

#### I. MINUTES

**2024-0195**        Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the January 23, 2024 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:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

#### II. DISCUSSION

Departmental Budget Review

Recreation, Parks, & Cultural Affairs

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-MLS: are each of the park naturalists concerned with a particular park?*  
*C Ellis: that's correct*

Decide DeKalb

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-information provided by President DeBarr*

Board of Health

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-additional information provided by Board of Health members*  
*-MLS: is the Tuberculosis and Refugee program new?*  
*-Board member: we have been doing it for a while but the data is of 2021*  
*-Question MLS: Dr. V had previously discussed needing new vehicles - is funding for that in the budget?*  
*-Question RP: are there federal programs or funding that could help pay for the nurses for the refugee program?*  
*-response provided by Board of Health members*

Hospital/Grady

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-additional information provided by Ryan Loke*

Human Services

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-Question MLS: what is the new position for?*  
*-TJ Sigler: I can get you that information*

Libraries

*-information provided by Director Sigler*  
*-Question RP: is there some way to ensure the libraries get cleaned up regarding pressure washing?*  
*-response provided by Director Sigler*  
*-Question MLS: has there been an increase in safety concerns at our libraries? I am trying to understand the request for additional security guards*  
*-response provided by COO Williams*  
*-Question MLS: will there be a security guard at every branch? How many total security guards do we have?*  
*-response provided by COO Williams*  
*-Question MLS: are basement improvement needs at the Decatur branch utilized through SPLOST?*  
*-Z Williams: I would say SPLOST*

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund

*-information provided by Director Sigler*

Beautification - Unincorporated Fund

*-information provided by Director Sigler*

Planning & Sustainability- Unincorporated Fund

*-information provided by Director Sigler*

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

#### Community Development (CD)

2023-1533

Commission District(s): ALL

LB - Invitation No. 23-101607 Plumbing Services for DeKalb CARES (Multi-Year Contract - 2 Years with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Community Development (CD). Consists of the installation and repair of plumbing fixtures and ensuring plumbing code enforcement for qualified low to moderate-income households throughout DeKalb County. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: J2 Connect, Inc. (fka J. Squared Plumbing). Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-COO Williams requests withdrawal of this agenda item*

#### Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-1617](#) Commission District(s): ALL  
CA - Athletic Surfaces with Installation, Related Equipment, Materials, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 031022-GER): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for the repair of the floor at Exchange Intergenerational Center. Awarded to: Gerflor USA, Inc. c/o Southeastern Surfaces & Equipment (SSE). Amount Not To Exceed: \$128,760.00.

**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 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-information provided by Director Ellis*

[2023-1624](#) Commission District(s): 3  
CA - Sports Lighting Solutions with Related Technology, Equipment, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 041123-MSL): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to purchase from the competitively let Sourcewell contract to upgrade the athletic field lighting at Gresham Park. Awarded to: MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$960,000.00.

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**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-information provided by Director Ellis*

#### Chief Executive Office

[2024-0179](#) Commission District(s): Districts 2 and 6  
Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Amendment to Rental Agreement

*-information provided by Director Ellis and Callanwolde Director Andrew Kallan*

*-Question RP: why do you need to go through 2064?*

*-response provided by Director Kallan*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

*-RP: perhaps we should have a full committee available before we vote, and I would like more time to review this*

*-V Ernstes: my recommendation is that you take no action on this agenda, and the item will simply stay on the agenda*

*-no action taken*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

**Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1466](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): ALL DISTRICTS

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a text amendment relating to film studio requirements and for other purposes. This text amendment is County-wide.

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/27/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-presentation provided by Brandon White*

*-B White: during the last Zoning meeting, you all voted to defer this to the March 26th BOC meeting; in the interim we intend to make some minor changes to the proposal. There are also some considerations that we would like to bring in the Entertainment commission and Decide DeKalb for this proposal.*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

[2023-0526](#)

Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts

A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible

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*-information provided by COO Williams*

*-Z Williams: we are in support of the park naturalist position, but at this time we do not have a date for the reopening of the park*

*-Question RP: was the park naturalist recommended in the FY24 budget?*

*Z Williams: yes*

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  
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**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

*-comments provided by County Attorney Ernstes*

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  
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**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

Meeting Ended At:: 4:26PM

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Johnson

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC