

Minutes - Draft

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

Monday, November 6, 2023

9:00 AM

Special Called Meeting

Meeting Started At: 9:03AM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2023-1393 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the October 24, 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, Long Spears, and Patrick

II. APPOINTMENT

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1398](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the DeKalb Community Service Board - Andrena Shirley
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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-interview conducted by the committee to Ms. Shirley

2023-1328

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the Housing Authority of DeKalb County - Lawrence
N. Sharp, Jr.

**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 11/8/2023. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

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

III. DISCUSSION

DeKalb Regional Land Bank Update

-presentation provided by Director Patricia Tyus - DeKalb Regional Land Bank

*-RP: when you have your GIS files available, that is a layer that can be added to the County's GIS - either the brownfields
or the Land Bank*

-Question MLS: what is the HR company tasked to do?

-response provided by Director Tyus

-Question MLS: what is the amount of budget funds secured and how were they secured?

*-The board allocated over \$600,500 to Citizens Trust Bank, which was transferred the Land Bank. Additional comments
provided by Director Mitchell*

-Question MLS: would you be open to a meeting with myself and my team to discuss further?

-Tax Commissioner Irvin: yes we will

-LCJ: I think another presentation would best be heard in COTW

Short-term Rentals Proposed Ordinance

-presentation provided by Brandon White - Zoning Manager

-comments provided by Attorney Welch

*-LJ: we will defer this to the first meeting in January to give the committee time to review and then move forward in the
process*

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson regarding Miami-Dade County's ordinance

-MLS: motion to defer to first meeting in January 2024

Second RP

Vote: yes unanimous

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation Status Update

-discussion not heard in committee

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

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.
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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-presentation provided by Attorney Noah Priest-Goodsett

-Question LCJ: how does this relate to the 2019 version?

-response provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Bradshaw

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-V Ernestes: if you would mind putting this back on the last PECS Committee meeting in December

-Question LJ: do you have only a few corrections for departments to review?

-response provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-LJ: I want this to come back to our PECS meeting on November 14th so that you can bring back the communications with the departments and fiscal incentive

-additional comments provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-Question RP: when Code Compliance issues a citation which court does it go to?

-V Ernestes: Magistrate Court

-Question RP: what is the current height of our grass?

N Priest-Goodsett: I believe it is 12 inches

-RP: motion to defer to November 14th PECS, December 12th BOC meeting

2023-1405 Commission District(s): All Districts are affected by this item.
Adoption of the 2018 International Maintenance Code
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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-RP: motion to defer to November 14th PECS, December 12th BOC meeting

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

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.

MOTION was made that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-item not heard in committee

-recommended holding in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0902](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval upon receipt of additional information to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question TT: Mr. Williams have we heard back from Atlanta Legal Aid?

-Question LJ: we want to know if we want to use \$100K towards that program, and what will be included more than legal representation

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question LJ: Commissioner do you want your item to move forward or do you want to withdraw?

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-responses provided by COO Williams

-Z Williams: what will be included is more than legal representation, and contract with Atlanta Legal Aid

-RP: motion to approve with addendums

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

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 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Ellis

-Question LJ: who did you meet with last week?

-C Ellis: we met with the Friends of Intrenchment Creek Park

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by COO Williams

-Question LCJ: regarding the deliverables by Mr. Millsap, are we not seeing those move forward due to ongoing litigation?

-responses provided by County Attorney Ernestes

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-Question MLS: is there funding for establishment of a South River Forest Park Naturalist position as it is in the resolution?

-COO Williams: the Parks Department will be making that recommendation as part of the FY24 budget

-Question SB: when did the executive order go into effect?

-Z Williams: around March

-Question SB: who determines when the public safety threat is needed? Is there an objective criteria involved? Are public safety officials providing information?

-response provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Question LJ: how much time do you need?

-Z Williams: we should have the survey and stakes and fences done within the next 6-8 weeks. Additional comments provided by COO Williams

-LJ: we can defer this for 60 days then, for the park to be opened in 60 days so that we can move forward

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-MLS: could we do a friendly amendment to pass it today and we can reopen it in 60 days?

-Question RP: will it be opened in 60 days or surveyed in 60 days?

Z Williams: I anticipate it will be surveyed and staking to be done in that time period. Additional comments provided by COO Williams

-RP: motion to defer 60 days (first PECS January 2024)

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 Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for withdrawal to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 11/8/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by COO Williams

-Z Williams: I would recommend that the Administration, Commissioners, and Clarkston Community Health Center revisit what their funding needs are now and propose that as a budget recommendation coming out of PECS. Additional comments provided by COO Williams

-Question MLS: was the \$500,000 for something specific in the budget?

-response provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: my request in this resolution is that we ask the Administration or ask Central Staff to develop a framework and budget for 2024 for the framework to accomplish a healthcare safety net in DeKalb with the health clinics in the County. We should come up with a strategy with all those who are making these efforts

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Question RP: is this something that Grady funds could cover or are Grady funds only restricted to Grady?

Z Williams: I would think the Grady funds would be different

-RP: we do need a criteria or infrastructure that helps us understand how to respond to these requests. Are there conversations with the Board of Education, because I understand they are also providing health clinics in their districts as well?

-comments provided by COO Williams

-Question RP: could we direct you and Central Staff to develop a framework?

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-LJ: we will withdraw the item and have a substitute to create that framework and matrix for health

-Z Williams: you could withdraw that item and come back with a new item, and ask in the resolution there will be a scope within the analysis

-RP: motion to withdraw and direct Staff and Central Staff to come back with a framework to make assessments for needs assessments above what Grady can provide within the next 60 days

Meeting Ended At: 11:00AM

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