

Minutes

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services
Committee

Commissioner Nicole Massiah (Chairperson)

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears

Commissioner Robert Patrick

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:33 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Massiah, Long Spears, Patrick, Terry

I. MINUTES

2026-0751 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for April 14, 2026, Planning, Economic Development, and
Community Services Committee Meeting,

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

**Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and
Commissioner Patrick**

II. AGENDA ITEM

Human Services

[2026-0636](#) Commission District(s): ALL
Transfer Funds in the Amount of \$850,000 from the General Fund
to the Senior Citizens Services Grant Fund

**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
5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Information provided by Damon Scott, Director Human Services

-RP: Motion to Approve

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

2026-0602

Commission District(s): All Districts
2026 Summer Food Services Program

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 5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Information provided by Paige Singer, PRCA Manager

PS: the item adds Lou Walker Park and Porter Sandford

Q NM: Do the dates correlate with school being out?

PS: That is correct

Q RP: The total amount, is the \$550,000?

PS: that is correct

-RP: Motion to Approve

2026-0408

Commission District(s): 3 and 4
SWC - Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000172-006 Integrated Security and Surveillance Products and Services. For use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to obtain cameras for security surveillance. Awarded to Convergent Technologies, LLC: Amount Not To Exceed \$201,986.78.

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 5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Information provided by Paige Singer, RPCA Manager

Q TT: for porter Sandford, are they new cameras?

PS: correct we are upgrading the system

-MLS: Motion to Approve

Community Development

[2026-0432](#)

Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Contract Nos.: 1382471, 1382499, and 1382509 Plumbing Services for the Community Development DeKalb Cares (1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew). Seeking to exercise the 1st renewal option through June 30, 2027. Awarded to J2 Connect, Inc., Facility Maintenance & Services Group, and Raw Plumbing and HVAC Services, LLC: Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,926,356.50.

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 5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chairperson Massiah, Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Presentation provided by Allen Mitchell, Director Community Development -

MLS: Motion to Approve

Previously Heard Items

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2026-0550](#)

Commission District(s): District 3
To Adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Code of DeKalb County to Address Public Safety, Vagrancy, Unauthorized Camping and Certain Public Nuisance Behaviors

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be Recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

No: 1 - Chairperson Massiah

Information provided by Commissioner Massiah

Q MLS: Can we get a description of the current ordinance is and what the changes being proposed?

TGP: this is an original ordinance, we cannot compare it to anything existing .

Q MLS: I'm curious if urban camping not referenced in our existing code?

TGP: we will look at that, we've proposed some changes, that you all are reviewing today. We can look at any changes proposed today.

Q MLS: I'd like to know if there are any references to urban camping or vagrancy so I can do some comparison. On page 2, having the word warning there is off putting and I would suggest it would be removed. I think there may be some thought given to the warning structure.

Comments provided by Commissioner Massiah

Q MLS: My next question is about clause E, how would someone receive notice?

Q MLS: is this for all of unincorporated DeKalb?

NM: that is correct. Additional context provided.

Comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

Comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-MLS: motion to defer for 30 days

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2025-0015

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance to Amend The Code of DeKalb County, Georgia Chapter 16 Pertaining To Regulation Of Sound And For Other Purposes.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/12/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Information provided by Commissioner Terry

TGP: we have several versions of this ordinance, however we need guidance from the committee.

RP: I am in support of decibel meters

MLS: I am too. My concern is would we define clearly audible.

Q TT: When is day time and night time perimeters?

Petty: If you went with plainly auditable, it would be during the day 300 feet and at night 100 feet.

Q TT: what are the day and night hours?

Petty: Day time hours are 7 am to 11 pm Sunday through Thursday and till midnight on Friday and Saturday.

TT: so at night time is when police will be responding, and they have requested not to use meters and use the plainly audible method.

RP: I think it would be simpler to keep decibel meters. That is my preferred option a crossed the board.

Response provided by Commissioner Terry

TT: this would create a new decibel standard for night time. Police are saying that as its written now they cannot enforce the law, so we would have to change it then accommodate purchasing the equipment, staffing and training. COO Williams is that attainable? We would need a plan for use for these two departments COO: both Director Clark and Chief Padrick prefer plainly audible, that is their professional recommendation. If the board wanted to do something different, we would then we would have to think through implantation. Whether that be equipping ever vehicle with a meter or another way, then it would be how do we maintain the equipment and staff training. Every officer now, does have the capacity to listen, that's real time and current ability.

TT: If you would like to make a decibel level recommendation then we could get cost factors from the administration respond to the pending ordinance. I'd be happy to bring it back with updated language. The issue remains the existing ordinance is difficult for these departments to enforce.

TGP: we also need to be clear at what the decibel level would be, is it the same for day time and night time?

We want to be clear about what we need to bring back

NM: I'm not in support of providing an unfunded mandate, the departments have provided their preferences of plainly audible, however based on this discussion decibel meters are preferred. My recommendation is to withdraw this item at this point and bring it back once law and user departments concerns are met, we would need to determined how to pay for the equipment, training and maintenance.

TT: the original intent was to address noises from gas power leaf blowers and lawn equipment. Police came to us and asked for help with night time hours. Nothing has changed we just added this piece. I would not be in favor of withdraw at this time.

-RP: Hold in committee for May 26th

[2025-0017](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Create an Electric Landscape Maintenance Device Rebate Program, to Encourage Switching from Gas-Powered Landscape Maintenance Devices, and for Other Lawful Purposes.

This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/12/2026 .

Hold in committee to next PECS Meeting contingent on other prioritizes

- 2026-0244 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution Requiring A Baseline Assessment Of DeKalb County's Health, Socio-Economic, And Environmental Status And A Third Party Analysis Of DeKalb's Proposed Data Center Regulations Before Issuance Of A Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) For Data Centers.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/12/2026 .

Hold in committee to next PECS Meeting contingent on other prioritizes

- 2026-0245 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Allocation Not To Exceed \$15,000 Of The DeKalb County General Fund To Be Considered For The 2026 Budget To Science For Georgia To Conduct a Baseline Assessment of DeKalb County's Current Health, Socio-Economic, And Environmental Status and Provide a Third Party Analysis of DeKalb County's Proposed Data Center Regulations Contextualized By The County's Current Health, Socio-Economic, And Environmental Status.
This agenda item was Recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 5/12/2026 .

Hold in committee to next PECS Meeting contingent on other prioritizes

Meeting Concluded At: 5:06 PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Nicole Massiah, that this agenda item be Adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Chairperson Massiah, and Commissioner Patrick

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Long Spears

Barbara Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC