

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, (Chair)

Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Member

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:31PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Patrick, Bradshaw

Present 3 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

I. MINUTES

2024-0662 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the May 14, 2024 Special Called Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. APPOINTMENT

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0602](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission - Ms. Ellen Rankin
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/11/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bradshaw**

[2024-0604](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission
- Mr. Joe Rothwell

**MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert
Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/11/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bradshaw**

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-0663](#)

Commission District(s): District 2
A Resolution Adopting a Contextualization Statement for the
Cannon Previously Removed from the Decatur Courthouse Square
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by
Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for
deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on
6/11/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bradshaw**

-information provided by County Attorney Ernstes

*-Question RP: would it be appropriate to have the appropriation as a separate consent item and then move
accordingly afterward?*

-response provided by County Attorney Ernstes

-MLS: motion to defer 30 days to last business meeting in June, with a stop in PECS

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Community Development (CD)

[2024-0524](#)

Commission District(s): All
LB - Invitation No. 24-101631 Plumbing Services for Community Development (DeKalb CARES) (Multi-Year Contract -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 bidders and reserve the right to transfer funds between contracts based on the needs of the County: J2 Connect, Inc., Facility Maintenance & Services Group, Mighty Plumbing, LLC and Raw Plumbing and HVAC Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,500,000.00.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/11/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by COO Williams

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0428](#)

Commission District(s): All
DeKalb County Healthcare Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis. Consists of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) providing Healthcare Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis services to DeKalb County Government staff. This request will enable the completion of a healthcare delivery strategy.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 6/11/2024 .

-information provided by COO Williams

-Question SB: how long do you anticipate this process will take?

Dr. Ford: the initial portion will be 6-8 weeks, then there will be synthesizing of data from there

-Question SB: what is the exact amount?

-MLS: \$455,750

-Question SB: does it say the funding source?

-MLS: this sounds like a condensed timeframe, and the cost - what is that from?

-COO Williams: the funding source is from interest from ARP funding

-additional comments provided by Dr. Ford

-Question SB: once you have clarity, describe what the end game looks like

-response provided by Dr. Ford

-Question MLS: regarding cultural staff, how would you recommend ensuring we have cultural competency covered and language needs? Would you outsource that?

-response provided by Dr. Ford

-Question MLS: regarding timeline, my understanding is that you would like to have this project completed by the end of the year?

Dr. Ford: that's correct

-Question MLS: I have not seen a breakdown of what that budget looks like. Is there a scope of work?

-Z Williams: we can get that information to you

-RP: if there is a way we can address low birth weight babies; I would recommend moving forward today, and if staff can provide a copy of the costs associated, then we can address from there

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-MLS: Dr. V and CEO Van Der Merwe, could you share your experiences with asset mapping in the past?

-information provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

-information provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question MLS: regarding the memo provided by COO Williams, Dr. Ford do you have any thoughts on engaging institutions and what the stakeholder commitment will look like?

-response provided by Dr. Ford

-Question MLS: according to the memo, Dr. V And CEO Van Der Merwe are also completing their own assessments - will you all share existing data with Dr. Ford? Please explain further.

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-MLS: I am in favor of this project, but would like to hold this item in committee for 2 weeks to review the budget information.

Colleagues if you have any questions in the meantime please send them to Dr. Ford and COO Williams for response

-recommended holding in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-1603](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
An Ordinance Requiring That the Attached Notice of Certain Georgia Landlord (Lessor) And Tenant (Lessee) Rights and Responsibilities (Exhibit A) Shall be Provided by All Landlords Leasing Real Property or Living Units Within Dekalb County Georgia for Residential Purposes, Prior to the Signing Of Any Lease And as an Attachment to Any Unsigned Lease Agreement, to Prospective Tenants Seeking to Lease Any Such Property or Unit; And Requiring That Both Parties to Every Such Residential Lease Shall Sign the Attached Notice Acknowledging Its Receipt Upon Signing Such Lease; And for Other Purposes.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 6/11/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Long Spears

IV. DISCUSSION

DeKalb Public Health Quarterly Update

-presentation provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question RP: could you provide more detail regarding the measles outbreak?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question RP: regarding TB, you noted that there has been an increase and we are a County with the largest TB in the State? Dr. Valenciano: that's correct; additional response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question RP: the amount of TB that cannot be addressed with medication, is that a small number?

Dr. Valenciano: it is a small amount

-Question SB: explain what Fathers Offering Resources in Education Program is?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question MLS: regarding recent clinical improvements, why did employees leave the North DeKalb Health Center?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question MLS: regarding lead sources as spices, is there a specific spice?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question regarding animal bites, what is the time frame on animal bite investigations?

Dr. Valenciano: this on the report is for 2023; these are the bites that are reported to us; additional information provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question MLS: how do we compare to other counties regarding dog bites and rabies?

Dr. Valenciano: we can get that for you

-Question MLS: is the funding for the environmental health inspector vehicles helping?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

-Question RP: how much space do you need?

-response provided by Dr. Valenciano

Claratel Behavioral Health Quarterly Update

-presentation provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

-Question RP: regarding employee recruitment, if there is student loan debt and you work for a public health agency, they cancel student debt. Does that apply for you?

-response provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

-Question RP: for those applying, how many people that are applying would qualify or benefit?

Van Der Merwe: in the fields mentioned. Most do qualify; additional information provided

-Question RP: has a piece of land been identified for the new crisis center? How much land is needed?

Van Der Merwe: we are still looking and would need about 12 acres

-Question MLS: you are seeing an increase in opioid related cases, what were the numbers prior to that and when?

-response provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

-Question MLS: you mentioned Fulton is going to open a new center operated by Grady?

Van Der Merwe: yes; I believe that will be 26 beds for adults

-Question MLS: with the Governor's budget that passed, which services will see rate increases?

-response provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

-Question MLS: regarding competition with Grady for employment, is the pay higher or benefits better?

-response provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

Meeting Ended At: 4:51PM

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC