## **DeKalb County Government**

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### **Minutes - Draft**

# PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, (Chair) Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Member

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

3:30 PM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Meeting Started At: 3:33PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Patrick, Bradshaw, Terry

**Present** 

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

#### I. MINUTES

2024-1113 Commission District(s): ALL

Minutes for the August 27, 2024 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. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Fire Rescue Services, Watershed Management (DWM) and Library (DCPL)

2024-0912 Comm

Commission District(s): ALL

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1191813 and Change Order No. 9 to Contract No. 1191815 General Contractor Services (Multiyear): for use by the Departments of Facilities Management (FM), Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA), Fire Rescue Services, Watershed Management (DWM) and Library (DCPL). These contracts consist of providing general contractor services for minor construction projects throughout the County. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through May 31, 2025. Awarded to: Autaco Development LLC and Kissberg/Parker-Fry JV, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$4,027,125.30.

-presentation provided by Director Ellis - RPCA

- -Question MLS: regarding the phasing plan, in the green dotted section that is the boardwalk? How many feet is that?
- C Ellis: yes that is the Boardwalk- it is a little over 1200 feet
- -Question MLS: is the red section parking?
- C Ellis: that is trailhead and parking; additional response provided by Director Ellis
- *-Question MLS: what is the estimated completion date?*
- C Ellis: I don't have that at this moment
- -Question SB: is our intent to send this through audit?
- -response provided by COO Williams
- -Question MLS: so we don't need to take action?
- -Z Williams: that's correct; additional response provided by COO Williams
- -Question TT: what was the cost estimate on the boardwalk?
- C Ellis: around \$1M
- -comments provided by Commissioner Terry
- -TT: my suggestion is to approve the Michelle Obama portion, and hold on the green section discussed in this presentation -comments provided by Director Ellis regarding keeping the park ADA rather than soft trails
- -information provided by COO Williams
- -Z Williams: let's find a way to come back to you with an actionable discussion, because there's nothing in front of you today; we can figure out how to talk through this and make this make sense; we are not taking any action today
- -Question TT: we didn't approve this item for Michelle Obama and Intrenchment Creek; my suggestion today is that we approve the Michelle Obama portion
- -Z Williams: your point is well taken; additional comments provided

#### **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 Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/24/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- -a substitute has been received for this agenda item
- -information provided by County Attorney Ernstes
- -Question TT: so this will be placed at Agnes Scott College?
- V Ernstes: I don't know that a final location has been decided; additional comments provided
- -SB: motion to approve the substitute

#### **Board of Commissioners - Super 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

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/24/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-presentation provided by Amplify Georgia Collaborative

-V Ernstes: I would like to work with Commissioner Terry on the wording in this resolution; I would ask that you hold this resolution in committee for 60 days; that would allow me to work with Commissioner Terry and have Commissioner speak with the ARC and other partners

-MLS: we will bring this back in 60 days accordingly

-RP: motion to defer 60 days

#### III. DISCUSSION

Amplify Georgia Collaborative

- -presentation provided by Amplify Georgia Collaborative Roula Abisamra and Sierra Lewis
- -Question SB: what's your current operating budget
- R Abisamra: ARC Southeast Collaborative budget I don't have that on hand; information provided by Ms. Abisamra on the estimated budget of over \$2.4M
- -Question SB: have you approached other jurisdictions with funding requests?
- -response provided by Ms. Abisamra
- -Question RP: when did this come before Fulton County?
- R Abisamra: I believe it came for a vote last Fall; I can get you an exact answer on that
- -MLS: for both of those answers you can email my office or Central Staff
- -Question MLS: both of you are employees of Amplify?
- -R Abimsamra: that's correct
- -Question MLS: you are requesting DeKalb County to match what the City of Atlanta is committing in \$300,000?
- -R Abimsamra: that's correct; additional responses provided by Ms. Abisamra
- -Question MLS: it would be helpful to see how you will be utilizing the \$300,000; my understanding is that the funding will be for transportation services
- -responses provided by Ms. Abisamra
- -Question MLS: if you could provide us a detailed budget when responding to those questions as well
- -R Abisamra: yes and I'd be happy to ask ARC about that
- -comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the goal of the resolution and the impact of the larger coalition
- -TT: if we were to approve this resolution, we'd send this to the main metro Atlanta counties to try and encourage their involvement as well

#### Community Based Violence Intervention Plan (CBVIP) Grant

- -presentation provided by Director Damon Scott, Debra Furtado, Bernita Smith, Musette Hill Human Services, and partners of the CBVIP Grant
- -Ouestion MLS: the report you're discussing, when will that be complete?
- -M Hill: that should be finished hopefully by the end of this month
- -information on Hope Hustlers provided by Leonard Dungee
- -Question MLS: when would you like to come back to PECS for an update on your progress?
- -Director Scott: 90 days or less to discuss asset mapping and other aspects based on the final aspects of the grant
- -MLS: Mr. Allen please schedule the last meeting in November or first meeting in December for an update
- -Question TT: what's the opportunity for commissioners to support these initiatives and amplify this work?
- -response provided by Ms. Furtado regarding sharing flyers of events to each commissioner to invite to events
- -Commissioner Long Spears requests to be sent both upcoming events from the team
- -Question MLS: how often will you be reviewing the data regarding the four focus areas?
- -response provided by Ms. Smith
- -Question MLS: if a new focus area emerges, do we have the opportunity to add it to this grant?
- -responses provided by Ms. Smith regarding the work of Hope Hustlers and tweaking data set in future planning grant opportunities

Meeting Ended At: 4:43PM

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

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

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC