

Minutes - Draft

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:53 PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Patrick, Long Spears, Terry, Bradshaw

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

I. MINUTES

2023-1517 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the November 14, 2023 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 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Community Development

2023-1304

Commission District(s): ALL

REN - Contract Nos.: 1269304, 1269305, and 1269307 Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Debris Removal (2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Community Development. These contracts consist of the purchase of asbestos, abatement, demolition and removal services. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through September 30, 2024. Awarded to Southern Demolition, LLC, Kissberg Construction and Diversified Environmental Management. Total Amount Not To Exceed \$600,000.00.

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 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-substitute agenda item has been provided

-information provided by Michelle Butler - Purchasing & Contracting

-presentation provided by Director Allen Mitchell - Community Development

-Question TT: with the \$600,000 do you think you'll be doing the same number of demolitions as 2023 or increase that number?

-A Mitchell: it will be an increase; additional response provided by Director Mitchell

-Question RP: how current is the heat map of the demolitions in your presentation?

-A Mitchell: that was done in 2022; additional response provided

-Question RP: could you provide more information on the en-rem process?

-response provided by Director Mitchell

-Question RP: from the time it goes from the courts to the demolition, how long is that process?

A Mitchell: it's about a 45-60 day process; additional response provided by Director Mitchell

-LJ: as we look at deficits in Planning - regarding permitting and the process for obtaining land disturbance permits for demolition of dilapidated buildings is something I want to look at COO Williams. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-1297](#) Commission District(s): ALL
LB - Invitation No. 23-101589 Demolition of Residential and Commercial Buildings (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing demolition services for County owned facilities. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders: Complete Demolition Services, LLC and Southern Demolition. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$350,000.00.

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 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

[2023-1324](#) Commission District(s): 4,7
CA - Cooperative Agreement for Playground and Water Play Equipment with Related Accessories and Services for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of playground renovation that will include new playground equipment, a new artificial turf surface, a new octagon shaped pavilion with metal roof, two new shade structures over bench seating and a decorative fence with gates around the perimeter at Stoneview Park. Awarded to: Little Tikes Commercial - PlayPower, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$336,983.20.

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 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

-additional comments provided by Director Ellis

[2023-1384](#) Commission District(s): ALL
REN - Contract No. 1277636 Poured In Place (PIP) Installation and Repair Services (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of providing installation and repair services for PIP surfacing for playgrounds throughout the DeKalb County Park System. This request is to exercise the 2nd renewal option through December 31, 2024. Awarded to: Playworx Playsets, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000.00.

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 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

III. DISCUSSION

HUD Eviction Protection Grant Program

-presentation provided by D'Andre Chambers - HUD Eviction Protection Program representative

-Question MLS: is it a one year award or multi year award?

D Chambers: it is a 2 year award; additional information provided by Mr. Chambers

-Question RP: you have demographic breakdowns - do you have information related to breakdowns of education? Could you provide additional context there?

-response provided by Mr. Chambers

-Question RP: do you know of anyone that does wraparound services to help with mental health or medical issues that could look at this data and assist?

-response provided by Mr. Chambers

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Georgia Mortgage Assistance Program

-presentation provided by Vincent Abril - Outreach Coordinator GA Dept of Community Affairs

-Question MLS: how does the amount of approved applicants compare to other counties?

-response provided by Mr. Abril

DeKalb Beautification Unit

-recognition of members of the DeKalb Beautification Unit

Southwest DeKalb TAD

-discussion not heard in committee

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-1441](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution Adopting the Charter for Compassion for DeKalb
County, Georgia

**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by
Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for
approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on
12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Long Spears

Not Present: 1 - Patrick

-discussion led by Director Leanne Rubenstein - Charter for Compassion Atlanta

-additional information provided by Co-Director Iyabo Onipede

-additional information provided by Commissioner Long Spears

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-1100](#)

Commission District(s): 4 and 6
To Increase Monthly Horse Boarding Fees at Little Creek Horse
Farm

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .**

-item not heard in committee

Chief Executive Office

[2023-1473](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission District
To set a public hearing for December 12, 2023, for consideration of
approval of the DeKalb County Tax Allocation District #5:
Southwest DeKalb TAD Redevelopment, a precursor step to the
creation of the Southwest DeKalb TAD.

**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .**

-item not heard in committee

[2022-1045](#) Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS
Memorandum of Agreement by and among DeKalb County, Georgia,
Fulton County, Georgia, the Fulton Dekalb Hospital Authority and
Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Larry
Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/19/2023. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Long Spears

-information provided by COO Williams, Dr. Sandra Ford

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

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.
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .**

-item not heard in committee

[2023-0792](#) Commission District(s): District 1
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small
Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to
Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .**

-item not heard in committee

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.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

- [2023-1405](#) Commission District(s): All Districts are affected by this item.
Adoption of the 2018 International Maintenance Code
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 12/19/2023 .

-item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - 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 Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-MLS: motion to defer 45 days to first PECS meeting in February

- [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
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 12/19/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-LJ: we can defer 45 days to have Zach receive the report with the City of Atlanta so we can review how we can mirror our efforts here

-MLS: motion to defer 45 days to first PECS meeting in February

Meeting Ended At: 4:17PM

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

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Long Spears

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC