

DeKalb County Government

*Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030*



Summary

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Board of Commissioners

Comm. Robert Patrick, Presiding Officer, District 1

Comm. Mereda Davis Johnson, Deputy Presiding Officer, District 5

Commissioner Robert Patrick, District 1

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Edward "Ted" Terry, Super District 6

Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

Administration: Michael Thurmond, CEO, Zachary Williams, Executive Assistant/ Chief Operating Officer, Barbara Sanders-Norwood, County Clerk, Viviane Ernestes, County Attorney

A. INSPIRATIONAL

Major General Bill Dyer- Commanding General of the Army's 108th Training Command

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ted Terry- District 6

B. PRESENTATIONS

Friends of Park Groups in DeKalb County
DeKalb Police Department Recognition
DeKalb County Public Works Week

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice county-related requests, concerns or opinions during the Commission meeting. Speakers will only have the opportunity for one public comment per meeting. Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email no longer than one page to PublicComments@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Only those emails received during the allotted time may be read aloud. Public comment emails received outside of the allotted time will be included in the public comment record for the next meeting after receipt of those emails.

The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. By submitting an email for public comment at any time, you agree to have your name, address and email entered into the record/minutes. Each in-person speaker must complete a speaker card and present it to the clerk before the beginning of the public comment portion of the meeting. Cards must be turned in to the clerk from the time the general meeting is convened (generally 9 A.M.) and by the beginning of public comment portion generally following presentations on the agenda. The clerk will accept cards on a first-come, first-served basis. Prior to the clerk's call for public comment, in-person speakers who are residents of DeKalb County shall be allowed to speak before residents of other counties are allowed to speak. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, speaker cards will no longer be accepted. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes each and public comment shall not exceed 30 minutes in length. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to yield the podium. Those in-person attendees who submitted speaker cards but did not speak because of the time allotment will be allowed to speak first at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting without regard to residence. If time remains in the proscribed public comment portion of said meeting, email comments will be read into the record by the clerk or designee. Any remaining email public comments received between 9:00 am and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting not read into the record will be submitted into the minutes by the clerk or designee and shall be forwarded to each commissioner by email. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, full address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position

Public Comments: May 23, 2023- Unread Emails

1. Ms. Marty Collier, 1702 Dancing Fox Road Decatur GA 30032- To whom it may concern, DeKalb County residents deserve to have reopen all 136 acres of Intrenchment Creek Park / Weelaunee People's Park (3251 West Side Pl, Atlanta, GA 30316). I believe there should be adherence to the legal requirements established in the 2020 Real Estate Agreement between Blackhall Studios and Dekalb County which states that existing public amenities remain accessible to the public until they are "replaced" at Michelle Obama Park. Verbatim: "Blackhall will employ a phased construction where the improvements on the new County property will be constructed in a coordinated schedule with the removal of any improvements on the current County property (Intrenchment Creek Park) to minimize the loss of use by citizens.". Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Sincerely,

2. Dana Farkas, 245 Sequoyah Drive Alpharetta Georgia 3004- Hello I wish to speak before the Board of Commissioners, but I am confused about the timing of the email. The website says the email must be received between 9 am and 10 am the day of the meeting, but the meeting starts at 9:00 am, so I do not understand how that works. I wish to speak to the Board regarding the business and alcohol license process and procedures in DeKalb County. I am a licensing consultant, and I have many, many clients in DeKalb County. It has become almost impossible to do business in DeKalb County. It takes weeks for a business application to just be reviewed, and then it takes more time for the license to get issued. Only then, will the alcohol license be reviewed, and submitted to DeKalb Police for the background check. It is taking over two months to get anything accomplished in DeKalb. Prior to the shutdown and people working from home, a business license could be obtained with a few days and an alcohol license within two weeks. The communication is terrible. They keep saying they are under staffed, and received too many emails. However, automatic emails go out when a CO permit has been approved, that have the wrong instructions and the permit is not even available. The portal for submitting documents and requesting inspections is also defective. For example, fire inspections are done between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm but that is not known to the person scheduling the inspection. The portal allows you to choose what time of day you want the inspection - before noon, after noon or evenings. That is causing inspections to be missed and failed and the client to pay an additional fee, all because the system is wrong. The issues with the portal are not new. In fact, they have been apparent for at least a year, but are not being addressed. Businesses are suffering in DeKalb because the County cannot provide efficient services. Something needs to be done, and it needs to be done now.

3. Rebecca Stills, 877 Tift Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30310- Good morning! My name is Rebecca Stills and I currently reside in Fulton County at 877 Tift Ave SW, Atlanta,

GA 30310. I am a lifelong resident of Atlanta. I want to make my voice heard today and say that I am in staunch opposition to both Cop City and Ryan Mistrap's development. This is the largest contiguous piece of forest remaining in our city, which is famous for having so many trees. As global temperatures continue to rise, trees are more important than ever. Atlanta is already too hot and the residents of this area deserve a shady park in an otherwise largely industrial environment. Please stop the destruction of this vital forest. The fact this has gone on for so long despite broad protest and opposition is upsetting. The murder of Tortuguita and failure to investigate GSP is yet another failure. This was an unpopular proposal from the start. Please listen to the citizens of your county and your city and Stop Cop City. Justice for Tortuguita, Justice for the trees, Justice for the animals. Thank you,

4. Charles Earl, 2814 Ashbury Heights Road, Decatur, GA 30030- Commissioners, My name is Charles Earl, Our family resides at 2814 Ashbury Heights Road, Decatur, GA 30030. I am writing to demand that the Weelaunee Peoples Park be returned to the people of DeKalb and that all construction of the military training facility known as Cop City be halted immediately. My family has been enslaved in the Covington area in the early 1800s, the people who enslaved them arrived here in 1737. My family has witnessed and been victims of the genocides wrought by settler colonialism in this place for centuries. Let these crimes against humanity end with us. We demand that DeKalb County end the centuries long destruction of Black and Indigenous life, that it end the on going exploitation and desecration of this most sacred earth. Building more facilities to wage domestic war on Black people is not the solution to the problem of inadequate healthcare, of polluted water, of the relentless boil water advisories, of collapsing schools. Building the concentration camps that house our youth - which border Weelaunee forest - will not bring our precious youth opportunities; quite the opposite, these facilities are meant to end their lives. We demand that you end the construction of cop city, that you close the county jail, that you honor your duty to restore the forest and the South River, that you invest in housing for all residents, that you fully fund the schools, that you provide food and adequate life sustaining resources to all residents of DeKalb, that you cease the criminalization of homelessness. That you cease the persecution of the people undocumented, of the disabled, of our LGBTQ IA community members. We demand that you defund and abolish the police and deplorable prisons, that you end the war on the earth and its people.

5. Robert Andrews, 3152 Briarcliff Rd NE Atlanta GA 30329- Greetings Board of Commissioners, I have been a DeKalb County or Atlanta resident for the last 15 years. I currently reside in commissioner region 2, as well having previously lived in region 3. I am in opposition to Michael Thurmond's & Board of Commissioners collaboration with the Atlanta City Council supporting anti-Black ecological

devastation and police brutality in their efforts to clear the South River Forest for "Cop City", despite public outcry. I am also a former DeKalb County School District teacher where I taught full time in DCSD region 2, as well in support capacities in regions 4 & 7. Both in education and residential affairs, it is very clear which regions you value and those you don't. This project you have so callously supported further entrenches racist and classist dynamics that will bring immediate physical harm and dispossession to the families of the McNair cluster and beyond. You are fully aware of the harm, environmental racism, and police brutality that will only proliferate because of this- and you just don't care. One could only conclude you want more violence and death of DeKalb County residents, and are proud of your role in the murder of Tortuguita and it's subsequent cover-up. It's who you are, all you'll ever be, and exactly why you sought office in the first place. Stop Cop City, you absolute clowns.

6. Joe Peery, 1674 Flat Shoals Road SE Atlanta, GA 30316- County Commissioners and CEO Thurmond, The citizens of Dekalb County demand that you re-open our Intrenchment Creek park immediately. Your claims that the park is unsafe because of nail boards and fentanyl syringes is ridiculous. Those of us who have visited the park regularly for years know that the biggest threats to our health and safety have come through the destructive acts of Ryan Millsap and his hired assistants who have destroyed the pavilion, torn up the public PATH, bulldozed dozens of trees, including fruit trees that provided food to the public, and placed barricades blocking entrance to the park. Those acts are illegal in a public park, and broke the agreement that Millsap (under the name Blackhall) has with Dekalb County to keep the park open and available to the public until the new park is ready. It is far from ready, and the land swap is still under scrutiny in an ongoing law suit. The biggest threat to our health and public safety, by far, has been repeated violent attacks by police. Everyone should know that the protester known as Tortuguita was shot and killed by Georgia State police in our Dekalb County park. The many people who have been harassed, arrested and jailed indefinitely by police have committed no crime, other than simply being in our public park. These crimes are on your shoulders, and it is up to the Dekalb Commissioners and CEO Thurmond to right these wrongs, not by closing the park, but by protecting our citizens rights to enjoy our park without harassment from public officials. OPEN OUR INTRENCHMENT CREEK PARK NOW!!

7. Ramsey Cook, 1112 Franklin Cir. NE Atlanta, Dekalb County, GA 30324- To Dekalb County Commissioners: Now is the time to re-open Intrenchment Creek Park. There is no logical and sound reason for closing the park. The narrative you tell us: the park is booby-trapped and dangerous. I visited the park several times when it was occupied by the forest defenders. I went on bike rides and runs freely through the park and did not feel that I was unsafe because of the forest defenders'

occupation. I WAS afraid that the police would descend upon the space and inflict unnecessary violence. The real reason that the park has been closed is to stifle and intimidate free speech. And while the commission's closure of the park is blocking this right, it is also depriving the surrounding community of a valuable resource. Depriving the community of a gathering place where they can come to feel connected to each other and nature. A place where food is distributed and neighbors come to exercise and tend to their physical and mental health. Furthermore, it is a PUBLIC resource that is rare in this part of Atlanta due to a past of governmental neglect. Do the right thing for this community. Re-open Intrenchment Creek Park. Thank you.

8. Laura Smedley, at 4201 Grayson place, Decatur, 30030- Good morning, My name is Laura Smedley, at 4201 Grayson place, Decatur, 30030. Reopen entrenchment Creek Park. I am appalled that as a taxpayer I am not even allowed to enter this public land, yet Ryan Millsap is able to destroy the walking path that makes it accessible for disabled people with no consequence at all. It is disheartening to see such an unprecedented level of vandalism ignored.

9. Julia Maxwell, 1130 Key Rd SE Atlanta, GA 30316- Hello all, I am asking that Intrenchment Creek Park be repaired and reopened. Many neighbors I've chatted with about this as well as myself miss the bike trail and the experience to be in old growth forest amongst the urban sprawl. Food4Life used to hold a food distribution in the parking that allows me to affordably eat healthy, organic food. Now it's on a corner of busy street, making it much more dangerous. My hope is that bike trail be repaired, so I can bike there again. It's heartbreaking to see private interests and even the police destroy a public park. As a neighbor to the park, I thought it inspiring to see all the community and solidarity that was being cultivated in that park. Please re-open it and consider repairing the bike path. Thank you.

10. Jessica Ten (No Address)- I am a DeKalb county homeowner. I want to talk about a few things I know that may help you understand why I disagree with developing Cop City. I have a disability, and that means I know two things. First, that I am four times more likely to be a victim in a violent crime, and second, that one-third to half of people killed by police are disabled. Here's the part I can't know. If someday the police order me to the ground and I cannot comply, will they shoot me? This training center will focus on compliance tactics, but not all noncompliance is willful. Will I be required to injure myself to prove I'm trying to comply? If I try to comply but don't move in a way the officer is expecting, will I get shot anyway? The construction plans tell you the training plans. They don't build mock city blocks and schools to practice breaching buildings as part of de-escalation training. They're teaching officers to control the situation first, and that control is deadly. So when I can't kneel, when I can't get on the ground without my hands, when I can't twist in

the way I'm being ordered... what lie will they tell the public to justify shooting me? Will the public believe it? I can't know. But I'd also like to talk about what I know, if I may, directly to the police for a minute. Y'all, what're are you doing? You don't like policing like this either. I know this, because I did five years of 911 at two employers covering a total of over 10 agencies. You. Hate. This. Too. You hate being sent to a drunk couple arguing. Calls for unhoused people loitering. Mental health episodes. Deceased person calls. Child abuse calls. Most of you hate doing traffic calls except the traffic unit guys and GSP. Hate drug calls and barely run them. Shots fired heard somewhere in the neighborhood? Change the call type and close it out, you'll never find it. Shotspotter is a known but flashy joke and you know that too. Commissioners, you know how it works now and you hate it too. And I am telling you from the bottom of my heart, that no one wants policing like this. No one wants police to be handling calls they don't want anyway with skills they don't have that the training center cannot teach. And here's what I know. Your training center is not going to put one social worker on the street. Not one mental health worker, not one crisis counselor, not one youth center, not one extra bed in a shelter. It's not going to remove any of that burden from you. It won't reduce one 911 call, not one. What it's going to teach police is how to be violent, be in control. These are not skills we want to bring to any situation, much less situations they shouldn't be handling anyway. You don't want this. WE don't want this. What are you doing?

11. Jennifer Hudgens, 100 Wood Terrace Cir, Atlanta, 30340- Reopen the park, we know you lied about the booby traps and the danger to the public. The only dangerous people in the park are the cops. Shame on you.

12. Shannon Kemena (No Address)- DeKalb County residents and taxpayers demand that the DeKalb County Commission and CEO Micheal Thurmond reopen all 136 acres of Intrenchment Creek Park / Weelaunee People's Park (3251 West Side Pl, Atlanta, GA 30316). We call for adherence to the legal requirements established in the 2020 Real Estate Agreement between Blackhall Studios and Dekalb County which states that existing public amenities remain accessible to the public until they are "replaced" at Michelle Obama Park. Verbatim: "Blackhall will employ a phased construction where the improvements on the new County property will be constructed in a coordinated schedule with the removal of any improvements on the current County property (Intrenchment Creek Park) to minimize the loss of use by citizens.". Based on this legal mandate, we call for the swift restoration and replacement of all public amenities including the South River Trail PATH, PATH trailhead, gravel parking lot, park sign, gazebo, trashcans, restoration of greenspace, and replanting for all trees of 6" or more diameter that have been destroyed as well as replanting for every tree destroyed at the trailhead. Residents of southeast DeKalb County have the right, like all DeKalb citizens, to access and enjoy taxpayer assets.

And it is DeKalb County government's responsibility and mandate to protect public assets and ensure access to them. Thank you.

Public Comments: In Person

Alex Thibadeau-76 Clarendon Avenue Avondale Estates GA 30002, Stephan Binney-1083 Seville Drive Clarkston GA 30021, Faye Coffield-3261 Chaparral Way Stonecrest GA 30038, Preeti Jaggi- 160 Mauves Decatur GA 30030, Andrea Seidel-2251 Lenox Ridge Court Northeast Brookhaven GA 30319, Susanne Blam-191 Locust Street Northeast Atlanta GA 30317, Brad Beatles- 2207 Greystone Way Decatur GA 30032, Anne Mellinger-Birdsong- 934 Artwood Road Atlanta GA 30307, Dianna Bennett- 408 Dunbar Drive Durwood's GA 30338

D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Citizens may speak for or against an item that is considered by law to be a zoning ordinance and each side will have ten minutes to present its case. Citizens may also speak for or against an item that is placed on the public hearing agenda but is not a zoning ordinance. In that case, each side will have five minutes to present its case. In the event there is more than one speaker per side, speakers must divide their time in order to complete their full presentation within the ten-minute time allotment, or the five minute time allotment. When the buzzer sounds to indicate that time has run out, the speaker will be expected to immediately cease speaking and to leave the podium area. Prior to speaking, a speaker shall complete a speaker card and present it when approaching the podium. If a speaker has any documents for the commissioners, the speaker shall provide 10 copies when approaching the podium. Seven copies are for the commissioners and the remaining copies are for the planning director, the county attorney and the clerk. In all zoning ordinance and traffic calming cases, staff shall make their recommendation for action to the Commission first followed by applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item. Applicants in zoning ordinance cases shall have the right to reserve time for rebuttal. Opponents of a zoning ordinance item shall have no right of rebuttal. For all other items placed on the public hearing agenda, applicants or citizens speaking in favor of the item shall speak first followed by opponents of the item. Once the citizens have finished speaking, staff shall make a recommendation for action to the Commission.

At this point, citizens are no longer allowed to speak unless called to the podium by an individual commissioner to answer questions or provide information. Speakers should always talk directly into the microphone and begin by stating their name, address and the name of any organization they represent. Abusive, profane or derogatory language will not be permitted. Holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

Planning & Sustainability

[2022-1998](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 4 Super District 6
Application of ModWash, LLC c/o Battle Law P.C. for a request to modify zoning conditions to remove condition #1 pursuant to CZ-06-1241, restricting the use of the property to office and retail uses to allow a car wash in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district, at 1849 Lawrenceville Highway.

Denied

[2022-2252](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 4 Super District 6
Application of ModWash, LLC c/o Battle Law P.C. to request a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to allow a drive-through car wash facility in the C-1 (Local Commercial) zoning district, at 1849 Lawrenceville Highway.

Withdrawn without prejudice

Public Works - Transportation

[2023-0501](#)

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Traffic Calming Petition - Eleanor Street between Liberty Avenue and Wilkinson Drive. Cost to the County is \$29,750.

Approved

“DECISION ONLY” ITEMS – NO PUBLIC HEARING**Planning & Sustainability**[2022-2254](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 04 Super District 06
Application of Avondale Park, LLC c/o Felipe Castellanos for a Major Modification to zoning conditions pursuant to CZ-21-1245061 in the MU-5 (Mixed-Use Very High Density) Zoning District for a mixed residential, office, and commercial development to change the use of the office and retail buildings designated as "A", "B", and "C" on the approved concept plan, to now combine those buildings into one mixed-use building with up to 49,000 square feet of commercial and up to 202 apartment units, at 3458, 3468 and 3478 Mountain Drive.

Approved substitute the substitute with 24 conditions dated May 23, 2023

[2022-2263](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): Commission District 1 Super District 7
Application of Paul Cables, Alpha Residential and Parker Poe to rezone properties from O-I (Office Institutional) zoning district to HR-3 (High Density Residential-3) zoning district to allow apartments, at 3375 Northeast Expressway.

Withdrawn without prejudice

[2023-0185](#)

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts
Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability to amend the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to address Workforce Housing. This text amendment is County wide.

Deferred for 30 days, until June 27, 2023 for Decision Only

E. APPEALS

NONE

F. APPOINTMENTS

NONE

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Airport

[2023-0439](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Consent to Assignment to DeKalb County Contract No. 1164727 by L3Harris Technologies, Inc. (As Successor to Harris Corporation) to PASSUR Aerospace, Inc.

Approved

[2023-0569](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with J. Georges Sulmers. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2023-0572](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Erik VanName. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

[2023-0573](#)**Commission District(s):** 1 and 6

Termination of Standardized T-Hangar Space Lease Agreement with Christopher Baucom. There is no cost to the County.

Approved

Board of Commissioners[2023-0581](#)**Commission District(s):** All

Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2023-0608](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Funding Appropriation of \$30,000 to Stride Ahead, Inc at Little Creek Horse Farm for Equine Therapy Services

Approved

[2023-0609](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

District 2 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant Funding Appropriation of \$50,000 to Prospera's Latino Entrepreneurship Program in DeKalb County Program in DeKalb County

Approved the substitute

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-0604](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

District 3 Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA Account ##106388.63230.602778.01.03.602778 reserved for District 3 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$75,000 to Girls Inc. and Black Man Lab to build stronger communities and to help mitigate efforts for those impacted by COVID-19 by educating and bringing awareness of the public health emergency, or its negative economic impacts and any other essential needs caused by the global pandemic.

Approved

[2023-0607](#)

Commission District(s): District 3

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Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA Account #106388.63230.602778.01.03.602778 reserved for District 3 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$95,000 to Community Based Organizations to assist with Rent, Mortgage, Utilities, Food and any other essential needs caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 4

[2023-0576](#)

Commission District(s): District 4

Allocation not to exceed \$7,500 of District 4 2023 Reserve for Appropriation Funds to Legacy Decatur a 501(c)(3) organization for Beacon Hill Concert highlighting Beacon Hill Community.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0564](#)

Commission District(s): Commissioner District 6

District 6 Allocation to appropriate American Rescue Plan Award funds assigned to POETA #106388.63230.521209.10.6.602778 reserved for District 6 (Amount Not to Exceed) \$10,000 to the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services (Human Services Department) for the purposes of educational and youth programming for the DeKalb County Youth Commission and any other allowable uses under the law for ARPA funds.

Approved

Board of Commissioners - District 7

[2023-0602](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Rescind Agenda Item 2022-2358 Approved at the October 25, 2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Approved

[2023-0605](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds in the Amount Of \$45,000 Assigned to POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved for the District 7 Appropriation to Refcode to Mitigate the Public Health Emergency Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approved

[2023-0606](#)

Commission District(s): District 7

To Appropriate American Rescue Plan Grant Funds Assigned In The Amount Of \$25,000 Assigned To POETA Account 105744.63258.521209.01.07.602479 Reserved For The District 7 Appropriation To DeKalb County Nonprofits and Organizations To Mitigate The Public Health Emergency Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic.

Approved

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and CEO

[2023-0575](#)

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of May 9, 2023

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

[2023-0474](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Park Pride Grant Award for Flat Shoals Park

Approved

[2023-0536](#)

Commission District(s): 3, 6 and 7

Park Pride Grant NH Scott Park

Approved

[2023-0537](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Park Pride Grant Shoal Creek 1 Park

Approved

[2023-0538](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Building Opportunities for Out-of-School Time Summer Grant

Approved

H. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

Board of Commissioners - District 6

[2023-0552](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Establishment of an RFP for Sustainability Vendor to Support the Development and

Implementation of DeKalb County's Climate Action Plan and Address

Environmental Justice Issues

Deferred for 30 days to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

[2023-0553](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Establish an Environmental Justice Ad-Hoc Committee To Investigate to Make Recommendations to Mitigate Exposure to Marginalized Communities From Hazardous Waste, Resource Extraction, and Other Land Uses from Which These Communities Do Not Receive Benefits.

Deferred to the next meeting and assigned to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWI), and return to the Board June 13, 2023

[2023-0554](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Reappropriate \$265,000 of Previously Allocated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for the "John Jay College" Program for Violence Interrupters Towards the Newly Established Department of Human Services Violence Interrupter Program.

Deferred for 30 days to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

[2023-0555](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Calling for an Energy Efficiency Audit and Energy Performance Review of All DeKalb County Government-Owned Buildings and Facilities.

Deferred for 30 days to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

[2023-0556](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Assigning a Working Group to Investigate the Potential Use of SPLOST Sales Tax Funds for Police and Fire Department Training Infrastructure.

Deferred for 30 days to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board June 27, 2023

[2023-0557](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Approve an \$80,000 District 6 American Recovery Plan (ARP) Fund Appropriation to Support a DeKalb County FUSE Fellow to Identify and Provide Recommendations on Climate Initiatives and Assist with Securing Federal Funding Opportunities to Execute Sustainability Projects that Best Serve and Improve DeKalb County.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0558](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Adopt a Resolution Establishing a Police Civilian Review Board in DeKalb County, GA to Review and Investigating Certain Complaints Against the DeKalb County Police Department (DKPD) and its Employees.

Deferred for 60 days to the Employee Relations & Public Safety Committee (ERPS), and return to the Board July 25, 2023

[2023-0559](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Adopt a Resolution Requiring Written Response from DeKalb County CEO on Board of Commissioners Agenda Items and Review of Procurement and Contract Review Process

Deferred for 30 days to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

[2023-0560](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Adopt a Resolution for Rotating 13 A Community Board Appointments and DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Committee Chairmanships.

Deferred 60 days to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on July 25, 2023

[2023-0561](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Requesting Guidance on Creation of County Commercial Property Assessed Conservation, Energy and Resiliency Development Authority

Deferred for 30 days to the Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee (PECS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

[2023-0562](#)

Commission District(s): Potential for All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Create a Study Committee for the Pole Bridge Wastewater Treatment Property for a Greater Understanding of How to Address Environmental Justice Strategies for This Area and the Many Tributaries That Connect DeKalb County.

Deferred 60 days to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on July 25, 2023

[2023-0563](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution Mandating Compost Facilities in DeKalb County Government Buildings by 2024, and Request for Proposals for Composting Services

Deferred 60 days to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on July 25, 2023

[2023-0565](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A Resolution to Incorporate Public Art and Planting Improvements to The DeKalb County Courthouse Parking Deck Rehab Project

Deferred for 30 days to the County Operations Committee (OPS), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

Police Services

[2023-0516](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Grant Acceptance - FY23 High Intensity Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant, \$276,156.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting*Purchasing & Contracting - to ERPS Committee*[2023-0482](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 2 to Contract No.: 1082514 Pre-Employment Drug and Alcohol Testing Services (Annual Contract with 4 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Human Resources and Merit System (HRMS). This contract consists of providing post-offer pre-employment and fitness for duty physicals to candidates for employment and/or employees. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase and increase contract funds and term through September 30, 2023. Awarded to Caduceus USA Medical Services, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$118,521.00.

Approved*Purchasing & Contracting - to FAB Committee*[2023-0425](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1326928 DeKalb County State Court Full Technology Repair for Two State Courtrooms (Emergency): for use by the DeKalb County State Court (State Court). This request seeks to ratify needed emergency repairs for State Court courtrooms. Awarded to: BIS (Business Information Systems) Digital, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$154,672.11.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0447](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500613 Electronic Jury Management System (Multi-Year): for use by the DeKalb County Superior Court (Superior Court). Consists of providing web-based or cloud-based professional services, hardware, maintenance, and support for an electronic jury management system. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: ICON Software Corp. Amount Not To Exceed: \$601,445.30.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0443](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN: Contract Nos.: 1260946 and 1260951 Anti-freeze (Annual Contract-2nd of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management. These contracts consist of purchasing anti-freeze for County vehicles and equipment. This request seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through July 31, 2024. Awarded to The McPherson Companies, Inc. and Napa Auto Parts. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$90,000.00.

Approved

[2023-0446](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 1070633 End-User Computing (Statewide Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of piggybacking off the Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD000161-004 to purchase new computers, laptops, scanners and accessories utilized by all County departments. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through June 30, 2024. Awarded to Dell Marketing, L.P. Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,000,000.00.

Approved

[2023-0475](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for McAfee Essential Success and MVISION (Statewide Contract): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-SPD-SPD0000060-0003 for the maintenance and support of the County's software systems. Awarded to SHI International Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$230,210.00.

Approved[2023-0481](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services (Sourcewell Contract): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 060920-KTC to purchase seventeen (17) 28 cubic yard rear loader refuse collection trucks with CNG engines to be used for collection and transportation of residential refuse to the Seminole Landfill for disposal. Awarded to MHC Kenworth Atlanta. Amount Not To Exceed: \$7,561,260.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023[2023-0483](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Class 4-8 Chassis with Related Equipment, Accessories, and Services (Sourcewell Contract): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management to be used by Public Works-Sanitation. Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract No. 060920-PMC to purchase eighteen (18) 37 cubic yard front loader refuse collection trucks with CNG engines to collect commercial refuse and transport it to the Seminole Landfill for disposal. Awarded to Peterbilt of Atlanta, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$8,459,208.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0484](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 9 to Contract 1147259 Elevator Maintenance Services: for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). This request is for the modernization of elevators at the County Courthouse which will change the control system from destination dispatch to conventional dispatch. This contract consists of monthly preventative maintenance, inspections, testing and modernization of the County's elevators and associated equipment. Awarded to: KONE, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$180,505.72.

Approved[2023-0495](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 1213433 Installation of Data, Voice and Multimedia Cabling (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT). This contract consists of providing low-voltage installations, moves, adds and changes of data, voice and multimedia cabling at various locations within the County facilities. This request is to increase the contract funds and term through July 31, 2023. Awarded to R. B. Communications, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$100,000.00

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-0404](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.: 1174317, 1174318, 1174320 and Change Order No. 4 to Contract No. 1174324 Architecture and Engineering Services for Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA): for use by the Department of RPCA. This request seeks to increase contract funds and term through August 31, 2023. Awarded to: Lose & Associates, Inc. *dba* Lose Design, Pond & Company, Inc., Foresite Group, Inc., and WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (formerly Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions). Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,500,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0405](#)**Commission District(s): 2 & 6**

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Indoor and Outdoor Sports Surfaces, Repair and Renovation, and Gym Floor Refinishing (Interlocal BuyBoard Contract 641-21): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA) to be utilized by all County departments. Consists of the purchase of synthetic or natural sports fields, courts, or tracks to include job order contracting (JOC). This request seeks to renovate the sodded open field near two reservable pavilions at Mason Mill Park. This request also seeks authorization to execute the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement. Awarded to: Cornerstone Sports Group c/o Controlled Products. Amount Not To Exceed: \$369,158.59.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

Purchasing & Contracting - to PWI Committee

[2022-2405](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101523 Pond Maintenance Services (Multiyear Contract): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the cutting, cleaning, spraying and repair/maintenance of stormwater retention and detention ponds. Recommend award to all bidders who are responsive and responsible: ASAP Landscape Management Group, LLC, Ed Castro Landscape, Inc., Executive Realty Solutions, Inc., KSK Landscaping, Inc. and Phillips Lawncare & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,325,000.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0318](#)**Commission District(s): All**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101501 Professional Inspection Services for Public Works (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). Consists of providing inspection of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in the County. Recommend award to the responsive and responsible bidders: Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC, International Design Services, Inc., d/b/a IDS Global, and Terminus Land Surveying & Services, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$2,505,000.00.

Approved

[2023-0361](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No.1 for Contract 1214031 Granite Rubble Stone (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Departments of Watershed Management (DWM), Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA) and Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of the purchase of granite rubble stone used to address erosion control issues. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase and increase the contract funds and term through March 31, 2024. Awarded to Bedrock Granite Co., Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,000,000.00.

Approved

[2023-0426](#)**Commission District(s): All**

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500630 Design and Engineering Services During Construction for Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion - Phase 3A Project: for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of providing design and engineering services for numerous trunk sewers to address seven (7) repeat sanitary sewer overflow areas in the County. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: CDM Smith, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$6,273,240.00.

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0432](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 3 to Contract Nos.:1176675 and 1272165 County Street and Roadway Litter Removal (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Sanitation and Beautification. These contracts consist of litter removal services at 40 locations within the County. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided sixty (60) day contract term increase and increase contract funds and term through December 31, 2023. Awarded to Russell Landscape, LLC and American Eagle, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$847,936.40.

Approved

[2023-0442](#)**Commission District(s): All**

SS - Crown Narrow Aisle Counter-Balanced Forklifts, Chargers, and Batteries (Sole Source): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). Consists of purchasing forklifts, chargers, and batteries for DWM warehouse. Awarded to Crown Equipment dba Crown Lift Trucks. Amount Not To Exceed: \$153,797.87.

Approved

[2023-0449](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

CO - Change Order No. 7 to Contract No. 1171444 Road Widening, Sidewalks, Bike Lanes (Rockbridge Road - Allgood to Rowland Road) - PI#s 008121/0012789: for use by Public Works - Transportation (PW-T). This contract consists of the widening of Rockbridge Road from Allgood to Rowland Road to allow for the construction of sidewalks and bike lanes. This request is for additional funds due to delays to utility relocation and to extend the contract until December 31, 2023. Awarded to: E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,388,754.45.

Approved[2023-0535](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract 1223623 HDPE Pipe Liners (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works - Roads and Drainage (R&D). This contract consists of providing High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe liners. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided thirty (30) day contract term increase as well as increase the contract funds and term through April 30, 2024. Awarded to Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$500,000.00.

Approved the substitute**Walk-On Items****2023-0650** Add an Item**Approved**

2023-0651**Commission District(s):** District 6

To rescind agenda item 2023-0524 to Appropriate a District 6 Reserves to Support Phase II of the DeKalb Village Conservation Community Strategic Plan, approved on May 9, 2023.

Approved to Rescind agenda item 2023-0524 to Appropriate a District 6 Reserves to Support Phase II of the DeKalb Village Conservation Community Strategic Plan, approved on May 9, 2023

2023-0652

Add an Item

Approved**2023-0653****Commission District(s):** District 6

To appropriate \$59,000.00 of District 6 Reserve for Appropriation funds to Farmer D. Consulting to Support Phase II of the DeKalb Village Conservation Community Strategic Plan.

Approved**2023-0654**

Add an Item

Approved**2023-0655****Commission District(s):** All Districts

Summer Food Service Program 2023

Approved

I. ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD

Board of Commissioners

[2023-0465](#)**Commission District(s):** All Districts

To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited and/or after-hours water service reconnection

Deferred for 30 days to the Finance, Audit & Budget Committee (FAB), and return to the Board on June 27, 2023

Board of Commissioners - District 2[2023-0285](#)**Commission District(s): All**

A Resolution Establishing Regulation Informing Identification of a Project List for a Renewal of the DeKalb County Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

Approved the substitute

Board of Commissioners - District 6[2022-2118](#)**Commission District(s): All District Commission Districts**

Adopt A Resolution to Raise the Minimum Wage for DeKalb County Employees to a Living Wage

Deferred to the next meeting, until June 13, 2023

[2023-0328](#)**Commission District(s): All Commission Districts**

A Resolution Calling Upon the State of Georgia To Mandate, Support, and Implement the Use of Body Cameras For All Responding Georgia State Patrol Troopers (GSP)

Deferred to the County Operations Committee (OPS), until September 26, 2023

Chief Executive Office[2023-0533](#)**Commission District(s): All**

To Approve the 2023 Capital Project List

Approved

Finance

[2023-0532](#)

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

A resolution authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Tax Anticipation Notes for 2023, due December 19, 2023 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000,000, to YYY, for the purposes of obtaining a temporary loan to pay current expenses during the 2023 calendar year. PFM Financial Advisors LLC, the County's Municipal Advisor, will conduct a competitive process.

Approved the substitute

[2023-0353](#)

Commission District(s): All Districts

Stormwater Fee Increase - The proposed fee increases are from currently four dollars (\$4.00) per month per equivalent residential unit to; Eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2023. Nine dollars (\$9.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2024; and Ten dollars (\$10.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2025 and for every subsequent year, subject to adjustment through official action of the DeKalb County Governing Authority.

Out of these fees, an annual fund of \$350,000.00 from the Stormwater Utility Fund shall be established for the purposes of supporting a Green Schoolyards and Educational partnership with the DeKalb County School System (DCSD).

Approved the substitute

Public Works - Roads & Drainage

Purchasing & Contracting

Purchasing & Contracting - to OPS Committee

[2023-0293](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

LB - Invitation No. 22-101540 DeKalb County Courthouse Parking Deck Renovation Project (445 days): for use by the Department of Facilities Management (FM). Consists of repairs to concrete and steel beams, columns, connections, steel plates, expansion joints, waterproofing, new electrical LED lighting, inspection of existing panel boards, plumbing, HVAC unit, fire protection piping, etc. Recommend award to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder: Restocon Corporation. Amount Not To Exceed: \$9,895,518.75.

Approved

[2023-0433](#)**Commission District(s): ALL**

REN- Contract Nos.: 1296353, 1296358, 1296360, 1295907, 1296448, 1295914, 1296454, 1296417, 1296362, 1296020, 1296458, 1321602, 1296027, 1296365, 1296467, 1296559, 1296815, 1296651, 1295939, 1298227, 1296826, 1296828, 1295932, 1296472, 1295979, 1295933, 1296529, 1295934, 1295945, 1296668, 1295952, 1296803, 1296574, 1295957, 1296535, 1296957, 1296434, 1295975, 1300505, 1295981, 1296971, 1296829, 1295992, 1295997, 1296000, 1295994 and 1296008 Parts for Vehicles and Off-Road Equipment (1st Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by Public Works-Fleet Management, Police Services, the Department of Fire & Rescue. These contracts consist of repair parts for all types of vehicles and equipment. This request is to exercise the 1st renewal option through June 30, 2024. Awarded to: below listed 47 vendors. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$6,280,000.00.

Approved

Purchasing & Contracting - to PECS Committee

[2023-0326](#)**Commission District(s): All**

REN - Contract No. 1226949 Meal Services for Seniors: Provision of Congregate & Shelf-Stable Meals at Senior Centers (Annual Contract - 2nd Renewal of 2 Options to Renew): for use by the Department of Human Services (HS). This contract consists of the provision of congregate and shelf-stable meals for seniors. This request seeks to ratify a previously provided forty-five (45) day contract term increase. This request also seeks to exercise the 2nd renewal option through April 30, 2024 and add a service location. Awarded to Meals On Wheels Atlanta, Inc. Amount Not To Exceed: \$773,768.72.

Approved the substitute

[2023-0356](#)**Commission District(s): All**

CO - Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 1201890 Consent Decree - Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement (CD-GSRR): for use by the Department of Watershed Management (DWM). This contract consists primarily of providing gravity sewer rehabilitation and replacement via cured in place pipe (CIPP) with internal and external point repairs, as well as open cut pipe bursting. This request seeks to utilize the Engineering News Record - Construction Cost Index (ENR-CCI) to calculate and pay additional cost impacts incurred due to the current market's supply chain issues. Additionally, this request seeks to amend and utilize the existing Owners Allowance line item to pay for these additional cost impacts with existing funds. This request also seeks to increase the contract term through December 31, 2024. Lastly, using existing funds and based upon the ENR-CCI, this request seeks to address retroactive payment of increased costs for periods prior to 3rd quarter 2022. Awarded to The Renee Group, Inc. Amount Not to Exceed: \$2,141,078.00

Approved

J. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN COUNTY SERVICES.

DeKalb County Government does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities or exclude them from participating in or receiving benefits of its services, programs, or activities, based on disability. Janet Essix, DeKalb County Government's Employee Relations Manager and ADA Coordinator, is designated to coordinate the County's compliance with Part 35 of the Department of Justice regulations regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Janet Essix may be contacted at 1300 Commerce Drive, 1st Floor, Decatur, GA 30030, 404.371.2309, to request information about access for persons with disabilities to County services, programs and activities, or to discuss a grievance regarding an impediment to such access. Ten days' notice is requested for special accommodations.