

DeKalb County Government

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

9:00 AM

Manuel J. Maloof Auditorium

Special Called Meeting

*Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Presiding Officer, District 4
Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, Deputy, District 7*

Commissioner Nancy Jester, District 1

Commissioner Jeff Rader, District 2

Commissioner Larry Johnson, District 3

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, District 5

Commissioner Kathie Gannon, Super District 6

Commissioner Loraine Cochran-Johnson, Super District 7

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

Present 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

Work Session

I. Committee of the Whole

A. Committee Reports

B. Review of the Proposed Executive Agenda for October 13, 2020

C. Review of Board of Commissioners Preliminary Agenda

D. Review/Recap of New Items for the BOC Agenda

E. Items Previously Heard

II. Special Call Meeting

2020-1228 Commission District(s): All
To Convene a Special Called Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene a Special Call Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

- 2020-1229** Commission District(s): All
To Convene an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Nancy Jester, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to convene an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2020-1231** Commission District(s): All
To Adjourn an Executive Session Meeting
MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn an Executive Session Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- 2020-1232** Commission District(s): All
Add an Item
MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to add an item. The motion carried by the following vote:
- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2020-1233 Commission District(s): All
Proposed settlement of Moreland Investments, LLC’s lawsuit against DeKalb County and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Civil Action No. 19-CV-12269-5, pending in the Superior Court of DeKalb County.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be to approve settlement of Moreland Investments, LLC’s lawsuit against DeKalb County and the members of the DeKalb County Zoning Board of Appeals, civil action no. 19CV12269-5 in the Superior Court of DeKalb County, by agreeing to authorize legal non-conforming status for existing fencing owned by Moreland Investments, LLC that is located at 2146 and 2150 Moreland Avenue and 1093 Pluma Drive, in return for Moreland Investments, LLC’s dismissal with prejudice of its lawsuit and execution of a settlement agreement, waiver and release of claims acceptable to the County Attorney that requires Moreland Investments, LLC to take specified actions to remove barbed wire, repair or replace fence lining, and plant and maintain certain trees and shrubs along the fence. The County Attorney or her designee is authorized to sign the settlement agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

2020-1234 Commission District(s): All
Add an Item

MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- No:** 1 - Commissioner Kathie Gannon

2020-1235

Commission District(s): 3 & 6

Authorize the exchange of approximately 40.00 acres of land in the County’s Intrenchment Creek Park for approximately 52.9 acres of adjacent property owned by Bouldercrest 70, LLC and Blackhall Real Estate Phase II, LLC, affiliates of Blackhall Studios (collectively “Blackhall”).

MOTION was made by Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, that this agenda item be deferred to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/13/2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson
- Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Kathie Gannon

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further official business, MOTION was made by Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be approved to adjourn the October 6, 2020 Special Called Meeting at 11:37 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Nancy Jester, Commissioner Jeff Rader, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson, Commissioner Kathie Gannon, and Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson



Stephen R. Bradshaw
Presiding Officer



Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer



Barbara Sanders-Norwood
County Clerk









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