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Official

Business Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 2:00 PM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp

I. Call To Order

II. Opening Remarks by Chairwoman

III. Approval of Agenda

{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

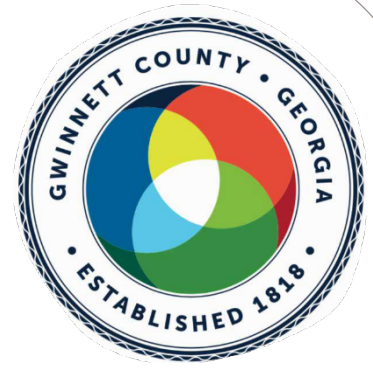
IV. Approval of Minutes:

- **Executive Session:** February 27, 2024
- **Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.:** February 27, 2024

{Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

V. Announcements:

- **Proclamation:** Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Diamond In The Rough



Proclamation

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

March 2024

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2004, the Diamond In The Rough youth development program has sought to transform lives through preventative programs and enrichment activities designed to build confidence, character, and leadership among girls ages 4 to 18; and

WHEREAS, Diamond In The Rough offers group mentoring, leadership training, career coaching, family enrichment, and other programs to girls and their families; and

WHEREAS, Founded by Dr. Nicole Steele, the organization has positively impacted almost 10,000 girls and families with direct services, awarded more than \$12,000 in college scholarships, and reached more than 20,000 individuals with indirect programs around the world; and

WHEREAS, The organization has played a tremendous role in transforming the lives of girls of all ages, many of whom have grown up to make positive impacts on college campuses and professional settings; and

WHEREAS, Diamond In The Rough's values of meaningful relationships, respect, responsibility, resourcefulness, and reverence to faith continue to strengthen the organization's growth in Gwinnett County and have a positive impact on the lives of girls participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett is fortunate to be home to purpose-driven organizations like Diamond In The Rough, which provide safe and nurturing spaces for youth to feel seen, heard, and loved unconditionally.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nicole Love Hendrickson, on behalf of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Diamond In The Rough for 20 years of service to girls in Gwinnett and around the world.

**Chairwoman
Board of Commissioners
Gwinnett County, Georgia**
Signed this 5th day of March, 2024

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VI. Consent Agenda

A. New Business

1. Commissioners

2024-0234 Approval to appoint Jeffree Fauntleroy to the Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board. Term expires December 31, 2024. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. District 3/Watkins {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0235 Approval to appoint Kaylane Davis to the Short-Term Rental Citizen Task Force. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. District 3/Watkins {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0236 Approval to appoint Katrina Fellows to the Short-Term Rental Citizen Task Force. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. District 3/Watkins {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2. Multiple Departments

2024-0186 Approval to renew BL010-23, purchase of meat, cheese, fish, and poultry on a six-month contract (March 22, 2024 through September 21, 2024), with Sutherland's Foodservice, Inc., base bid \$659,500.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

3. Community Services/Tina Fleming

2024-0178 Approval/authorization to accept, if awarded, a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from the Georgia Department of Education over a five-year period in the amount of \$350,000.00 annually for years one through three, \$315,000.00 in year four and \$280,000.00 in year five. This funding will be used to support staffing and enhanced instruction for afterschool enrichment programming at five school locations (Meadowcreek Elementary School, Jenkins Elementary School, Anderson-Livsey Elementary School, Rockbridge Elementary School, and Dacula Middle School). Authorization for the Chairwoman or designee to execute any and all documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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3. Community Services/Tina Fleming

2024-0226 Approval/authorization to amend Chapter 10 of the Gwinnett County Code of Ordinances by repealing Section 10-2, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 10-2, titled "Penalties for violation of chapter", by repealing Section 10-6, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 10-6, titled "Interference with animal control officers", by repealing Section 10-13, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 10-13, titled "Unlicensed breeders", by repealing Section 10-47, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 10-47, titled "Reclaim of impounded animals", by repealing Section 10-177, in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 10-177, titled "Selling/giving away of animals; use of animals as prizes". Subject to approval as to form by Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

4. County Administration

2024-0231 Award RP036-23, provision of a disparity study, to Griffin & Strong, P.C., amount not to exceed \$415,000.00 (negotiated cost savings of \$2,548.00). Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This contract is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

5. Financial Services/Buffy Alexzulian

2024-0185 Approval/authorization of the January 31, 2024, Monthly Financial Status Report and ratification of all budget amendments. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

6. Fire Services/Fred Cephas

2024-0196 Award BL010-24, purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus on an annual contract (April 17, 2024 through April 16, 2025), to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, base bid \$151,600.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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7. Information Technology Services/Dorothy Parks

2024-0184 Award OS006-24, e-Builder project management with subscription support on a multi-year contract, to e-Builder, Inc. The initial term of this contract shall be February 19, 2024 through February 18, 2025, base amount \$253,931.25. This contract may be automatically renewed on an annual basis for a total contract term of three (3) years, total base amount \$776,005.21. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0183 Approval to renew OS128, countywide wireless voice and data services on an annual contract (April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025), with AT&T Mobility and Verizon Wireless, using a competitively procured State of Georgia contract, base amount \$3,194,574.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

8. Law Department/Michael P. Ludwiczak

2024-0165 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of EastGroup Progress Center 1031, LLC, and EastGroup Properties, L.P., consisting of 0.083 acres of fee simple right of way, 0.285 acres of permanent construction easement, and 0.077 acres of 60-month temporary driveway easement, Tax Parcel No. R5241 001, 1555 Hurricane Shoals Road, amount \$82,000.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program. {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0176 Approval/authorization for Declaration of Taking Condemnation proceedings for the property of Huntington West Homeowners' Association, Inc., consisting of 1,545.45 square feet of fee simple right of way and 1,702.07 square feet of permanent construction easement, Tax Parcel No. R3002B 090, 2140 Huntington Hill Trace, amount \$36,000.00. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST program. {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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9. Planning & Development/Matt Dickison

2024-0198 Approval/authorization to award \$18,000,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to develop and preserve affordable housing for households making up to 65% of Area Median Income; to authorize the Chairwoman or designee to submit a revised HOME-ARP allocation plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and to authorize the Chairwoman or designee to sign necessary loan/grant documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Treasury. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

10. Support Services/Ron Adderley

2024-0129 Award OS001-24, purchase of furniture for GJAC space plan implementation project on an annual contract (March 5, 2024 through March 4, 2025), per the attached recommendation letter, using competitively procured State of Georgia contracts, base amount \$4,000,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0182 Award OS012-24, purchase of furniture for OneStop Centerville, per the attached recommendation letter, using competitively procured State of Georgia contracts, base amount \$295,012.98. This contract is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

11. Tax Commissioner/Denise R. Mitchell

2024-0210 Approval to increase PA007-22, printing and mailing of motor vehicle and property tax notices and other miscellaneous mailings on an annual contract (April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024), with Envelopes and Forms, Inc. dba Surebill, increase base bid from \$88,500.00 to \$110,000.00, and renew (April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025), base bid \$125,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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12. Transportation/Lewis Cooksey

2024-0153 Award BL169-23, Dickens Road (Rockbridge Road to Arrowind Road) pedestrian safety improvement project, to Ryde Grading, Inc., amount not to exceed \$1,002,493.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. This project is funded by the 2017 SPLOST Program. (Staff Recommendation: Award) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0020 Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to execute Change Order No. 3 with the City of Lilburn regarding jointly funded 2017 SPLOST City-managed projects. This Change Order will transfer County funding in the amount of \$514,406.42 and City funding in the amount of \$120,663.24 from the County-managed Killian Hill Road Widening project to the 2017 SPLOST City-managed projects. The County will contribute an additional \$400,000.00 in funding from the 2017 SPLOST program for the completion of the City-managed Hood Road at Bryson Park Entrance project. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0021 Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to execute Change Order No. 3 with the City of Lilburn regarding jointly funded 2017 SPLOST County-managed projects. This change order will transfer County funding in the amount of \$514,406.42 and City funding in the amount of \$120,663.24 to the 2017 SPLOST City-managed projects. There will be no change to the County's overall financial obligation. Approval/authorization for the Chairwoman to sign any and all related documents. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

13. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton

2024-0168 Award BL114-23, Turkey Crossing pump station and force main project, to JDS, Inc., amount not to exceed \$4,587,557.00. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on February 12, 2024, Vote 4-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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13. Water Resources/Rebecca Shelton

2024-0174 Award BL002-24, Camelot Subdivision water and sewer main replacement, to GS Construction, Inc., amount not to exceed \$3,040,244.50. Contract to follow award. Subject to approval as to form by the Law Department. (Staff Recommendation: Award) (Water and Sewerage Authority Approved on February 12, 2024, Vote 4-0.) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0092 Approval to renew BL005-20, provision of instrumentation calibration, maintenance, repair and replacement of various equipment for the Department of Water Resources on an annual contract (March 9, 2024 through March 8, 2025), with Argus Group Holdings dba Premier Safety, base bid \$276,000.00. (Staff Recommendation: Approval) {Action: Approved Motion: Ku Second: Carden Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

VII. Old Business

1. Commissioners

2024-0212 Approval of appointment to the Gwinnett County Human Services Advisory Board. Term expires December 31, 2024. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Chairwoman's Appointment - Appoint Marlene Fosque {Action: Approved Motion: Hendrickson Second: Watkins Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0218 Approval of appointment to the Short-Term Rental Citizen Task Force. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Chairwoman's Appointment (Tabled on 3/5/2024) (Tabled to 3/19/2024) {Action: Tabled Motion: Hendrickson Second: Ku Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

2024-0219 Approval of appointment to the Short-Term Rental Citizen Task Force. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Chairwoman's Appointment (Tabled on 3/5/2024) (Tabled to 3/19/2024) {Action: Tabled Motion: Hendrickson Second: Ku Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}

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VIII. Comments from Audience

IX. Adjournment

{Action: Adjourn Motion: Ku Second: Holtkamp Vote: 5-0; Hendrickson-Yes; Carden-Yes; Ku-Yes; Watkins-Yes; Holtkamp-Yes}