

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
JUNE 28, 2021**

**A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Kentaiwon Durham, Olivia Pearson, and Cindy McNeill were present. Commissioner Mike Gowen and Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Moore were absent.**

**REVIEW OF JUNE 14, 2021 MEETINGS MINUTES**

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony L. Paulk was to review the minutes from May 14, 2021 ( (Work Session./Regular Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Tony L. Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE THE APPOINTMENT TO THE AIRBASE PRESERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek approval to advertise a vacancy on the Airbase Preservation and Development Committee.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Airbase Preservation and Economic Development Committee is seeking to fill a vacant seat, which became vacant upon the resignation of Dwight Kirkland. The newly appointed member will serve the remaining term through December 31, 2021.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move this item to the **Regular Agenda**

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT - 2021 COMMUNITY HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek approval of the agreement for the 2021 CHIP grant.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the city was awarded 2021 CHIP Funds for housing rehabilitation of \$400,000. This Grant Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority and City of Douglas, Georgia, to provide funding to the State Recipient to implement the HOME-funded activities as described in the 2021 Community HOME Investment Program Application under which the funds has awarded. GHFA and the State Recipient desire to establish their respective rights, duties, and responsibilities to release HOME funds under CHIP and the State Recipient's implementation of activities under the CHIP Application and CHIP Administrative Manual.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

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**DISCUSSED APPROVAL FOR THE NON-BINDING AVIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek the approval of the Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding for the Coffee Aviation Initiative.

Mr. Davis stated that the City of Douglas and the Wiregrass Technical College, Coffee County Board of Education, South Georgia State College, and the Economic Development Authority had developed a plan to provide aviation educational opportunities. This opportunity emphasizes the skills, knowledge, and experience that will allow students to learn a skill that will last a lifetime while supporting the education, economic development, and quality of life for Douglas and Coffee County.

Mr. Davis also stated that staff understands that education is vital in developing skills needed for today's jobs and tomorrow's future. Education is paramount in promoting the individual's sense of worth, values, and high ethical standards. Our collaborative is committed to developing offering quality education to our students and citizens.

Mr. Davis explained that that aviation education has a cost. We can achieve the mission through partnerships with existing education institutions (CCBOE, CCA, Home School, Wiregrass, & SGSC), creative thinking, and pooling resources. The next step is to have all parties agree to a non-binding MOU to ensure everyone is on the agenda and understanding.

Commissioner Pearson questioned the funding. City Manager Charles Davis stated that finances would become involved, but the memorandum says how the entities are moving. Commissioner Pearson noted that she would move forward with this item based on no discussion of a dollar amount. She stated that if money becomes involve, her vote will evolve based on that.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Charlotte James, 1301 McDonald Road, appeared before the Commission to request funds for minorities. She asked for help from the city to repair her beauty shop and hire others to work at the beauty shop.

Mayor Paulk stated the city had not received any funds at this time. Mayor Paulk said once the funding has arrived and the guidelines are understood, elected officials and citizens could have a town hall meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Pearson requests that any information the City Manager or Finance Director receives regarding this funding. She would like the information sent to her.

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**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham recommended that the Commission have a town hall meeting regarding the Executive order and discuss how the City of Douglas should allocate the funds.


Commissioner Olivia Pearson stated that she has spoken to people in the Atlanta and Macon area regarding Executive Order 13985. She is requesting for those that are knowledgeable of the funding to attend a town hall meeting. Commissioner Pearson also inquired regarding a Facebook post from a past employee.

**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES**

No comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



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Mayor Tony L. Paulk



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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

