

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
MARCH 22, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:00P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Marty Swain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Coffee County School Navy JROTC Cadet Moya, Garcia and Molina.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session.....March 8, 2010
Commission Meeting.....March 8, 2010**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

CHIEF CASTELOES UPDATE

Chief Gary Casteloes, Police Department updated the community on the recent homicides that occurred within the last (2) two weeks in the City of Douglas. Also, Chief Casteloes educated the community as well as the business owners on safety.

APPROVAL OF THE ITNERARY FOR GEORGIA CITIES WEEK

Upon recommendation from Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to support and adopt a resolution declaring the week of April 18-24, 2010 as Georgia Cities week, with the theme of: Georgia's Cities: Energy to Transform.

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The Itinerary for the week of April; 18-24, 2010 is as follows:

- Spring Junk Free Week: April 19-24, 2010
- Town Hall Meeting: April 20, 2010
- Munch & Music: April 21, 2010
- Heritage Station Museum: April 22, 2010
- Great American Cleanup: April 24, 2010

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS VOLUNTEER CORE

Upon recommendation from Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adopt the City of Douglas Volunteer Core Plan.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE GALVANIZED STEEL DRAIN PIPE BID/PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the awarding of the galvanized steel drain pipe to the low bid received from Lanier Municipal Supply located in Lakeland, Georgia, for a total of \$14,784.00 with funding being provided by FEMA and GEMA.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL NEW POLICE UNIFORM AND DUTY GEAR BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the awarding of the new police uniforms and duty gear to the low bid received from Command/Banner Uniforms located in Macon, Georgia, for Groups A, B, and C. This was a total of \$23,951.48. Also, to approve awarding Group D to the low bid received from DGG Taser & Tactical supply located in Jacksonville, Florida. This group totaled \$250.55.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF THE ROMAC INSERTION VALVES AND SLEEVES BID/WATER
BID**

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the low bid for the Romac Insertion Valves & Sleeves from Engineering & Equipment Co. located in Albany, Georgia, for a grand total of \$30,074.00.

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Code Enforcement Division the Mayor and Commission approved the request of Gilbert Copado for alcoholic beverage license consumption, for Azteca De Oro Mexican Restaurant at 1642 S. Peterson Ave.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL AUDIT BID CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Mayor and Commission approved the extension of the Audit Contract with Hurst & Hurst, CPA's LLC, for the Fiscal Year 2010 Audit.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator announced the Youth Art Show & Reception which will be held March 25, 2010, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Also the Broxton Rocks Tour will be held April 4, 2010.

City Manager publicized to the citizens that the Fire department will conduct fire hydrant testing April 12th -16th from 9 pm to 4 am.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager commended Police Chief Casteloes on the investigations of the crimes in our community. Also, Mr. Jacobs encouraged the community to become involved in the neighborhood watch program.

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Commissioner Pearson announced that Friday March 25th 10 am-2 pm at Hightower Memorial Temple to drop off census forms. This event is sponsored by Littman Funeral Home.

Also Commissioner Pearson informed the community that the NAACP will have their annual banquet, March 27, 2010 at 7 pm at the C. E. Weir Center. The speaker will be honorable Shirley Sherrod, State Director of Rural Development for the United States Department of Agriculture. In conclusion Commissioner Pearson commended Chief Castelo in honoring the retired officers of the Douglas Police Department.

Jim Perry 1305 S Pearl Street stated that many citizens in the community have not received a census forms.

Mr. Jacobs explained that there are two types of forms one is the coded forms the other is the non coded forms. Individuals who have not received coded forms those not be distributed again until the mid of April. The Coffee Community planned on three events in hard to count areas. The Coffee Community requested 5,000 forms. We were notified that those forms would not be distributed until after the mid April date.

Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator, stated that a representative from the census will be at the Welcome Center Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am – 2 pm.

Mayor Jackie Wilson encouraged all citizens to mail their census questionnaires.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper expressed the concern of our community as well as our nation coming together as a whole, so that we can come together to fight for what's right.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bob Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk