

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JUNE 14, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 14, 2010, at 7:00 P.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 Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Coffee High JROTC and the Boy Scout Troupe #857.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes upon amending were unanimously approved:

**Work Session.....May 24, 2010
Commission Meeting.....May 24, 2010**

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

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING OF ENTERPRISE ZONE ORDINANCE

Following the second reading by City Attorney Jerome Adams, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved: **“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE TO CREATE PROPER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT TO INDUCE THE INVESTMENT OF PRIVATE RESOURCES IN PRODUCTIVE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, SERVICE ENTERPRISES, AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION AND NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION LOCATED IN AN AREA MEETING CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER AND SET FORTH IN TITLE 36, CHAPTER 88 ct.seq. AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1997 FOR THE STATE OF GEORGIA AS SET FORTH IN GEORGIA CODE ANNOTATED.”**

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY'11 BUDGET

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager and Joyce Taylor, Finance Director went through the presentation of the FY'11 Budget with the Mayor and Commission. Mayor and Commission asked a few questions with regards to the proposed FY'11 Budget presentation. With no other questions from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing. The FY'11 Budget will be presented for adoption at the next City Commission meeting scheduled for June 24, 2010.

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1093

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the resolution that gives the consent of the City of Douglas to the applicability of House Bill 1093.

Mr. Parker explained that House Bill 1093 defines that an applicant would be required to provide tax identification number if their business requires a number.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INNER & OUTER
SHAFTS BID**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the recommendation of Ernie Crussel, Water & Wastewater Director, and Larry Douglas, Assistant Wastewater Director, to accept the low bid for the six (6) inner shafts and six (6) outer shafts needed as part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant rehabilitation from Thompson Machine Company located in Douglas, Georgia, for a grand total of \$48,090.00 and also to purchase additional parts as needed with same bid price.

Also upon recommendation from Mr. Merritt the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved a request to distribute 50% of the bid price up front, \$24,045.00, to Thompson Machine Company to help cover the cost of materials.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPPLIES &
EQUIPMENT BID**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the low bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supplies & Equipment which consist of the following: Quadra Flex Sleeves, Quadra Flex Flanges, Bushings and Shaft Mount Reducers from Motion Industries (Option #3) located in Brunswick, Georgia, for a grand total of \$95,229.54 and also to purchase additional parts as needed with same bid price.

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Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW ZERO TURN MOWER BID/PARKS & RECREATION

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the recommendation by Roger Johnson and Terry Fesperman to accept the bid for one (1) new Kubota ZG-327P 60" cut zero turn mower received by Batten Tractor located in Douglas, Georgia, for a total of \$11,447.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY'10 BUDGET

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adopt a Resolution to amend the FY'10 General Fund Budget to reflect revenue items that have been increased by \$120,723.00 to offset expenses that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget.

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

APPROVAL OF SANITATION RATE INCREASE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STORM WATER UTILITY & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, Public Works Director/City Engineer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the CPI Service increase and Fuel Surcharge increase. This will be effective July 1, 2010. Also, to authorize and approve the establishment of a storm water utility, maintenance program for the storm water system, and additionally to develop storm water fees for the new utility to begin July 1st 2010. For rates see the table below:

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

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Type of Service	Existing Monthly Rate*	CPI Service Increase & Fuel Surcharge	Proposed Storm water Utility Rate	Total Rate Increase	New Rate
Residential Cart	\$21.37	\$0.83	\$1.80	\$2.63	\$24.00
Commercial Cart	\$30.19	\$0.83	\$2.48	\$3.31	\$33.50
4yd Dumpster	\$80.48	\$1.20	\$3.00	\$4.20	\$84.68
5yd Dumpster	\$96.38	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$4.50	\$100.88
6yd Dumpster	\$112.20	\$1.80	\$3.00	\$4.80	\$117.00
8yd Dumpster	\$144.09	\$2.40	\$3.00	\$5.40	\$149.49

*Rate based on one cart or dump per week.

APPROVAL OF THE SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE

City Attorney, Jerome Adams read the first reading of the Speed Zone Ordinance **“AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOCAL AUTHORITIES POWER TO ALTER LAWFUL SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COFFEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-6-183 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED”**. Second reading to be heard on July 12, 2010.

APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION PARTICIPATION FEE INCREASE

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to increase the program fees recommended by the Recreation Commission which included the Contract Labor Programs, Fitness/Wellness Programs, Ceramics Programs, Special Programs, and the Athletic Fee Comparisons and Increase. This will be effective July 1, 2010. New Rate Schedule on File in City Clerk’s Office.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION OF DISTRICT 11 OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

Commissioner Pearson made a motion to oppose the slate of Officers that were nominated by the current GMA District 11 Officers. Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Commissioners Roper, Moore and Josey voted in favor for the motion. Mayor Wilson voted against the motion.

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Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper made a motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Norman Davis of Waycross Georgia as the Third Vice President as opposed to Butch Fausett of Adel Ga. Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Commissioners Moore, Swain and Josey voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Wilson voted against the motion.

Commissioner Pearson recommended that a request be placed at the bottom of the ballot with regards to her concern of how the process of electing a district officer takes place. Mayor Wilson added that these concerns about election process should be brought forward at our GMA District 11 Meetings.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that the 4th of July Freedom Fest will be held Sunday, July 4, 2010 at the J C Adams Municipal Park.

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, announced that the Beach Bash will be held Tuesday June 22, 2010, 4pm – 9pm on the Corner of Madison and Bryan Street.

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson read a letter from Georgia Department of Transportation concerning a request made by the City for a traffic signal to be installed at East Walker Street and West Green Highway. The letter stated that this request for a traffic signal was denied. However, as a means to address the concern for safety, Department of Transportation has recommended that the stop bar on East Walker Street be relocated to six feet from the edge of State Route 135 instead of twenty feet. It was also recommended that the stop sign be relocated to seven feet from the south edge of E. Walker Street, install and state “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” sign on the stop sign and to trim the overhanging tree limbs located in the southeast quadrant. Georgia Department of Transportation personnel will perform all work.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk