

MINUTES  
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
APRIL 24, 2023

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:21 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and Commissioners Kentaiwon Durham, Steve Bailey, Steve Baily, Edwin Taylor, and Cindy McNeill were present. Commissioner Mike Gowen was absent.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Tony L. Paulk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

**INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER OLIVIA PEARSON)**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The MOTION carried (5-0) to approve the agenda order as discussed for the Regular Meeting with the motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. **An executive session was added to the agenda.**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS IT RELATES TO MOBILE VENDING**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading of the amendments to amend the Unified Land Development Code. **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODES AND ORDINANCES, SUBPART B, CONSTRUCTION, LAND USE, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 111, SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS, SECTIONS 111-73- TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, SECTION 111-269 MOBILE VENDORS BY AMENDING THE SECTION 111-269 AND ADDING SECTION 111-269.1 AND AMENDING SECTION 111-282, TEMPORARY USES, INCLUDING SPECIAL EVENTS AND STRUCTURES AND TO REGULATE MOBILE VENDORS AND MOBILE FOOD VENDORS: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES”** Mayor Paulk entertained a motion, Commissioner Durham made a motion and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pearson. **Carried (5-0)**

It was brought to Mayor Paulk's attention to amend the agenda's order to include the Executive Session. The motion was made by Commissioner Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pearson. **Carried (5-0)**

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**RECOGNITION OF THE CHEERLEADS ELITE**

Mayor Paulk introduced Shasmine Thomas, the owner, and founder of Cheerleads Elite, to appear before the Commission, introduce the young ladies participating in this program, and share the background on how this program began and the future.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR APRIL 10, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASING FY23 SIX REELS OF 394 MCM WIRE FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK BID APRIL 10, 2023
- APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A LAND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PREAPPLICATION FOR EASTSIDE PARK REHABILITATION
- APPROVAL OF THE BID AWARD OF THE GASKIN AVE TIA PROJECT
- APPROVAL OF THE PUMP REPAIR QUOTE FOR THE GRUNFOS 88 HP PUMP FOR THE BOJO ELLA LIFT STATION.
- APPROVAL OF THE PIKE ELECTRIC, LLC PROPOSAL TO BORE UNDER HIGHWAY 135 TO BRANTLEY BLVD FROM SUBSTATION 3.
- APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A FRANCHISE FEE APPLICABLE TO HOLDERS OF CABLE AND VIDEO FRANCHISES
- APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE
- APPROVAL OF THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE JUNE MEETING

As discussed in the Work Session, the **MOTION (carried 5-0)** to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, a motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**CONDUCTING THE FIRST READING AMENDING THE ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT FOR ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSE AND DELINQUENT  
PROPERTY AND PERSONAL TAX DEBT**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission due to a misunderstanding regarding the readings of the Ordinance Amendment for issuing a Business License and Delinquent Property and Personal Tax Debt. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow this ordinance process to be redone. This item will return on May 8<sup>th</sup> for the first reading.

**No action taken**

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**APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS**

Charlie Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to request approval to reappoint the following individuals to the Library Board. Sally Cottingham, Elizabeth Cottingham, and Connie Lott will serve another three-year term. The Motion was carried **(5-0)** by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO PUBLICIZE THE VACANCY ON THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS**

Charlie Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to inform them and the public that staff will properly publicize the Library Board vacancy, one vacant position that has been open for quite some time and needs filling.

No action was taken.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Charlie Davis announced executive session would be held tonight.

**ADJOURNMENT TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion (5-0)** to approve to enter into Executive Session, motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
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**Attendance: Mayor Tony L. Paulk, Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and Commissioners Kentaiwon Durham, Steve Bailey, Steve Baily, Edwin Taylor, Cindy McNeill, Charlie Davis, City Manager Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk were present. Commissioner Mike Gowen was absent.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The attending individuals (Mayor, Commission, and City Manager) discussed the direction regarding employing a City of Douglas Police Chief.

After much discussion, Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to end the executive session Commissioner Steve Bailey made a motion (*one motion is only required*).

Mayor Paulk entertained reentering the Regular Meeting Commission Kentaiwon Durham made a motion, and Commissioner Edwin Taylor seconded the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made a MOTION and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, and the Motion carried (5-0)

  
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Mayor Tony L. Paulk

  
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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC