

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JANUARY 27, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Johnnie Lee Roper, Olivia Pearson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Department Director led The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... January 10, 2011
Commission Meeting..... January 10, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper. The motion was unanimously carried by the Mayor and Commission. **(7-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the order of the agenda.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, for approval of the order of the agenda; Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO UPDATE
BANKING/INVESTMENT SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATIONS**

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Mayor and Commission approved **(7-0)** to adopt a resolution allowing banking and investment signature authorizations be updated to authorize the signature of newly appointed Deputy City Clerk Cindy McNeill to reflect the name change of the City Clerk from Wynetta J. Gaskins, to Wynetta J. Bolder; and to require two (2) signatures on the Utility Customer Deposit account, that being one (1) City Clerk and one (1) elected official.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

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APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR 4TH ANNUAL HEART WALK-A-THON

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Permit and Inspections Division, the Mayor and Commission approved **(7-0)** the request from Why Waite? Ministries to allow the use of certain public streets in the proposed route to host the Walk-A-Thon, Saturday, February 5, 2011, with the Police Department providing assistance in busy traffic areas.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey for approval and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Upon recommendation from Mayor Jackie L. Wilson, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the recommendation from the Housing Authority Board to reappoint Ms. Ernestine Thomas-Clark to continue serving as a resident member of the Housing Authority Board. The term of this appointment will be for January 20, 2011 through January 20, 2012.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey for approval and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

APPROVAL OF THE GASKIN AVENUE PHASE II PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** to award the contract of Gaskin Avenue Phase II project to the low bidder, Ricketson Construction Company, in the amount of \$2,275,144.41.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT/SPLOST

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the Intergovernmental Agreement for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2012 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects for the City of Douglas. This will allow all the current one cent sales tax or SPLOST that will sunset on or about April 2012 to continue. The proposed referendum for this continuation of our current SPLOST will be voted by on March 15, 2011 by the citizens of Coffee County.

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A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper encouraged the citizens to support this continuation of our Special Local Option Sales Tax on March 15, 2011.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director presented the following upcoming events:

- The 11th Annual Douglas Camellia Showcase will be held on February 5th & 6th, 2011 from Saturday 7 a.m. -10 a.m., through Sunday 1 p.m. -3 p.m. at the Central Square Complex.
- The City of Douglas and Georgia Municipal Association will sponsor a statewide essay contest titled "If I Were Mayor". All 6th graders in the community are encouraged to participate.
- A Community Black Summit Program will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center.
- The Heritage and Harmony Program featuring the history of gospel music will be held on March 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm. at the Martin Centre. There will be a \$3.00 admission fee.

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, announced that the Department of Transportation submitted a report requesting bids by March 18th for the Walker Street to Westgreen Highway Project.

Michael Hudson, Gas Department Director encouraged citizens to take advantage of the Main Street Finance Program. This program allows the city to offer 0% financing for tank-less water heaters and furnaces from the Gas Department.

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MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Wilson acknowledged Commissioners Marty Swain and Bob Moore who were recently recognized at the 2011 Georgia Municipal Mayor's Day Conference with the Certificate of Excellence which requires 120 hours of training by Elected Officials.

Mayor Wilson also explained the training program that is provided by the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training for Elected Officials.

City Manager, Terrell Jacobs acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the General Coffee State Park for hosting the Mayor and Commission's annual retreat. Mr. Jacobs also, encouraged citizens to take advantage of the facilities at the State Park.

Commissioner Marty Swain requested information regarding the 2010 Census Report from the City staff.

Mr. Jacobs stated that Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer estimated that the Census Report would be available to communities around April on this year.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson, and approved by all at 7:10 pm.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk