

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 12, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:13 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioners Tony Paulk II, Cindy McNeil, Steve Bailey, and Edwin Taylor were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER STEVE BAILEY)

Commissioner Steve Bailey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The MOTION (5-0) was carried out to approve the agenda order with the motion made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen.

RECOGNIZE OF THE GRPA STATE CHAMPION GOLFERS AND TENNIS PLAYERS

No show

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk, introduced the 18 newly appointed Mayor's Youth Council members for 2024-2025. Mayor Tony Paulk officially swore them in, along with Jannik Uhl, the first honorary council member and an exchange student from Germany.

The Youth Council elected Kimora Henderson as Jr. Mayor and Dominic Mimbang as the Jr. Mayor Pro Tem. Junior Commissioners are Naveah Spencer, Jaleigha Williams, Nayeli Moran, Dickson Petitfrere, Jeremiah Bazell, Zipporiah Wilcox, Zynia Hut, Christiani Davis, Grayson Taylor, Jada Marshall, Emma Russ, Jace Wilson, Xzaria Jordan, Darius Curtis, Gabby Burns, and Imori Paulk.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

1. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 22, 2204, MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASING OF ONE (1) XPLORIR HANDHELD GAS SPECTROMETER FROM SOLE SOURCE VENDOR 908DEVICES**
3. **APPROVAL OF PURCHASING A FRONT-END LOADER FROM SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #011723-SNY**
4. **APPROVAL WAIVING THE ALCOHOLIC SPECIAL EVENT FEE FOR GOPHER TORTOISE FESTIVAL VENDORS/SPONSORS**

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5. **APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LWCF FOR EASTSIDE PARK REHABILITATION**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION CONTRACT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT RESOURCE SURVEY**
7. **APPROVAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE LARGE CLARIFIER REPAIRS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

As discussed in the Work Session, Commissioner Edwin Taylor made the motion (carried 5-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen seconded.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSSED AND HELD A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CONDITIONAL USAGE PETITION FOR 416 BRYAN STREET

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to hold a public hearing and for approval of the single-family usage petition for 416 Bryan Street, as it will continue to suit the predominant use in the area.

Ms. Coneilia Reddy, a Real Estate Agent, appeared before the Commission to represent the owners of this property.

Commissioner Cindy McNeill moved (carried 5-0) for approval, and Commissioner Tony Paulk II seconded.

ADVERTISING EXPIRING TERM ON DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, requests to publicize for two weeks and come back before the City Commission on August 26, 2024, for action to either reappoint Mr. Adam Lott or approve a new volunteer to fill these positions.

No action taken

Mayor Tony Paulk and Commissioner Tony Paulk II removed themselves from the meeting due to a conflict of interest with the next agenda item (Naming the HeadStart & Early HeadStart Building Expansion after Sandra "Gail" Johnson). Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen proceeded to present the item.

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**DISCUSS NAMING THE HEADSTART & EARLY HEADSTART BUILDING
EXPANSION AFTER SANDRA “GAIL” JOHNSON**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission stating that the recommendation is for the City Commission to approve naming the HeadStart & Early Head Start building expansion after Sandra “Gail” Johnson. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen proceeded with the vote, and Commissioner Cindy McNeill seconded the motion.

STAFF COMMENTS


Commissioner Edwin Taylor expressed concerns regarding the quality of paving Bryan, South Coffee, and Pearl Streets. He stated that the project took a while to complete, and he was not satisfied with the work. Mike Hudson, Utility Director, stated that the staff will meet with the contractors next week to get the answers he requested.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:42 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. **(5-0)**



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



