

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JULY 11, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 11, 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, Johnnie Lee Roper, Dennis Josey, Olivia Pearson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dale Batten, Community Development Director led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved with the corrections that were mentioned during the work session:

**Work Session..... June 23, 2011
Commission Meeting..... June 23, 2011
Special Work Session..... June 30, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper and the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the motion.
(7-0)

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION REQUEST

Upon recommendation by the Planning Commission, Ray Parker, Community Development Planning Division, requested that Jerome Adams, City Attorney present the first reading for the request from Orson Adams to annex 190.03 acres at 950 Brantley Blvd. **"AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED: TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES."**

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Jerome Adams, City Attorney offered and read this ordinance for the first time at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, on July 11, 2011. This ordinance will be presented and read for the second time at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, scheduled on July 25, 2011.

**APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** a resolution authorizing the filing of the FY 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$10,030 which will be equally disbursed between the City of Douglas Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department for eligible expenditures, authorizing Mayor Wilson to execute grant documents upon receipt, and approval of the Memorandum Of Understanding between the City of Douglas and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department regarding this grant.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT
(LMIG)**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the submittal of North Gaskin Avenue from approximately 400' north of Walker Street to the entrance of the City Cemetery to Department of Transportation for resurfacing under the FY 2012 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program, authorizing DOT to let the city's project and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the Certificate of Ownership and agreement for the DOT Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant Program.

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

APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF ALUNZA STREET

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the request of the First Congregational Christian Church to close a portion of Alunza Street between North Madison Avenue and North Pearl Avenue to allow for expansion with the understanding that the church will pay all costs involved in the relocation or capping of city utilities. Also, the families along this portion of Alunza Street do not oppose and the Board of Trustees will be submitting a letter regarding this request.

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

APPROVAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute a grant application in the amount of \$6,948.00 for the FY 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, to purchase Threat Level II bulletproof vests for the City of Douglas Police Department; authorized required matching funds in the amount of \$6,948.00 from Asset Forfeitures funds; authorized the mayor to execute grant documents and Community Development staff to administer the grant approval.

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, stated that July 12, 2011 the Main Street Department will host a "Second Tuesday Event" held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This is an opportunity to provide after- hour activities in the downtown area.

The City of Douglas will host a Hunting, Fishing and Outdoors Expo at the Central Square Complex, August 26-27, 2011.

Mayor Wilson inquired about the back to school event that is sponsored by Southwire and co sponsored by the City of Douglas. Also, Mayor Wilson requested for the Police Department to educate the citizens regarding riding bikes correctly on the public streets.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager stated that this event will take place July 26, 2011.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper commended Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director for a job well done in organizing the Hunting and Fishing Expo.

Commissioner Roper acknowledged his accomplishments in receiving the Certificate of Distinction from the Georgia Municipal Association in Savannah Georgia. Also Mr. Roper stated he will be a candidate for the City of Douglas mayoral race.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made a motion to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk