

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MARCH 24, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:16 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Steve Bailey, Mike Gowen, and Brenda Moore in attendance. Commissioner Tony Paulk II was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER TONY L. PAULK II)

Fire Chief Casey Wright delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The motion was approved unanimously (**5-0**) to approve the agenda order, with the motion made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

- 1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10TH, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
- 2. APPROVAL OF REPAIRS FOR WELL 6**
- 3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ROUNDTREE PARK PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT ROADSIDE PARK**
- 5. APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CDBG 2024 HOUSING REHAB**
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE LAND LEASE AGREEMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF CORPORATE HANGARS AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE SURPLUS OF TWO WORK TRUCKS AND SELLING TO THE CITY OF HAZELHURST, GA**
- 8. APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDER FOR IRRIGATION AND DIRT REPLACEMENT TO SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES IN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR HUCKABY PROJECT BID A**

As discussed in the Work Session, Commissioner Edwin Taylor made the motion (carried 6-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Commissioner Mike Gowen seconded.

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WORK SESSION

1)APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR NOURIA ENERGY RETAIL INC, D.B.A. ENMARKET 29 WILLACOOHEE HIGHWAY

2)ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR NOURIA ENERGY RETAIL INC, D.B.A. ENMARKET 1601 OCILLA ROAD

3)ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR RIGO'S TAQUERIA LLC, DBA RIGO'S TAQUERIA 604 GASKIN AVENUE

City Attorney Jerome Adams to conduct a public hearing to be followed by action to approve the issuance of the alcoholic beverage license for *(1)Nouria Energy Retail Inc, D.B.A. Enmarket 29 Willacoohee Highway, located at 29 Willacoohee Highway., Douglas, Georgia, (2) Nouria Energy Retail Inc, D.B.A. Enmarket 1601 Ocilla Road, located at 1601 Ocilla Road., Douglas, Georgia (3) Rigo's Taqueria LLC, D.B.A. Rigo's Taqueria, 604 Gaskin Ave S., Douglas, Georgia*, for on-site consumption of liquor and beer. No public hearing comments

Commissioner Mike Gowen moved to approve this item, which Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill seconded. The motion was carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECT

Georgia Henderson, Assistant City Manager, recommends that the City Commission approve the Right-of-Way Acquisition Agreement between the City of Douglas and GDOT for TAP Project P.I. No. 0015397. The estimated ROW cost for the project is \$680,000, with GDOT reimbursing up to \$544,000 and the city covering the remaining \$136,000. The agreement ensures that the City secures the necessary ROW in compliance with state and federal regulations, allowing the project to proceed with GDOT funding support.

Commissioner Mike Gowen moved to approve this item, which Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill seconded. The motion was carried 5-0.

DISCUSSED AND HELD THE FIRST (1ST) READING FOR THE REZONE PETITION FOR VACANT LOT PARCEL D005 018 OFF OF GORDON ST.

City Attorney Jerome Adams appeared before the Commission to hold the first (1st) reading and discuss the rezone petition by the Estate Heir of Farrar Babcock Cottingham, Dr. James (Jim) Cottingham, who Karsen Wynn of the Affordable Equity Partners Inc. is also representing.

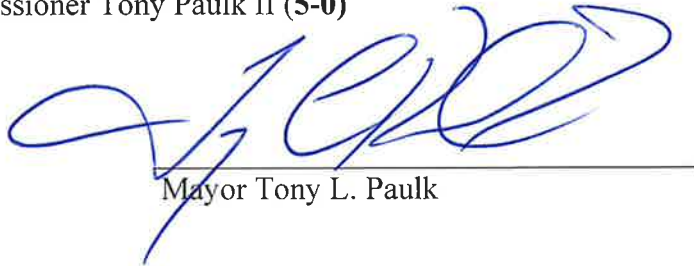
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DISCUSSED AND HELD THE FIRST (1ST) READING FOR THE REZONE PETITION FOR VACANT LOT PARCEL D005 018 OFF OF GORDON ST. (CONTINUE)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE PARTIAL ZONING FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, LOCATED AT PARCEL D005 018, OFF OF GORDON STREET, FROM R-15, RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY (15.00) TO R-M. RESIDENTIAL MIXED. After properly advertising as the caption as required under the Charter of the city of Douglas, Georgia, the second reading will be read on April 14, 2025

No Action has been taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:39 p.m. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Tony Paulk II (5-0)



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



