

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 27, 2011 at 7:05 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 attended.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marty Swain gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Jerome Adams led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following amended minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work SessionDecember 12, 2011
Commission Meeting.....December 12, 2011**

A **MOTION** to approve **(7-0)** the following amended minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore and the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Adams, City Attorney administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials: Commissioner Elect- Richard Hutchinson and Mayor -Elect James Dennis. Mr. Adams also administered the Oath of Office to incumbents: Commissioners Swain, Moore, Josey, Anderson and Pearson.

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RECOGNITION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager along with Mayor Wilson, Dale Batten, Community Development Director, Commissioner Pearson, Moore, Swain and Josey recognized the following 2011 Neighborhood Christmas Decorating Contest Winners:

**Ward 1: Ed and Bobbie Jean Taylor
Ward 2: Ricky and Elaine Watkins
Ward 3: Debra Williams (absent)
Ward 6: Ernie and Glenda Rowland**

APPROVAL OF THE DOUGLAS GREENWAY TRESTLE PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the construction contract submitted by Woodward Construction Company in the amount of \$343,607 subject to DOT approval, and allocated interest received on SPLOST III in an amount up to \$22,816.69 for the Greenway Trestle Project.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

APPROVAL OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) to reappoint Mary Lou Gillespie and David Vickers to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission with terms beginning January 9, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the revised Five Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan Update for FY'2013 - FY'2017. (See Attached ACIP)

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

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APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FAA/DOT GRANT PRE-APPLICATION FOR FY 2013

Upon the recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously authorized (7-0) Mayor Wilson to execute the revised FY' 2013 FAA Pre –Application to (1) Construct North Corporate Hangar Area Taxiway Improvements-Phase 1 (1 Large Lot) – (Design & Construction), (2) Conduct Wildlife Assessment, (3) Closure of Old Fuel Farm and (4) Terminal Area Apron Expansion (South), Including Terminal Area Pavement Repairs. The FAA estimated grant amount is \$348,460; estimated GDOT grant amount is \$8,038; and estimated local funds from SPLOST 2000 funds is \$10,302 for total amount of \$366,800.

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

FIRST READING OF THE REZONING OF PROPERTY AT 530 E. BRYAN STREET

Ray Parker stated that the Planning Commission recommends the request from Tony L. Paulk and Lavinia Paulk to rezone property at 530 E. Bryan St. from R-I, Residential Infill to G-C, General Commercial be denied and that the ordinance be read for the first time at this meeting.

City Attorney, Jerome Adams, read the first reading of rezoning the property at 530 E. Bryan Street: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 530 EAST BRYAN STREET FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL INFILL TO G-C, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, LAND OF TONY L. PAULK AND LAVINIA PAULK.** The second reading and Public Hearing will be held January 9, 2012.

APPROVAL OF THE SEWER CLEANING MACHINE WITH ATTACHMENTS BID

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the purchase of one (1) new Trailer Mounted Sewer Machine with all optional attachments from P & H Supply of Warrenton, Georgia for a total cost of \$36,311.19.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

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APPROVAL OF THE PEAK SHAVING PLANT IMPROVEMENTS BID

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the low bid that meets specifications for the installation of sixteen (16) new Multiport Relief Valves, and the installation of two (2) new Pumps from Cates Propane of Hillsborough, North Carolina for a total bid price of \$21,221.76.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

APPROVAL OF THE “COST OF SERVICES” STUDY REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES

Upon recommendation from Lamar Hill, Electric Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-1)** the new cost of service study provided by the Electric Cities of Georgia and implemented the rates recommended. The study will go into effect on January 1, 2012.

A MOTION to approve the cost of service study regarding electric rates was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson and Commissioners Swain, Josey, Moore and Pearson **voted for the motion**. Commissioner Roper **voted against the motion**.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager stated that information will be provided to the public concerning the increase of rates.

APPROVAL OF THE BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** to adopt a resolution allowing Bank Signature Authorization be updated as necessary, to reflect newly elected officials and authorize them to sign for Banking Transactions effective January 1, 2012.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

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CITY MANAGER GENERAL INFORMATION

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager reiterated concerning the Electric Cost Study in regards to the environmental challenges that Coal Fired Generation Plants have faced over the course of several years. The regulatory agencies have been placing stricter provisions on our Coal fired Plants. Therefore, the cost had to be increased over that period of time to address the improvements to these plant sites decrease carbon output.

Terrell Jacobs announced that Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director regarding the passing of his father on Christmas Morning.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kimberly Tucker, Administrative Assistant of Central Services announced that the Public Works Department will recycle natural Christmas trees beginning January 3, 2012 thru January 13, 2012.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mayor Wilson congratulated Mayor Elect James Dennis and Commissioner Elect Richard Hutchinson for their attendance at the Commissioners meeting and becoming sworn to serve as Mayor and Commissioner.

Commissioner Moore expressed pleasure in working with Commissioner Roper over the years as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper stated that he has enjoyed his time in serving as Commissioner. Commissioner Roper encouraged the Mayor and Commissioner to work together and to continue to serve the people of Douglas.

Commissioner Swain thanked Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Roper for the wisdom that they brought to the City.

Commissioner Josey stated that he appreciated Mayor Wilson for serving the City of Douglas over the years.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson stated that it was a pleasure in working with Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Roper over the years.

Commissioner Pearson stated that it has been a rewarding and an educational experience in working with Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Roper.

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Mayor Wilson stated that she appreciated the opportunity to serve the people and to be a part of the growth of this community.

PRESENTATION

Terrell Jacobs presented a gift of appreciation to Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Roper for their service with the City of Douglas.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (**7-0**) at 7:45 p.m.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk