

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
MAY 23, 2013**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Olivia Pearson and Dennis Josey were in attendance. Commissioner Ronnie Anderson was absent due to illness.**

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Randall Parker, Building Inspector led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved as corrected:

**Work Session .....May 13, 2013  
Commission Meeting.....May 13, 2013**

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(4-0)** the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(4-0)** the order of the Agenda.

**SECOND READING- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE**

City Manager Terrell Jacobs read the second reading of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 6-1, CLOSING, DEFINITIONS, INCLUDING BOWLING ALLEY; 6-3 (9), CLASS III LICENSE; 6-21 ENTRY BY MINORS PROHIBITED; SECTION 6-118 CLUB, RESTAURANT, LOUNGE, ETC., REQUIREMENT CLASS III TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

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**SECOND READING- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE**

A **MOTION** to approve the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance was made Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain, and there was not a seconded.

A **seconded motion** was not made and Mayor James Dennis **denied** the request for the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to amend Chapter 6 section 6-1 Class III Licenses.

**Ordinance was not approved**

*(Commissioner Olivia Pearson entered into the Regular meeting at this time.)*

**APPROVAL OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY LEASE**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(4-1)** a five (5) year lease between the City of Douglas and United Christian Academy for Buildings #7 and #8 located at Airport Circle for the total amount of \$1,319.50 per month and approve the proposal received from Deen Fire Protection in the amount of \$21,804.00 for the installation of a NFPA 13 Sprinkler System to be installed in Building #7 to be paid from Airport Rental Receipts Account in Community Development.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, and Olivia Pearson **unanimously** approved **(4-1)** a five (5) year lease between the City of Douglas and United Christian Academy.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson **voted against the motion** for a five (5) year lease between the City of Douglas and United Christian Academy.

**APPROVAL OF THE WATER MAIN INSTALLATION BID**

Upon recommendation from Kevin Davis, Water/Wastewater Assistant Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to award the low bid received for water main installation on Brantley Boulevard, Schley Street, Touchton Drive and Walker Street to Douglas Electric & Plumbing Company, Inc., for the amount of \$212,344.45 and approved funding from SPLOST V.

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**APPROVAL OF THE WATER MAIN INSTALLATION BID-CONTINUED**

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Olivia Pearson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the water main installation main.

**PUBLIC HEARING –FY’ 14 BUDGET (PRESENTATION)**

Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director stated that after being properly advertised, the FY’ 14 Budget is ready for a Public Hearing.

Mr. Davis presented a power point for the benefit of the viewers concerning the FY’ 14 Budget before the public hearing. The public hearing for the FY’ 14 budget was opened. There were no comments from the public, therefore, the public hearing was closed and the FY’ 14 Budget will be presented for adoption at the next City Commission meeting scheduled for June 10, 2013.

Commissioner Pearson requested that the adoption of the FY’ 14 budget be pushed to the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting due to medical reasons that will hinder her from being present at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager explained that due to the legal advertisement in the newspaper the meeting cannot be change.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, stated that CSX Railroad crew was unable to complete the repairs on Gaskin Avenue. They have informed staff that they will try to have it completed as late as Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. *Media was notified.*

Jacob Lott, City Engineer/ Public Works Director, stated that the reason for delay was that there were more damages than CSX Railroad anticipated.

Terrell Jacobs announced the Beach Bash held on June 4<sup>th</sup> 3p.m.-9p.m. and BRAG (Bicycles Riders Across Georgia) will be here the June 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cheryl Cunningham (Ward 1) appeared before the Mayor and Commission read a statement concerning the conduct of Detective Robert Sprinkle with the Douglas Police Department.

Mayor stated that a response will be given to her in a timely manner.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS-CONTINUED**

Assistant Deputy Chief Brannen Pruette instructed Ms. Cunningham that she will need to file a motion for discovery to receive any information at this time, due to the status of her case.

Roscoe Allen Jr. 765 Estelle Mercer Road (County) questioned the status of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Jacobs responded that the recommendations from the Benefit Personnel Committee concerning the Ad Hoc Committee will be brought forth at the June 10<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting for consideration.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson solicited prayers during absences during the month of June. Commissioner Pearson requested to be briefed concerning the Alcoholic in Ordinance.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the definition of “bowling alley” was left out with the Class III revision. Therefore it was brought back for consideration. This would have given the bowling alley the opportunity to serve alcohol inside the bowling alley area where 50% of their sells are food.

Commissioner Dennis Josey questioned the letters that were sent out concerning recycling.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the recycle carts will be picked up and cleaned. If citizens sign-up to continue services they will receive a recycle cart.

Richard Hutchinson expressed concerns of outsiders establishing private schools. Also he wished his father Boss Hutchinson a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Commissioner Bob Moore discussed the danger of golf carts and electric scooters riding along the streets.

Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- June 1<sup>st</sup> household garbage will be picked up every week.
- Volunteers needed for the “Bicycle Ride Across Georgia” event which will be June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Request for citizens to remove trash reciprocals from the right-away due to the enforcement of the sanitation ordinance.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to adjourn to the Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor James H. Dennis, Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Olivia Pearson and Dennis Josey were in attendance of the Executive Session. Commissioner Ronnie Anderson was absent due to illness.**

**LITIGATIONS**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed litigations with the Mayor and Commission. Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, was in attendance.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, were in attendance.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting, **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson, and **approved** by all. **(5-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** at 8:01 p.m.

CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

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**James H. Dennis, Mayor**

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**Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk**