

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
MARCH 24, 2014**

**A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:04 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Richard Hutchinson present.**

**INVOCATION**

Georgia Henderson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee County High School Naval JROTC Cadets led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

Work Session.....March 10, 2014  
Commission Meeting.....March 10, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the minutes as printed.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the order of the Agenda as discussed in the work session.

**RECOGNITION OF STATE BASKETBALL WINNERS AND RUNNER UP**

Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, brought the Junior Boys (13 & 14) and Mite Boys (9 & 10) to be recognized for their accomplishments at the GRPA games. The Junior Boys were the GRPA State Runner Up, Class B and the Mite Boys were the GRPA State Champions, Class B.

**APPROVED COLLEGE PARK DRIVE CLOSING FOR SGSC GRADUATION**

Upon recommendation of Randall Parker, Building Inspector, the Mayor and Commission approved, as discussed in tonight's work session meeting, the closure of West College Park Drive from 7 AM until 1 PM to ensure safety of the participants and others attending the

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**APPROVED COLLEGE PARK DRIVE CLOSING FOR SGSC GRADUATION – CONTINUED**

graduation ceremony on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Traffic desiring to enter at the closed entrances will be diverted to designated parking areas or allowed to turn around.

A **MOTION** to approve the College Park Drive closing for SGSC graduation was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**6-0**) the closure of West College Park Drive for the SGSC graduation on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR FRESHER BRANDS MANAGEMENT, LLC D.B.A FIRESIDE PIZZA**

Upon recommendation of Randall Parker, Building Inspector, the Mayor and Commission approved the application for alcoholic beverage license, for consumption on premises, for Fresher Brands Management, LLC, d.b.a. Fireside Pizza.

A **MOTION** to approve the application for alcoholic beverage license, for consumption on premises, for Fresher Brands Management, LLC, d.b.a. Fireside Pizza was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**6-0**) to approve the application for alcoholic beverage license, for consumption on premises, for Fresher Brands Management, LLC, d.b.a. Fireside Pizza.

**APPROVED THE RATIFICATION OF SUBMITTAL OF FEMA APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission approved the ratification of submittal of the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

A **MOTION** to approve the ratification of submittal of the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**6-0**) the ratification of submittal of the 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

**APPROVED THE NATURAL GAS CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR C & R SPECIALTY, INC**

Upon recommendation of Michael Hudson, Natural Gas Director, Mayor and Commission approved the Natural Gas Contract Extension for C & R Specialty, Inc.

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**APPROVED THE NATURAL GAS CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR C & R SPECIALTY, INC - CONTINUED**

A **MOTION** to approve the Natural Gas Contract Extension for C & R Specialty, Inc. was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson unanimously **approved the motion (6-0)** to approve the Natural Gas Contract Extension for C & R Specialty, Inc.

**APPROVED THE DATE CHANGES FOR UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Upon recommendation of Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission approved to change the date of some upcoming Commission Meetings due to conflicts. Dates were changed as listed below:

- May 26<sup>th</sup> changed to May 27<sup>th</sup>
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> changed to June 26<sup>th</sup>
- July 14<sup>th</sup> changed to July 10<sup>th</sup>

A **MOTION** to approve the dates of upcoming Commission meetings was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Bob Moore, Ronnie Anderson and Olivia Pearson **unanimously approved the motion (6-0)** to change the dates as listed above.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- Bikes Blues and BBQ Festival will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- 311 Customer Care Center – One Call, That’s All
- Announced Job Openings

Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director announced the following:

- Arts & Crafts Class taught by Karen Merritt for ages 4-12
- Sewing Class taught by Debbie Harper – April 18<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays only) 6-8 PM
- Tiny Tot Egg Hunt – April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM at the Soccer at Field Municipal Park
- Summer Blitz – May 6<sup>th</sup> 4-6 PM
- Night League Softball and Baseball starts next week

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Johnnie Lee Roper, 711 South Daughtry (Commissioner Richard Hutchinson) stated that the flag pole and Civil Rights Plaque on Roper Street would be put up on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

Dewey Hayes, Jr. (Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey) stated his concern about the bamboo on McDonald Ave. He stated that it need to be cleaned up or closed. Mr. Hayes also asked questions regarding the road widening project and RR overpass.

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**GENERAL COMMENTS CONTINUED**

Jack Harper returned again to discuss the situation with his nephew. Mayor Dennis told him that if he had some new information to discuss he would be allowed 3 minutes to speak. However, if he no new information, this concern had already been addressed in the last two meetings.

Larry Nesmith stated that there was a fire at 10 AM this morning out in Hidden Lakes community. The family of 8 people lost everything they had. Asking for help. Please call 912-393-4051. He also informed citizens that the "See Something, Say Something" is working. Due to someone calling in, a robbery was stopped in Bay Meadows.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson commended the young men who sponsored the Fun Day for the Youth at Roundtree Park and thanked them for their good deeds. The Mayor asked Commissioner Pearson to have the young men who sponsored the Fun Day to come to a Commission Meeting so that they could be recognized. Also, Commissioner Pearson announced that there will be a seminar for Land Owners at Young's Chapel on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Commissioner Bob Moore stated that the center lines on the highway are not very visible at night and asked if there were any plans to re-stripe them. Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that there are funds available to address this.

Commissioner Marty Swain stated that we need to something about some speed limit signs or speed bumps on some of our streets. He also stated that for the record he agreed with Commissioner Pearson about the fines for the trash cans. Really think that a warning should be given first before issuing a fine.

Mayor Dennis stated the following:

- Sanitation Ordinance will be effective April 1, 2014
- Spring Junk Free Week – April 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 --- Please take advantage of this
- Take advantage of the "See Something, Say Something" – 260-3600
- Help our burn out victims
- Thanked everyone for their hard work

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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James H. Dennis, Mayor

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Kristi L. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk