

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JUNE 26, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson were present.

INVOCATION

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

Work Session..... June 9, 2014
Commission Meeting..... June 9, 2014

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

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 as published.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda 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 order of the Agenda.

APPROVED DAVID VARNEDORE BUILDING ISSUE

Randall Parker, Building Inspector, made the recommendation to uphold the requirements of the Gateway District within the Unified Land Development Code and require Mr. Varnedore to cover the exposed side of the metal building facing 441 South with an approved material.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson to honor Mr. Varnedore's request of a waiver of variance for the material. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

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APPROVED DAVID VARNEDORE BUILDING ISSUE-(CONTINUED)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **voted in favor** of the motion **(5-1)** to honor the request of a waiver of variance for the material. Commissioner Richard Hutchinson **voted against** the motion.

APPROVED THE MGAG PORTFOLIO IV RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of Mike Hudson, Water/Wastewater/Gas Director, the Commission approved for the Mayor to sign and execute the Gas Supply Portfolio IV Documents submitted by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

A **MOTION** to approve the Mayor to sign and execute the Gas Supply Portfolio IV Documents submitted by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson 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)** for the MGAG Portfolio IV Resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY BOARD VACANCIES

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission approved to appoint Chris Trowell to the Library Board.

A **MOTION** to appoint Chris Trowell to the Library Board was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson 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)** Chris Trowell to the Library Board.

APPROVED THE FY'14 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Commission approved to adopt the Resolution to amend the FY'14 Budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget back in August 12, 2013.

A **MOTION** to approve the adoption of the Resolution to amend the FY'14 Budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget back in August 12, 2013 was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **voted in favor** of the motion to adopt the Resolution to amend the FY'14 budget back in August 12, 2013. Commissioner Richard Hutchinson **voted against** the motion. **(5-1)**

STAFF COMMENTS

Pattie Merritt, Main Street Coordinator announced that the following:

- Community Clean-up Day will be held Saturday July 19th at Pine Street and Gaskin Avenue (adjacent to the 9th Grade Academy) 8a.m. - noon.
- Douglas Exchange Club will host the 4th of July Freedom Feast to be held at the J. C. Adams Municipal Park.
- Summer Meal Program will be served Monday thru Thursday until July 17th.
- Bids: Football and Soccer Equipment-deadline July 14th.
- Satilla Library Summer Reading Program
- South Georgia Indoor and Outdoor Expo will be held August 21st-23rd.

Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreational Director gave an update on (5) five teams that were involved with the All-Star Softball Teams. Boys 12 and under and the 10 and under boys played in Waycross they were both beaten out of the tournament. The (3) three girls divisions ages 14 and under, 12 under 10 and under were hosted by the City of Douglas at the Greg Walker Complex, all (3) three teams won and will advance to the State Tournament in Moultrie, Glenn County and Dublin.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No Comments

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson stated that GMA hosted their Annual Convention in Savannah this past week and she had the opportunity of taking (2) two classes; Alternative Fueling and Money, Money, Money. Commissioner Pearson stated that both classes were very informative and she appreciated the opportunity to be able to sit in and learn what she could. The Money, Money, Money Class was taught by Presenter, Saralyn Stafford a local of Douglas. Commissioner Pearson stated that she will share the information with staff so that these resources will be available to help our city.

Marty Swain stated that we need to be in prayer for our youth in our community due to statistics that were given to him at the GMA Conference showing 7 out of 9 categories (pregnancy, poverty, child abuse) concerning the teens in our community were in the red.

Mayor Dennis stated the following:

- ❖ Encouraged citizens to be safe due to the tragic death of a young child that passed away in a pool accident. Please be careful and attend to young children around water.
- ❖ Also informed citizens concerning a traffic fatality where a pedestrian was killed on the highway.
- ❖ Community Cleanup Day July 19th.
- ❖ Quality of Life Campaign will be announced at a later date.
- ❖ Commissioner Pearson was elected as the GMA Second Vice President of District 11

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- ❖ Commissioner Hutchinson received recognition of Achievement for 72 hours of training and Commissioner Moore received recognition of Distinction for 204 hours of training from GMA.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS-(CONTINUED)

- ❖ Recognized Mike Hudson, Georgia Henderson and Blondale Thomas for the exhibit of our CNG Truck at the GMA Conference.
- ❖ Recognized the Camp 151 Group that is through the Methodist Church. They have 64 workers doing home renovations in our community
- ❖ City Hall will be closed July 4th
- ❖ Advised every one of the Tip Line ---- “See or know something... Say Something
- ❖ Wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey to adjourn the regular meeting and to enter into the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Mayor James H. Dennis, Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain and Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Olivia Pearson, Ronnie Anderson and Dennis Josey were in attendance of the Executive Session.

LITIGATION AND 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.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion to adjourn Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The Commission unanimously approved (**6-0**) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

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Affidavit

The undersigned presiding officer, under oath, certifies that at a City of Douglas Commission Meeting, held on June 26th, 2014, the Mayor and Commission closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 through 50-14-6]. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed meeting are as indicated below:

_____ To discuss future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4)].

_____ To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6)].

_____ To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

This day of 26th January, 2014

Signature of Presiding Officer

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me
On The Above Indicated Date:

Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires _____

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to enter into executive session.