

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JANUARY 26, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Mike Gowen, Kentaiwon Durham, Cindy McNeill and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor Tony L. Paulk.

INVOCATION

Pastor Willie Carter, Move of God Deliverance Center, provided the invocation.
(Barbara Paulk gave a song selection dedicated to Commissioner Roper)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed in the Work Session.

Work Session.....January 11, 2016
Commission Meeting.....January 11, 2016

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as printed. A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 1 - AIRFIELD CRACK SEAL & REMARKING PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, Commission approved the Work Authorization No. 1 submitted by Michael Page 14 Baker International, Airport Consultants, for the construction phase of the Airfield Crack Seal and Marking Project at the Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport in the amount of \$33,988.00. Also, authorize the local 5% match in the amount of \$1,699.40 to be funded from SPLOST V funds.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commission Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

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APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR K & M PATEL ENTERPRISES, INC.

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, Commission approved the application for Alcohol Beverage License for K&M Patel Enterprises.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RECREATION BOARD VACANCY

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director, announced the vacancy on the Recreation Board and stated that the city will advertise the vacancy on Channel 13 for two weeks.

No Action Taken information purposes only

APPROVAL OF THE GMA VOTING DELEGATE

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved to appoint Mike Hudson, Utility Director as the primary voting delegate and Commissioner Bob Moore for MGAG.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved to appoint Mayor Tony Paulk as the primary delegate and Commissioner Bob Moore as the alternate for MEAG.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE MCT INCUMBENCY & SIGNATORY CERTIFICATE FORM AND RESOLUTION (MEAG)

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved for Mayor Tony L. Paulk and Mike Hudson's (Utilities Director) titles and names to be used on the MCT Incumbency & Signatory Certificate and also approved for Mayor Tony L. Paulk to sign the Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Utilities Director signing authority going forth.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- Transformation Boot Camp has already begun; individuals that are interested may sign up with the Parks and Recreation Department
- Douglas Coffee County Parks and Recreation Department will have a Winter Clay Works Youth Ceramics held on Wednesdays January 13th, 20th and 27th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Ceramics Studio
- Douglas Coffee County Parks and Recreation Baseball and Softball Registration now-January 22nd Regular registration is January 25th- February 5th
- Last day to register for Douglas 101 Citizens Academy Program will be February 29th
- Traveling Exhibit remembering our fallen will be displayed at the National Guard Armory February 8th at 10 a.m.
- Bids will be taken February 16th from those that are interested in providing variety of events and day-to-day management of the Martin Center
- Pre-bid will take place for interested parties concerning the proposal for the Martin Center on held February 9th

Terrell Jacobs thanked everyone that participated with the “Day-on” Clean-up Project that was held at the Nicholls Cemetery There were approximately 60 individuals that participated.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gowen stated that he attended Mayor’s Day in Atlanta and thought it was a good conference with a lot of information. He is hoping to use this information to help the city.

Commissioner McNeill thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and stated that the Ethics class was very interesting. She also stated that the Commission works for the people and has everyone’s best interest at heart.

Commissioner Durham reiterated regarding the Mayors Day Conference and thanked everyone that participated with the MLK Program. He thanked the City Commissioners and Mayor for their prayers and support during his time of illness.

Commissioner Roper thanked Pastor Willie Carter for the invocation and Minister Barbara Paulk for the selection at tonight’s Commission meeting.

Commissioner Moore stated he was not able to attend the Mayor’s Day Conference, but was glad Mayor and Commission had the opportunity to attend.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Mayor Pro-Tem Pearson stated that the Mayor's Day Conference was a great success and very informative. She also thanked Pastor Willie Carter for the invocation and Minister Barbara Paulk for the song selection. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson encouraged citizens to participate with the 101 Citizens Academy.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tony Paulk expressed the importance of "Pastor" Dr. Martin Luther King's Day. He suggested that we should make this Pastor Appreciation Day, because this is the ultimate time for all Clergy and Pastors to be very active in the community. He stated that he hopes to provide a guiding light to the new officials just as Mayor Pro-Tem Olivia Pearson and Commission Johnnie Roper did for him his first year being elected. He stated that they will govern the city to the best of their abilities. He assured the citizens that sometimes the Board will meet the City's expectations and sometimes they will not, but they assured everyone that they will do their best. Mayor Paulk stated "I have one goal and one goal only. It's very simple to do the very best that we can do as a Mayor and a Commission."

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. The Commission approved (**6-0**) to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:20 PM.

Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk