

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
MAY 11, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Marty Swain, Bob Moore, Dennis Josey present. Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper absent due to death of spouse and Commissioner Olivia Pearson was out of town.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Donald Carver, Electric Department Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Sr. Chief Petty Officer Hunt.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Called Work Session – April 16, 2009
Work Session – April 27, 2009
Commission Meeting – April 27, 2009**

Commissioner Marty Swain made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, presented a budget report to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING PROPERTY AT 1120 WEST BAKER HIGHWAY

Following second reading and public hearing, the Commission unanimously approved **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 1120 WEST BAKER HWY FROM R-3, RESIDENTIAL TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS, LAND OF CORY CARTER.**

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MODULAR HOMES/ZONING ISSUE

Upon request of Sage Barnwell, Fleetwood Homes, to allow modular homes in R-1 and R-2 zones, the Commission unanimously approved a motion for staff to proceed with Zoning Ordinance Amendment Procedures as requested.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT APPLICATION

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously authorized for Mayor Wilson to execute a resolution authorizing the submittal of Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Application with the Department of Homeland Security for Region 8 Haz Mat Team in an amount up to \$58,000 for twenty-five (25) sets of Turnout Gear; ten (10) Handheld Radios and one (1) Set of Jaws of Life and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the grant application and grant documents upon approval. Ms. Batten also stated that the local match of \$14,500 will be provided with Region 8 Haz Mat funds and the City of Douglas Fire Department's budget on a 50/50 basis for a total project cost of \$72,500.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF ELECTION OF GMA DISTRICT 11 OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Upon request of City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, the Commission unanimously approved the following city officials who were nominated for District 11 Officers for 2009-2010:

- President: David Hetzel, Councilmember, Tifton
- First Vice President: Travis Harper, Councilmember, Nashville
- Second Vice President: John Eunice, Councilmember, Valdosta
- Third Vice President: Tom Davis, Mayor, Blackshear

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Mr. Jacobs also stated that final approval of these officers will occur at the membership business session to be held at the Annual GMA Convention in Savannah in June.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF UTILIZATION OF CENTRAL SQUARE BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Upon recommendation from City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, the Commission unanimously approved to partner with the local Georgia Department of Labor to facilitate processing unemployment claims for Pilgrim's Pride employees by use of Central Square facility on May 19th & 20th (8am – 5pm); May 21st (8am – 12 noon).

Commissioner Marty Swain made the motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE ALAPAHA TUTORING CENTER AND COMMUNITY IN SCHOOL AND UTILIZATION OF CITY FACILITIES

Upon recommendation from City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, the Commission unanimously approved the Summer Lunch Program and to partnership with the Alapaha Tutoring Center and Community in School and utilization of City facilities for the purpose of providing this program along with assistance from Sears Street Church of God By Faith and Community in Action Youth Net Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

COMMENTS

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that a representative from FEMA had requested to be on the agenda, but was not present. Mr. Jacobs also wanted to express appreciation, along with Mayor Wilson and Commission, to GEMA/FEMA officials for their responsiveness to our citizens in their time of need.

Mayor Wilson also stated that Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper was absent due to the death of his wife, Robbie Roper, and to keep the Roper family in our thoughts and prayers and also Commissioner Olivia Pearson was out of town.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk

