

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JUNE 25, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Commissioners Johnnie L. Roper, Marty Swain, Bob Moore, Dennis Josey and Olivia Pearson present. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jackie L. Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session – June 8, 2009
Commission Meeting – June 8, 2009**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Bob Moore 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 Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS PRESENTED AT GMA CONVENTION

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, recognized Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper for receiving his GMA Training Certificate of Excellence and also recognized Mayor Jackie L. Wilson for her induction into the GMA Hall of Fame at the GMA Annual Convention held recently in Savannah.

APPROVAL OF FY'10 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Commission unanimously approved the adoption of a Resolution approving the FY'10 Budget of \$55,255,825 as presented, including the Water/WasteWater Rate Increase of 20% to effective July 1, 2009.

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

APPROVAL OF FY'09 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Commission unanimously approved the adoption of a Resolution to amend the FY'09 General Fund Budget to reflect changes in expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOU

Upon recommendation from Donald Carver, Electric Department Director, the Commission unanimously approved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation who will be implementing a program to remove, relocate or mitigate hazardously located utility poles in a reasonable, cost effective manner from that portion of the right-of-way determined to be the clear zone.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF GEMA GRANT-GRANTEE AGREEMENT – HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved to authorize Mayor Wilson to execute the Grantee-Subgrantee Agreement for funds awarded to the Douglas Fire Department by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency from the Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2008 Homeland Security State Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of equipment for the Region 8 Haz Mat Team.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper made the motion for approval and
Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

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APPROVAL OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WORK AUTHORIZATION 14 RUNWAY 4/22 OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved Work Authorization No. 14 for professional services submitted by The LPA Group, Inc., in association with Statewide Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$28,016.00 for work involved in preparing for the obstruction removal at the southern end of the runway and authorized the local match in the amount of \$701.00 to be funded from SPLOST 2000 funds. A grant from DOT will fund \$700.00 while FAA funds will be received in the amount of \$26,615.00 on this project.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WORK AUTHORIZATION 15 – FUEL FARM PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved Work Authorization No. 15 for professional services submitted by The LPA Group, Inc., in association with Statewide Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$40,279.00 for the design phase of the airport new fuel farm and authorized local funds in the amount of \$2,013.95 from SPLOST 2000 funds and also an FAA grant in the amount of \$38,265.05 will be received on this project.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WORK AUTHORIZATION 16 – TERMINAL APRON EXPANSION AND PAVEMENT REPAIRS DESIGN PHASE

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved Work Authorization No. 16 for professional services submitted by The LPA Group, Inc., in association with

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Statewide Engineering Company, Inc., in the amount of \$67,798.00 for the design phase of the terminal apron expansion and pavement repairs and authorized local funds in the amount of \$3,389.90 from SPLOST 2000 funds and also an FAA grant in the amount of \$64,408.10 will be received on this project.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF APPEALS REAPPOINTMENT

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Division, the Commission unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Elton Reese to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Parker stated that the vacancy was advertised as per City policy, but no one other than Mr. Reese indicated any interest in serving in this capacity. The term for this appointment will be for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF 2009 ANNUAL FOOTBALL/SOCCER BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Commission unanimously approved the low bids for Football and Soccer supplies to be purchased as needed for a grand total of \$18,516.86:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Low Bid Items</u>		<u>Total Low Bids</u>
Anaconda Sports, Inc.	G	\$	159.00
Cannon Sports, Inc.	E, M, & N	\$	190.92
J. P. Sports, Inc.	J & L	\$	4,682.66
Sports Supply Group/BSN	H & I	\$	150.93
The Sport Shop, Inc.	C, D, F, & K	\$	3,471.35
Ultimate Graphics Plus	A & B	\$	9,862.00

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Commissioner Marty Swain made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission approved for staff to begin advertising process on Channel 13 seeking a replacement for deceased member Charles Williams on the Coffee County Public Library Board of Trustees. This term will begin on July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR GEFA SOUTHSIDE SEWER LINING PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the filing of a 2009 Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority Application for potential stimulus funding in the amount of \$3,800,000 for the Southside Sewer Lining Stimulus Project which will be funded with 70% grant funds from GEFA and 30% local funds from the city.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE HUDSON AS NATURAL GAS DIRECTOR

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Mike Hudson as Natural Gas Director effective July 15, 2009. Mr. Hudson stated that he looked forward to working with the City of Douglas and expressed his appreciation to the Commission in confirming his appointment as Natural Gas Director.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Roper seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP WITH COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNAGE AT THE ENTRANCE OF
J. C. ADAMS MUNICIPAL PARK**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission approved to partnership with the Board of Education to replace/construct signage at the entrance of J. C. Adams Municipal Park. This partnership is contingent upon approval by the School Board at their meeting on June 25th. If approved, the City funding will come from City/County Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Funds.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion. Commissioner Bob Moore and Mayor Jackie L. Wilson also voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper voted against the motion stating that he would like to have more time to discuss this item. Commissioner Olivia Pearson abstained from voting.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mayor Wilson stated that Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson was absent due to vacation and also City Clerk Wynetta Bolder was absent due to death of her father in Jacksonville, FL.

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, stated that on Saturday, July 4th, Freedom Fest 2009 will be sponsored by the Douglas Exchange Club and the City of Douglas at JC Adams Municipal Park with gates opening at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT-EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a Litigation Item. Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval to enter into Executive Session and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

LITIGATION ISSUE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, discussed a litigation issue with the Commissioners, no action was taken.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session back to Regular Commission Meeting and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:40 pm.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk

