

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, February 24th, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Kentaiwon Durham, Mike Gowen, Edwin Taylor, Bob Moore, and Olivia Pearson were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Tony Paulk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission.

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER BOB MOORE)

Pastor Matt Rutland gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as printed. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made a **MOTION** approving the order of the Agenda and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. Mayor Pro Tem McNeill and Commissioner Moore, Durham, and Gowen voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson **opposed** the motion. *(Commissioner Pearson stated that she had not yet reviewed the minutes)* The motion **carried (5-1)**.

RECOGNITION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JOE SIMPSON

Mayor Tony Paulk asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Joe Simpson, with the Electric Department, that was in a fatal automobile accident.

RECOGNITION OF COFFEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

Mayor Tony Paulk recognized Coffee County School Wrestling Team. Mr. Kentice Brockington, Assistant Coach, and Head Coach Paulk appeared before the Commission to speak of the Wrestling Team's accomplishments in the state and region.

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN CITIZEN'S ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor Tony Paulk and the Coach of CCA recognized CCA's Girls' Basketball team. Coach acknowledged that the team ended the season (W) 18-10 (L).

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COMMISSIONER PEARSON'S DISCUSSION OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner stated that she did not approve the minutes from the last meeting. She said that the minutes is reflecting there is a discussion of her two items at the February 10th work session meeting. She stated that this was incorrect, and there was no discussion of her two items at the work session. Commissioner Pearson noted that the Mayor chose not to discuss her two items. Also, it reflects at the Regular Meeting that there was discussion. The minutes also failed to mention the meeting was adjourn while she was talking. Commissioner Pearson stated as a point of clarification the minutes needed to reflect that those minutes were incorrect.

Commissioner Pearson made a motion to amend the minutes because they were incorrect and was seconded by Commissioner Durham. Commissioner Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner Gowen, Moore, and Mayor Paulk voted against the motion. The motion carried (3-4)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE FY' 20 WORK PLAN PROJECTS**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE WORK AUTHORIZATION AIRFIELD AND PAVEMENT EVALUATION PROJECT**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

MOTION to approve all **Consent Agenda Items** listed above, as discussed in the Work Session, was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill. The motion **carried (5-0)** Commissioner Pearson **abstained**.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 MINUTES

Mayor Tony Paulk entertained a motion to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes, and motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. Commissioner Gowen and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Durham and Pearson voted against the motion. Motion carried 4-2

APPROVAL OF THE EDA APPOINTMENT

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, City Manager, for Commission to approve the appointment of Mayor Paulk to the EDA for another term of four years.

MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill.

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Discussion: Commissioner Pearson feels that someone else should serve, and she cannot support someone that deliberately sabotages, manipulates, and dictates the City Council Meetings. Commissioner Gowen stated he disagrees with those remarks from Commissioner Pearson. Commissioner Durham asked if that was the same appointment he was interested in serving. Commissioner Pearson said that it was the same appointment.

Commissioners Gowen and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Durham abstained, and Commissioner Pearson voted against the motion. The motion **carried (4-1)**

APPROVAL OF THE DOUGLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) P-105 COUNTER SNIPER POLICY

Upon recommendation, Chief Edmisten recommends that the Commission approve the Douglas Police Department Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) P-105 Counter Sniper policy. Commissioner Gowen made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Discussion: Commissioner Pearson opposed the motion. She stated that she was not forwarded enough information that would allow her to be comfortable enough to vote in favor of the Counter Sniper Policy. Commissioner Gowen said he appreciate all the effort from the staff, and it needs to be adopted.

Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner Taylor, and Durham voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson voted against the motion. Motion carried 5-1

FIRST READING-AMENDING THE PAWNBROKER ORDINANCE

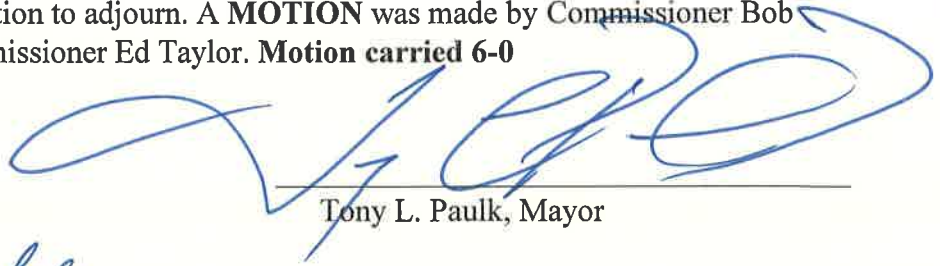
City Attorney Jerome Adams appeared before the Commission to conduct the first reading of amending the Pawnbroker Ordinance **"AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, BUSINESSES, ARTICLE VII, PAWNBROKERS, SECTION 22-176 THRU 22-200; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES:** the ordinance be read for the first time tonight and read for the second at the March 9, 2020 meeting.

No action taken

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ed Taylor. **Motion carried 6-0**

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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Wynetta J. Bolder, is written over a horizontal line.

Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC