

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
DECEMBER 28, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, December 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Kentaiwon Durham, Mike Gowen, Bob Moore, and Olivia Pearson were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER EDWIN TAYLOR)

Minister Bobbie Jean Taylor gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The **MOTION** carried (6-0) to approve the order of the agenda made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill. There was no motion seconded (According to the City Charter, a motion to second be not required).

SECOND READING- REZONING OF 3.181 ACRES ON WEST BAKER HWY

City Attorney, Jerome Adams, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading and the public hearing during tonight's meeting. **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE ORDINANCES, OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED ON WEST BAKER HIGHWAY FROM G-C, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO G-W, GATEWAY."** Commissioner Pearson asked what district and what could be placed in this area. Mr. Adams stated that *property located directly behind Vickers Music* and Rodger Goddard, City Marshall said that retail shops and banks built on that property. City Attorney Jerome Adams noted that the ordinance was ready for action.

MOTION to approve the second reading of the ordinance to amend Rezoning of 3.181 Acres on West Baker Hwy. was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2020 WS/REG MINUTES
2. APPROVAL FOR THE BID AWARD FOR WELL #4 ELEVATED TANK **FUNDING:**
FY21 SPLOST V BUDGET LINE ITEM WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
320/1000-54.1406 PILGRIMS PRIDE DONATION
3. APPROVAL OF THE AIRBASE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE TO APPOINT **MR. STANLEY LOTT** ANOTHER THREE-YEAR TERM,
FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2023.
4. APPROVAL OF THE HE MLK MOTORCADE/PARADE ROUTE

The **MOTION** carried (6-0) to approve all **Consent Agenda Items** listed above, as discussed in the Work Session, was made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill motioned to reconsider approving the Alcohol License item for 915 S. Gaskin Avenue. Commissioner Mike Gowen seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Durham stated that this could not rescind unless 2/3 of the majority of that vote. Commissioner Pearson said that voting on this item could not be done through the minutes but has to be brought back as an item.

City Attorney Jerome Adams stated that *Section 2.39 Before the minutes of any preceding meeting of the board of commissioners are confirmed, any member may move to reconsider any question, motion, resolution or other matter or thing contained in the minutes of such previous meeting; and if such reconsideration is voted by a majority of the members present.* Mr. Adams stated that you do not have to rescind the motion because the minutes were not officially approved.

Commissioner Durham asked for Mayor Paulk to step out of the meeting while they are discussing this matter. Mr. Adams stated that it would be up to Mayor Paulk if he would like to leave the meeting.

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**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES-
CONTINUE**

Mayor Paulk stated that at no point did he feel that he violated the conflict of interest rule. He discussed the Charter Section 2-477. Mayor Paulk said that the City Attorney Jerome Adams reviewed the contract, and the contract was no dependant upon not alcohol license. Mayor Paulk does not benefit from receiving alcohol licenses.

Mr. Adams stated that Mayor Paulk does not have a conflict of interest regarding the occupants receiving an alcohol license.

Mayor Pro Tem McNeill stated that the business on 913 S. Gaskin Avenue is within the guidelines of what was set forth by the State of Georgia, Code Enforcement, and the City of Douglas Police Department. The owners of the store have done due diligence from a legal standpoint. The item regarding reconsidering the vote on the Alcohol license on 915 S. Gaskins Avenue on November 23, 2020, and seconded by Commissioner Gowen, motion carried (4-2-1), Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner Moore, Gowen, and Mayor Paulk voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Taylor (abstained), Commissioner Pearson, and Gowen voted against the motion.

Mike Gowen made a motion to approve the November 23, 2020 Minutes with the updated changes. Mayor Pro Tem McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Gowen, motion carried (4-2), Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner Moore, Gowen, and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson and Durham voted against the motion.

FIRST READING- REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 1505 E. WARD ST.

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the first reading of the request to rezone the property at 1505 E. Ward Street. **AN ORDINANCE OF AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA LOCATED ON 1505 E. WARD STREET FROM G-W, GENERAL GATEWAY TO G-C, GENERAL COMMERCIAL.** The second reading and the public hearing this item and brought forth at the January 11, 2021 meeting. Staff will advertise in the Douglas Enterprise in between the first and second reading.

No action at this time.

**FIRST READING- REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION AND REZONING OF 80.13 ACRES
ON THOMPSON DR.**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the first reading of the request to rezone the property at 80.13 acres on Thompson Drive.

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**FIRST READING- REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION AND REZONING OF 80.13 ACRES
ON THOMPSON DR.-CONTINUE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS,
GEORGIA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF
GEORGIA ANNOTATED TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER
PURPOSES OF AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN
THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA LOCATED ON 1505 E. WARD STREET FROM
G-W, GENERAL GATEWAY TO G-C, GENERAL COMMERCIAL.** The second reading
and the public hearing this item and brought forth at the January 11, 2021 meeting. Staff will
advertise in the Douglas Enterprise in between the first and second reading.

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**APPROVAL OF THE CMAR CONTRACT AMENDMENT #6-CITY HALL
RENOVATION AND EXPANSION**

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, City Manager contracts for the CMAR Contract
Amendment #6-City Hall's renovation and expansion project was presented for approval. These
amendments cover the construction of the Premier Sports Complex, totaling \$4,680,900.00.

The motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy
McNeill. The motion carried (4-2) Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner Moore, Gowen, and
Taylor voted **in favor** of the motion. Commissioner Pearson and Durham voted **against** the
motion.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Pearson stated no minority contractors are allowed to do the work. Therefore she
cannot consciously approve this item. She asked for documents regarding the purchasing policy.

**APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JET FOOD STORE
OF GA. INC.**

Rodger Goddard Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to seek
approval of an alcoholic beverage license for Jet Food Stores, Inc., D.B.A. Jet Food Store #94.

Mayor Pro Tem McNeill made the motion, seconded was made by Commissioner Moore. Mike
Gowen made a motion to approve the November 23, 2020 Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem McNeill and
second by Commissioner Moore, motion carried (4-2), Mayor Pro Tem McNeill, Commissioner
Moore, Gowen, and Mayor Paulk voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Taylor, Pearson,
and Gowen voted against the motion.

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**APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JET FOOD STORE
OF GA. INC. -CONTINUE**

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Pearson stated that based on the school being located close to the store, she is opposing.

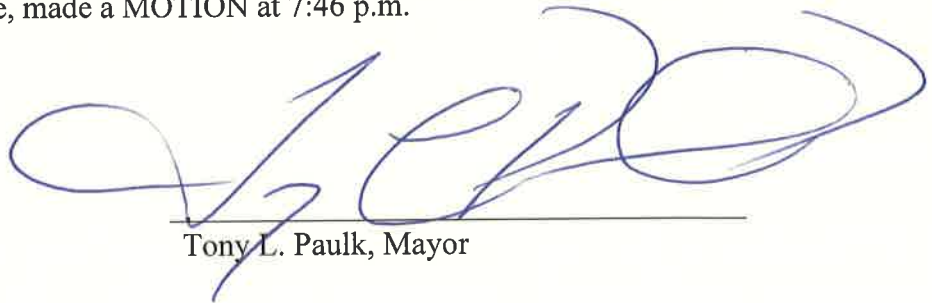
STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Pearson requested information regarding the reimbursement of the money given by the State for public safety.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill, motioned and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore, made a MOTION at 7:46 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0



Tony L. Paulk, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

