

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA**  
**MAY 10, 2021**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center, with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding. Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Moore, Commissioners Mike Gowen, Edwin Taylor, Kentaiwon Durham, and Cindy McNeill were present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER KENTAIWON DURHAM)**

Tommy Harrell, Finance Director, 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 (5-0) to approve the order of the agenda made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

**DISCUSSED AND APPROVE TO DISCLOSE CONFLICT OF INTEREST-CDBG**

Georgia Henderson appeared before the Commission to discuss and disclaim any conflicts of interest in the proposed target area for the Community Development Block Grant 2021 (CDBG) application.

Mrs. Henderson explained that the items were previously approved as a consent item during the regular meeting on April 26, 2021, but needed to be listed on the common agenda as separate items. A submittal resolution is required to apply for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Local governments submitting an application for the 2021 CDBG funds must comply with federal "Conflict of Interest" regulations. Mrs. Henderson also stated that the 2021 CDBG application seeks housing rehabilitation funds in the proposed project area commonly known as the "Mill Quarters." The target boundary of the application for grant funds is within the boundary of West Bryan Street roughly bounds this area on the North, South Grady Avenue on the East, West Baker Highway on the South, and Kennedy Circle on the West. The City of Douglas can apply for funds up to \$750,000.00. The project amount requested is \$636,875.00 with \$1,000.00 in leverage/in-kind toward completing the proposed project and will contribute to permitting and inspection \$2,232.00 fees.

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**DISCUSS DISCLOSE CONFLICT OF INTEREST-CDBG-CONTINUED**

Those making a statement of Conflict of Interest included Commissioner Kentaiwon, Commissioner Ward 2, and Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director. The possible conflicts of interest arise from the fact that Mrs. Mary Bell Carter, who is the grandmother of Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, and Mrs. Eunice Stewart, who is the aunt of Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham are both applicants in the grant for these housing rehabilitations. It was also disclosed that the residence of Ms. Brenda Moore, who is the sister-in-law of Georgia Henderson, City of Douglas Community Development Director, is within the target area where the neighborhood revitalization is scheduled to occur, but she is not an applicant.

The **MOTION** carried (4-0) approval to seek verification of any or no conflicts of interest on the proposed target map area for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant. A proper letter can be executed by Mayor Tony Paulk and forwarded along with the grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, made by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. Commissioner McNeill and Gowen also approved. Commissioner Durham abstained due to conflict of interest.

**DISCUSS SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION CDBG 2021 APPLICATION**

Georgia Henderson appeared before the Commission to approve a resolution authorizing the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) submittal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Mrs. Henderson stated that this item was previously approved as a consent item during the regular meeting on April 26, 2021, but needed to list the common agenda as separate items. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission is in the process of preparing the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and is requesting approval of the resolution authorizing of the application and for Mayor Tony L. Paulk to execute any further documents associated with the application process. The city requires no matching funds of Douglas. The 2021 CDBG application seeks housing rehabilitation and reconstruction funds in the proposed project area commonly known as the "Mill Quarters." Roughly bounded by W. Bryan St. on the North, S. Grady Ave. on the East, W. Baker Highway on the South, and Kennedy Circle on the West. The City of Douglas plans to apply for \$636,875.00. **FUNDING:** The City of Douglas will match \$1,000 in leverage/in-kind toward completion of the proposed project and will contribute permitting and inspection fees in the amount of \$2,232. Resident applicants pay 3-8% of their annual income as a match depending on where they land on the HUD Income limits determined by County by Median Family Income estimates. 30% and below pays 3%, 30%-50% pays 5% and 50%-80% pays 8%.

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**DISCUSS SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION CDBG 2021 APPLICATION**

The **MOTION** carried (4-0) approving a resolution authorizing the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This submittal was given to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for housing rehabilitation and reconstruction. The proposed project area, commonly known as the "Mill Quarters," roughly bounded W. Bryan Street and on the North, S. Grady Ave. on the East, W. Baker Highway on the South, and Kennedy Circle on the West. The estimated amount is \$640,000, made by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. Commissioner Durham abstained due to conflict of interest.

**RECOGNITION OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL/TEEN COURT 2021 SENIORS**

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk, along with Mayor Tony Paulk and Dinitra Williams, Teen Coordinator, presented the following for serving on the Mayor's Youth Council and Teen Court:  
Caleb Bagley/Mayor's Youth Council  
Will Waldron/Mayor's Youth Council  
Isaiah Paulk/Teen Court

**FLAG DAY PROCLAMATION AND DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION**

Mayor Tony Paulk signed and declared June as "Flag Month." Mr. Jerome Loving and a representative of the American Legion recognized the Police, Fire, and Recreational Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2021 WORK SESSION/REGULAR MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (JEFF HENNESY)
3. APPROVAL OF THE 2021 GEORGIA CLASSIC MAIN STREET MOU **FUNDING**: DCA PROGRAM INCOME ACCT #2 - \$20,000
4. APPROVAL OF THE L GRANT FUNDS - 1913 FRANK JACKSON CIRCLE (2017 CHIP REHAB) **FUNDING**: DCA PROGRAM INCOME ACCT #2 OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCE - \$20,000

The **MOTION** carried (4-0) to approve all **Consent Agenda Items** listed above, as discussed in the Work Session, made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

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**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to announce that staff will adequately publicize the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission for two weeks, or until applications are received, and an agenda item will come back before City Commission to appoint a member.

No informational action purposes

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to announce that staff will adequately publicize the Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy for two weeks or until applications are received. At that time, an agenda item will come back before City Commission for an approval appointment.

No informational action purposes

**GENERAL COMMENTS**


No comments.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:23 p.m. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made a MOTION and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill Motion carried (5-0)



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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor



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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC