

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

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, May 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Moore Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Mike Gowen, Kentaiwon Durham, and Cindy McNeill were present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent.

REVIEW OF April 12, 2021 MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony L. Paulk was to review the minutes from April 26, 2021 ((Work Session./Regular Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Tony L. Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek permission to publicize the vacancy on the Douglas Historic Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Douglas Historic Preservation Commission seeks to fill a vacant seat on the board, being that Mr. Chris Trowell, who resigned on April 23, 2021, with a term expiring December 31, 2023. Staff would like to follow the standard procedure to publicize for two weeks or until applications are received and then bring the item before the Mayor and Commission for approval of the appointment

Mrs. Henderson also stated that the City Code stipulates that all members must reside in the City of Douglas and shall be persons who have demonstrated particular interest, experience, or education in history, architecture, or the preservation of historic resources.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this on the Regular Meeting for announcement purposes.

DISCUSS APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek approval to appoint a new member to the Downtown Development Authority.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Douglas Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking to fill the vacant seat, which became vacant upon the resignation of Tracy McClelland. Staff followed the standard procedures to publicize for two weeks and received an application. Upon the recommendation of DDA, staff recommends appointing Mr. Jeff Hennesy to serve the remaining term through December 31, 2022.

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**DISCUSS APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY-CONTINUED**

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL TO PUBLICIZE THE APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek permission to publicize vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Elton Reese, who is deceased. Staff would like to follow the standard procedure to publicize for two weeks or until applications are received and then bring the item before Mayor and Commission for approval of the appointment. The newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the term through June 30, 2021, or to appoint to a four-year term through June 30, 2024.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this on the Regular Meeting for announcement purposes.

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A REDEVELOPMENT
AREA STRATEGY (RAS) DESIGNATION**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and approve a submittal resolution for the City of Douglas to apply for a Redevelopment Area Strategy designation for areas presented on the proposed target map.

Mrs. Henderson stated on Friday, April 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., staff held a public hearing at the Central Square Complex, Teen Center, and Douglas, Georgia.

Mrs. Henderson also stated that The Revitalization Area Strategy designation provides incentives to communities who implement comprehensive redevelopment activities for targeted areas in their city or county. A local government with a RAS designation may receive up to 20 bonus points on its annual CDBG application and the ability to apply annually for CDBG funds for three years, provided that all the criteria have been met. The areas chosen for this program must have located within a census block group(s) with 20% or greater poverty where an Urban Redevelopment Plan has have adopted.

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DISCUSSED S 2021 GEORGIA CLASSIC MAIN STREET MOU

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2021 - 2022 year for the Douglas Main Street Program.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Office of Downtown Development, has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be approved by the City Commission and executed by Mayor Tony L. Paulk. The MOU spells out criteria met by the City of Douglas, Main Street, and DCA. This MOU is a requirement of the National Main Street Program and will be in effect from July 2021 through June 30, 2022.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this item on the **Consent Agenda**

**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE GRANT FUNDS - 1913 FRANK JACKSON CIRCLE
(2017 CHIP REHAB)**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek funds to complete a total rehabilitation on the last home under the 2017 CHIP grant.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the City of Douglas is processing the last home to rehabilitate under the 2017 Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant, located at 1913 Frank Jackson Circle. The bid amount of \$69,150 is more than the balance in the 2017 CHIP grant funds. The property owner is Ms. Lavouns Moffett, whose home has suffered severe water and termite damage, so much so that she is unable to live in the house. The balance from the 2017 CHIP grant is \$49,906. For to make the necessary total rehab, an additional amount of \$20,000 is has been requested from the DCA Program Income account or other appropriate funding sources

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GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

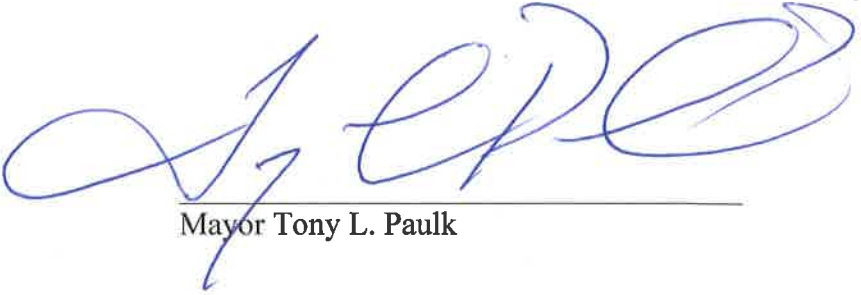
CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES

Charles Davis, City Manager requested to have a Call Budget Meeting, May 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC