

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 23, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 7:58 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center, with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding. Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Mike Gowen, Olivia Pearson, Kentaiwon Durham, and Cindy McNeill were present. Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Moore was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER OLIVIA PEARSON)

Elder Michael Newton gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission's consensus was to remove the discussion of Executive Order 13985 and the American Rescue Plan from the Regular meeting's agenda.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL AS AFFILIATE WITH KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL, INC.
2. APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISHING A KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE
3. APPROVAL OF THE BID AWARD FOR AIRFIELD ELECTRICAL REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION - DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
4. APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTOR FOR CDBG 2020 BEHAVIOR HEALTH GRANT 20P-Z-034-2-6128
5. APPROVAL OF THE FY'21 BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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WORK SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

PUBLICIZE VACANCIES ON THE KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, announced the Keep Douglas Beautiful Committee (KDB) Board seeks to fill vacancies. The newly appointed member will serve until the decision to resign. Anyone desiring to serve on KDB must meet the following requirements. Keep Douglas beautiful seeks to promote environmental sustainability and educate the community to take action every day to increase safety, reduce litter from our open spaces and waterways, improve recycling effort, and keep Douglas beautiful. The volunteer must strive to better the community and seek to be an active member of KDB.

No action taken at this time

APPROVAL OF THE WORK AUTHORIZATION #8 - GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to recommend approving a General Service Agreement between the City of Douglas and Michael Baker International for professional service work provided to the Douglas Municipal Airport that falls outside the grant-funded projects.

The **MOTION** carried (4-1) to approve the Work Authorization #8 - General Service Agreement for Douglas Municipal Airport made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen. Commissioners McNeill and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson voted against the motion.

Commissioner Pearson stated she does not have enough information.

APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION #9 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - AIRFIELD ELECTRICAL REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to recommend approving a Work Authorization for Professional Services for Engineering Services between the City of Douglas and Michael Baker International for the Douglas Municipal Airport Airfield Electrical Replacement Construction project.

The **MOTION** carried (4-1) to approve the Work Authorization #8 - General Service Agreement for Douglas Municipal Airport made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen. Commissioners McNeill and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson voted against the motion.

Commissioner Pearson stated she does not have enough information.

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**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE-OF-FORCE
VIRTUAL-REALITY TRAINING SIMULATOR**

Shane Edmisten, Chief of Police, appeared before the Commission to recommend approving the purchase of a use-of-force virtual-reality training simulator for training officers and enhancing community-relation efforts. The use of this training simulator will assist in preparing officers for real-life use-or-force scenarios. It can also be utilized during events to strengthen community relations. See attached quote and sole-source letter.

The **MOTION** carried (4-1) to approve the Work Authorization #8 - General Service Agreement for Douglas Municipal Airport made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen. Commissioners McNeill and Taylor voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Pearson voted against the motion.

Commissioner Pearson stated she was not aware of the training and not enough information.

FIRST READING- APPROVAL OF 2021 MILLAGE TAX ORDINANCE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, conducted the first reading to approve the first reading of the 2021 Millage Tax ordinance. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PROPOSED FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES.** Jerome Adams, City Attorney, will read for the second time at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission after properly advertising the Caption as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia, on September 13, 2021.

No action taken at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made a MOTION and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor Motion carried (5-0)


Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC


Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

