

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
DECEMBER 29, 2021**

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding, and Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor, Commissioners Cindy McNeill and Kentaiwon Durham were present. Commissioners Olivia Pearson and Mike Gowen was absent.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 13, 2021 MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony L. Paulk was to review the minutes from December 13, 2021 ((W.S./Reg 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 move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF THE COFFEE CAUSE FOR PAUSE FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR CENTRAL SQUARE GYMNASIUMS

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director appeared before the Mayor and Commission to reduce the fee of the usage of the Central Square Gymnasium, to charge the administrative fee. Reluctant to only charge administrative fee. Only charging administrative fee puts department in the position of choosing what events are worthy of having fees waived.

Mr. Young explained Coffee Cause for Pause sent a letter to reserve the Central Square Gym on March 5, 2022 for the "Pups on Parade" event. Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk stated that Carol Sweat informed it was changed to June.

Mr. Young stated that his recommendation would allow everyone to pay the full price instead of only charging administrative fees. Allowing only administrative fees puts the Parks and Recreation Department in the position of choosing what events are worth having fees waived.

It was the consensus of the Commission for agencies to pay the allotted amount, this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL TO S PURCHASE OF DRUG AND TRACKING K9 PACKAGE

Shane Edmisten, Chief of Police, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to seek approval to purchase of a Drug and Tracking K9 Package that will be utilized by the Police Dept.

Chief Edmisten stated that this bid was advertised in the Douglas Enterprise on November 4 and 11, 2021. It was opened publicly on December 13, 2021 at 2:30pm. Bids were sent to five (5) vendors with three (3) responding. The K9 and training provided in the package will be used by the Police Dept. for drug searches and other tasks as needed.

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DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL FOR THE MLK MOTORCADE/PARADE

Rodger Goddard, City Marshal appeared before the Commission to seek approval for the request for the MLK Motorcade in January 17, 2022.

Mr. Goddard stated that Mrs. Irene Murray has made request for a motorcade/parade in honor Rev. Martin Luther King, at 9:00am - 12:00pm, on January 17, 2022. the Request for the Motorcade will include the following route. Line-up will begin on S. Gaskin Ave. traveling north to E. Ward St. (Hwy. 32) turn left on E. Ward St. traveling west to S. Peterson Ave. (#441). Turn left on S. Peterson Ave traveling south to E. Pine St., turn left on E. Pine St. travel East to S. Gaskin Ave. Turn right on S. Gaskin to the Lighthouse Pavilion on S. Gaskin Ave.

Mr. Goddard also stated that the State of Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the request. Chief Edmisten is also aware of the request.

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

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF THE QUIT-CLAIM DEED OF AN OLD ALLEYWAY TO PROPERTY OWNER

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to seek approval of Quit-Claim Deeding of an old city alley to the new owner at the appropriate time during the purchasing/closing process.

Mr. Davis stated that the City of Douglas have been approached by the buyer and attorney for the buyer for the potential new owner to quick claim deed the discovery of an old remnant of an alleyway. In the title search, it shows an abandoned alleyway. The current and pending new owner owns-will own both sides of the abandoned remnant portion of that alleyway.

Mr. Davis also stated that the he has verified with Utilities Director Mike Hudson that the City of Douglas does not have any active utilities. We will be quick claiming and establishing utility easements. The quit-claim deed and survey is attached. The city has no plan for this abandoned remnant. City Attorney Jerome Adams has reviewed all of the paperwork.

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

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF THE DATE CHANGE OF UPCOMING MEETING

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to change the second meeting of January 24th, 2021, to Tuesday, January 25th, 2021 due to the Mayor's Day (GA Cities) Conference being held January 20th-24th.