

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 8, 2021**

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding, and Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Mike Gowen, Cindy McNeill, Kentaiwon Durham, and Olivia Pearson were present.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 25, 2021 MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by City Manager Charles Davis was to review the Board of Commissioners' October 25, 2021, (Work Session/Regular Minutes). 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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GRANT AWARDS

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss the purpose of acknowledging grant awards to the City of Douglas, RAS designation, and share an overview of the projects.

Mrs. Henderson explained that the City of Douglas recently was awarded over \$1 million in grant funds to address substandard housing conditions. Funds received were the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) grant in the amount of \$400,000 and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$636,875. Both grant awards came from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and will afford the City to provide rehabilitation work on approximately seventeen (17) residential homes within the boundary of HWY 158 (Baker Hwy), College Avenue, Bryan Street, and Kennedy Circle.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Douglas also was awarded first year designation status for the Revitalization Area Strategy, which 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 bonus points on its annual CDBG application and the ability to apply annually for CDBG funds for three years, provided that all DCA timeliness criteria are met.

The Mayor and Commission expressed gratitude for all the hard work and effort made by the Community Development Department. Thank you for being brilliant examples of leadership for the City of Douglas.

This item was for informational purpose, no action taken