

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding, and Commissioners Mike Gowen, Cindy McNeill, Mayor Pro-Tem Edwin Taylor and Olivia Pearson were present.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022 MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by City Manager Charles Davis was to review the Board of Commissioners' February 14, 2022, (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**.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF SECTION T SINGLE PLOT SALES

Stevie Young, Parks & Recreation Director, appeared before Mayor and Commission to seek approval to sell single plots in Section T H-8 1-32, I-8 1-32, J-8 1-32, K-8 1-32, K-9 1-8 and L-9 1-31.

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

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL AN AMENDMENT TO ADD A BROADBAND ELEMENT FOR COFFEE COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF AMBROSE, BROXTON, DOUGLAS AND NICHOLLS JOINT COMPREHENSIVE SHORT TERM WORK PLAN

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director appeared before the Commission to seek approval to add a Broadband Element to the current Coffee County and Joint Cities 2018 Comprehensive Short Term Work Plan.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the original 2007-2027 Coffee County and Cities Joint Comprehensive Plan did not include a Broadband Element. Our original twenty (20) year plan is accomplished efficiently through a five (5) year breakdown also known as a Short Term Work Plan. South Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) has assisted in acquiring this element for the period of the 2018 Short Term Work Plan. Having such an element will enhance the quality of life for Coffee County and its cities. Loretta Hylton from SGRC was present at the meeting and provided details about the Broadband Element and what would be involved.

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

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF IPT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF DOUGLAS AND CITY OF QUITMAN

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to enter into an IPT agreement with the City of Quitman.

Mr. Hudson stated that the City of Douglas would like to enter into an IPT agreement with the City of Quitman for the purchase of 3.167 MW of power from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. If the opportunity arises, we will most like try to make this a long term IPT. With the expected loads

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coming in late summer and the request from EZ Blockchain for more expansion in the Satilla Industrial Park, we feel this would be a cushion to our portfolio. MEAG has also informed us that the Wansley Coal pull out of 6 MW that was scheduled to happen in November 22 is now happening in September 22. A copy of all documents relating to this IPT agreement are attached.

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

DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUNDING

Commissioner Olivia Pearson appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss ARPA Funding. However, before the meeting started, Commissioner Pearson told the Mayor that she wanted to amend her item to also discuss redistricting. She stated that she would not be discussing the ARPA funding tonight since the reports that Tommy Harrell had given her was the same information she had received from the City Manager. She stated that she had wanted more detailed information but was told that it would involve a lot of paperwork. To keep from causing extra work on anyone, she stated that she would like to just be able to review the information. Commissioner Pearson did ask Charlie Davis, City Manager, when the next round of funds would be coming in. Mr. Davis stated that the next round should be coming in sometime around the first of the summer.

Commissioner Pearson then stated that there was a Redistricting forum that she attended. She asked if any maps of the City had been taken to the County. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, stated that no maps have been taken to the County nor has it been discussed. Mr. Adams told her that Mayor & Commission will have to vote on it once anything with redistricting is done. Commissioner Pearson then stated that when it is time for the City to look at the maps, she wants to make sure that the community is made aware that the City is looking at it, taking the necessary steps and reviewing the appropriate documents. Mr. Adams assured her that no maps have been done based on the 2020 Census.

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

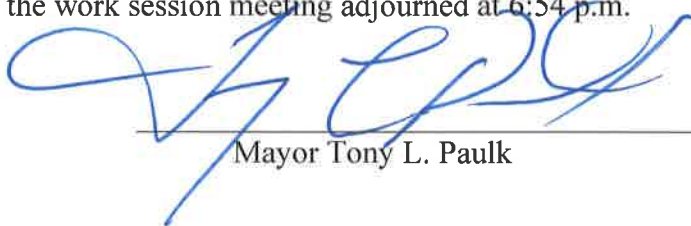
Charlie Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to recognize Commissioners Mike Gowen and Olivia Pearson for receiving awards at the GA Cities United Conference held in January 2022.

GENERAL COMMENTS

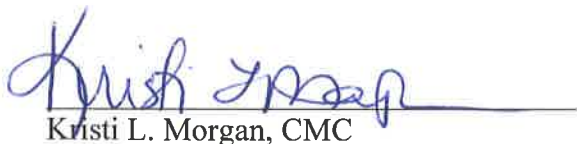
There were no general comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Kristi L. Morgan, CMC