

**MINUTES  
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

**The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor and Commissioners Cindy McNeill, Steve Bailey, Kentaiwon Durham, Olivia Pearson, and Mike Gowen were present.**

**REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MEETINGS MINUTES**

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony Paulk was to review the minutes from September 12, 2022 (W.S./Reg Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION CITY POST VACANCY**

Carol Goodman, the Facilities Coordinator, appeared before the Commission to seek to appoint George Hill to fill the city post on the Recreation Commission. This was left vacant when Mrs. Darnell Sieg Resigned.

Mrs. Goodman stated that it is the recommendation to appoint George Hill to fill the city post on the Recreation Commission. This was left vacant when Mrs. Darnell Sieg resigned from the Douglas Parks & Recreation Commission.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF DECLARING A LIST OF EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND SELLING FUTURE SURPLUS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE**

Nikki Thompson, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to declare the attached list of items as surplus property and allow their disposal thru the GovDeals Auction site and any future surplus as it is turned in.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this is a request to declare the presented list of equipment as surplus and allow the Purchasing Agent and City Manager to dispose of these items through the GovDeals online auction site. Staff would also like to sell any future surplus as it is turned in to the Purchasing Department or Vehicle Maintenance to help with our limited storage.

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**DISCUSSED RESOLUTION FOR GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP GRANT APPLICATION**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to request approval of the Resolution for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant.

Mrs. Henderson explained that in the 2018 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 332 and House Resolution 238, establishing the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act. This newly founded grant program will provide a dedicated funding mechanism to support parks and trails and protect and acquire lands critical to wildlife, clean water, and outdoor recreation across Georgia. The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Grant applicants must complete a pre-application online. Following the competitive Pre-application phase, successful Pre-applicants will be invited to complete a Second Level application. The City of Douglas has continuously worked towards expanding the Greenway Trail, and through this funding opportunity, staff will be applying for various amenities along the trail. If selected under the pre-application phase, the City of Douglas will provide the twenty-five percent matching funds for the total project costs, prepare and submit a final formal application for funding, and maintain and manage the trail.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE RECOGNITION OF THE KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE BOARD**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, requested that the Keep Douglas Beautiful Affiliate Board be introduced during the Regular Meeting. No action required.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Regular Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE FY2024- FY'2028**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan Update for the Douglas Municipal Airport for FY2024 - FY2028.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) was prepared by our airport engineering and consulting firm, Michael Baker International, Inc, and has been approved by the Douglas Airport Commission. The ACIP is a tool that aids GDOT and FFA in determining the funding needs of Douglas Airport. Approval is needed to allow the consultants to enter these projects into the Black-Cat Aviation Data System. GDOT and FFA prioritized appropriating funds to all airports before November 15, 2022.

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**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
UPDATE FY2024-FY'2028-CONTINUED**

Once the City Commission approves applications for the FY'24 projects will be completed and executed by Mayor Tony L. Paulk.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL REQUESTING FOR ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE  
GOPHER TORTOISE FESTIVAL**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to request road closures for the Gopher Tortoise Festival.

Mrs. Henderson explained that the Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 3rd Annual Gopher Tortoise Festival. The event will occur at the Central Square Complex, from Friday, September 30, 2022, through Saturday, October 1, 2022. The Chamber is requesting the following street closures to carry out the festival. These are Bryan Street (from Madison Avenue to Coffee Avenue), Pearl Avenue (from Ashley Street to Bryan Street), and Pearl Avenue (from Bryan Street to cross the railroad track before the First National Bank). Street closures will start on Friday, 8:00 am, September 30, 2022, through the end of the festival.


The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Sammy Osteen, residing at 572 Pine Needle Rd, appeared before the Commission to discuss property located on 150 Bowen Mill Rd. Mr. Osteen was concerned regarding the procedures of the Code Enforcement Division. He stated his concerns were about the denial of others who were leasing his property. Mr. Osteen told the commission that they should compensate him \$60,000 due to his inability to generate income. Rodger Goddard gave a summary of the events that happened. After much discussion, it was the Commission's consent for staff to meet with Mr. Osteen and the stakeholder. After this, staff will report back to the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



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Mayor Tony L. Paulk

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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

