

**MINUTES  
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
DECEMBER 27, 2022**

**The Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, December 27, 2022, at 7:05 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, Kentaiwon Durham, Steve Bailey, Olivia Pearson, and Mike Gowen were present.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION (MAYOR TONY PAULK)**

Joann Robinson-Toombs gave the prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The MOTION carried **(6-0)** to approve the agenda order as discussed for the Regular Meeting with the motion made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE GASKIN AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT AS A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the public hearing to designate the Gaskin Avenue Historic District as a local historic district. There were no comments from the public. The second reading will be on January 9, 2023, due to needing to correct the days of the advertisement being held.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ORDINANCE**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to seek to conduct the second reading amending the Animal Control Ordinance and the Unified Land Development Code.

The MOTION carried **(6-0)** to approve amending the Animal Control Ordinance and the Unified Land Development Code with the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill.

**KOTINA BERRY REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL SALES CHANGES ON THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DAYS**

City Manager appeared before the Commission to discuss the recommendation from Ms. Kotina Berry, owner of Time out Bar and Grill, for Thanksgiving day. Commissioner Pearson motioned for alcohol sales to be lengthened on Thanksgiving Day and seconded by Commissioner Durham.

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**KATINA BERRY REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL SALES CHANGES ON  
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DAYS-CONTINUED**

The motion was approved (4-2) by Pearson, Durham, McNeill, and Mayor Pro Tem Taylor. Those opposed were Commissioner Gowen and Bailey.

A motion by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham for alcohol sales to be lengthened on Christmas day and seconded by Pearson, Motion **was opposed** by McNeill, Gowen Bailey, and Mayor Pro Tem Taylor. Those opposed were Commissioner Gowen and Bailey.

*(Staff would need to create an ordinance for the amending of the sales of alcohol for Thanksgiving Day)*

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR DECEMBER 12, 2022, MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD (ROSEMARY STREET NIXON, IRENE MURRAY, AND FRANKIE BROCKINGTON-RESIDENTIAL)
- APPROVAL OF THE FY23 DURANGO EQUIPMENT BID (FUNDING: 100-3223-53.1114 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT)
- APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MR. JEFF HENNESY AND MR. JOHNNY WILKERSON)
- APPROVAL OF THE REVISED LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN FOR GA DCA, HUD, AND OTHER FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS
- APPROVAL OF THE 2023 LMIG APPLICATION (OPTION 1)
- APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PIKE ELECTRIC LLC RATES (FUNDING: ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FY 23 & FY 24 BUDGET)
- APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATE FOR RECONDUCTOR PROJECT ON THOMPSON DRIVE WITH PIKE ELECTRIC LLC (FUNDING: FY 23 ELECTRIC BUDGET LINE ITEM MAINTENENCE/REPAIRS 510/4600-53.1112)
- APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM WOODROW SAPP FOR WELL 5 REHABS (FUNDING: FY 23 CAPITAL FUND LINE-ITEM WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)

As discussed in the Work Session, the **MOTION carried (6-0)** to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, a motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor.

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**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

Stevie Young, Parks & Recreation Director, announced the vacancy of the City /County post on the Recreation Board and will bring the item again before the City Commission on Monday, January 9, 2023.

**No action taken**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, announced the upcoming vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission and will bring the item again before the City Commission on Monday, January 9, 2023.

**No action taken**

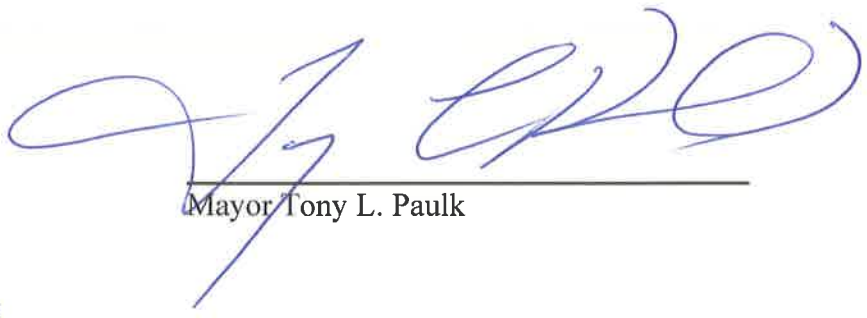
**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Tony Paulk announced the new Douglas-Coffee County Chamber, Economic Development Authority CEO Matt Seal, the former Mayor of Ocilla.

Mr. Seal appeared before the Commission and expressed his enthusiasm to serve in this position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Edwin Taylor made a MOTION and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, and the Motion carried (6-0)



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

