

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MARCH 27, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:13 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, and Commissioners Cindy McNeill, Kentaiwon Durham, Steve Bailey, Edwin Taylor, 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)

Minister Bobbi Jean Taylor, Hightower Memorial Temple, gave the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High Naval JROTC 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 Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO MOBILE VENDORS, SPECIAL EVENTS, FARMERS MARKETS, OUTDOOR FLEA MARKETS/OPEN AIR MARKETS, POPUP MARKETS

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading amending ordinances and conduct a public hearing relating to Mobile Vendors, Special Events, Farmers Markets, Outdoor Flea Markets/Open Air Markets, Pop-up Markets/Installations, and the Unified Land Development Code. Also, to approve the schedule of fees associated with the above-listed items. **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10, BUSINESSES, ARTICLE VI – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, SECTION 10-211 AND ADDING ARTICLE VIII MOBILE FOOD VENDORS, SECTIONS 10-232 THROUGH 10-241 AND ADDING ARTICLE IX, OUTDOOR/OPEN AIR MARKETS, SECTIONS 10-253 THROUGH 10-210 AND ADDING ARTICLE X, FARMERS MARKET, SECTIONS 10-311 THROUGH 10- 313: TO AMEND, ADD AND REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES.”** City Attorney Jerome Adams held the public hearing. There were no comments.

The MOTION was carried out (4-2) to approve amending (19) *Food Trucks may not conduct business within 1000 (to 0) feet as measured from the main entrance of the brick-and-mortar restaurant to the service window of the food truck.*

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**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO
MOBILE VENDORS, SPECIAL EVENTS, FARMERS MARKETS, OUTDOOR FLEA
MARKETS/OPEN AIR MARKETS, POPUP MARKETS-CONTINUED**

Motion made by Commissioner Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. Voted in favor was Commissioner Gowen, and Taylor voted against the motion were Commissioner McNeill and Bailey.

**SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SCHEDULE OF FEES
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading And hold a public hearing to adopt the schedule of fees as listed, followed by approval from the city commission. No public comments.

The MOTION carried out **(5-1)** to approve adopting the Schedule of Fees for the Community Development Department with the motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. Commissioners Gowen, McNeill, and Baily voted in favor of the action. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson voted against the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR MARCH 13, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF ETHICS RECERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
- APPROVAL OF THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT SUPPORT LETTER
- APPROVAL OF THE STATE ARPA OAK PARK SYSTEM CONNECTIONS BID

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 Olivia Pearson.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

**CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
APPLICATION FOR SPIVEY'S CATFISH HOUSE, LLC, D.B.A. HARDWARE HOUSE**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to conduct a public hearing and issue an alcoholic beverage license for Spivey's Catfish House, LLC, d.b.a. Hardware House. There were no comments, and the item was ready for action.

The MOTION carried **(6-0)** to approve for issuance of the alcoholic beverage license, retail/on-premises consumption of liquor, beer, and wine, for Spivey's Catfish House, d.b.a. Hardware House, located at 310 S. Peterson Ave, Douglas, Georgia, with the motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham (an action does not have to be seconded).

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**CONDUCTED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
APPLICATION FOR AHAAN 9, LLC, D.B.A. U.S.A. DISCOUNT BEVERAGE**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to conduct a public hearing, followed by action from the commission, for issuance of the alcoholic beverage license, retail/off-premises consumption of beer and wine, for Ahhan 9, d.b.a. U.S.A. Discount Beverage, located at 121 E. Gordon St, Douglas, Georgia. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham (a motion does not have to be seconded).

The MOTION carried out (6-0) to conduct a Public Hearing for Alcoholic Beverage Application for Ahaan 9, LLC, d.b.a. U.S.A. Discount Beverage. The motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson voted in favor of the action.

**CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY WORK
PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS IN THE 2018 JOINT COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN.**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to hold a Public Hearing to amend the 2018 Joint Comprehensive Plan of the STWP to add Community Facilities & Services items. City Attorney Jerome Adams held the public hearing. There were no comments. Action will take place at the next Commission Meeting.


No action has been taken at this time.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission regarding the open house for the new City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made a MOTION and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen, and the Motion carried (6-0)



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

