

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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, Kentaiwon Durham, Olivia Pearson, and Mike Gowen were present. Commissioner Steve Bailey was absent.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER 27, 2022, MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony Paulk was to review the minutes from December 27, 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 CONDUCTING THE FIRST READING OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE FOR ALLOWING SALES ON THANKSGIVING

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to conduct the first reading of the amendment of the alcoholic beverage to allow sales on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Henderson stated that During December 27, 2022, City Commission meeting, staff was instructed to draft an ordinance to amend the alcoholic beverage ordinance to allow alcoholic beverage sales on Thanksgiving Day, **not** on Christmas Day. The drafted ordinance is amended to enable sales on Thanksgiving Day. Staff requests the commission to allow the city attorney to conduct the first reading of the amendment to the alcoholic beverage ordinance.

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

DISCUSSED THE APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek permission to reappoint one (1) member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Historic Preservation Commission is seeking to fill one (1) seat that expired on December 31, 2022, that of Mrs. Brenda Veal. The staff has followed the standard procedure of publicizing the seats for two weeks and has yet to receive any applications. Mrs. Veal has expressed an interest in continuing to serve and is requesting to serve another term.

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

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**DISCUSSED ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE ARPAAEAA-EDA
INVESTMENT GRANT NO. 04-79-07782 SWE #12-2900-R**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval of the contract for engineering services for the American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance, EDA Investment (ARPAEAA-EDA) investment fund project.

Mrs. Henderson stated that in 2022, the City of Douglas was awarded the American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance, EDA Investment (ARPAEAA-EDA) grant in the amount of \$2,553,190 with a cash match in the amount of \$638,298. The grant will fund the construction of multi-infrastructure improvements that will serve existing and future businesses and industries, resulting in job creation and private investments.

Mrs. Henderson also stated that the purpose of this agenda is to seek approval of an agreement for engineering services between the City of Douglas and Statewide Engineering, Inc to provide planning, surveying, design, construction administration, resident observation, and other related activities required to construct gas improvements at Perimeter West Industrial Park II and water and sewer improvements at Barrington Agri-Business Park. **FUNDING: \$312,896 ARPAAEAA-EDA Fund, State Funds, Local Water & Sewer Funds**

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

DISCUSSED FY23 MUSEUM RE-ROOFING BID

Nikki Thompson, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Commission to seek approval from the Mayor and City Commissioners to go forward with a project to replace the roof of the Heritage Station Museum in Douglas.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this bid was advertised in the Douglas Enterprise on October 27 and November 3, 2022. It was opened on November 28, 2022, at 2:30 pm. Bids were sent to eleven (11) vendors, with three (3) responding. The work will consist of replacing the old and damaged roof of the Heritage Station Museum. Purchasing Agent Nikki Thompson and Community Development Director Georgia Henderson agree to accept the low bid submitted by Procraft Exterior, located in Chula, GA. The total bid is **\$60,600.00. FUNDING: 351-1000-54.1311**

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

DISCUSSED CLOSURE OF PORTION OF E. ASHLEY STREET

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to request approval to close East Ashley Street in front of the Martin Centre, between Hwy 441 North & South, for a concert.

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DISCUSSED CLOSURE OF PORTION OF E. ASHLEY STREET-CONTINUED

Mr. Davis said the Martin Centre would host an event on February 17, 2023. They have booked the national touring band, Blackberry Smoke. Brian Norris requested the block of E. Ashley Street in front of The Martin Centre, between Hwy 441 North & South, to be blocked off between 5 pm – 12 am on the 17th.

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

DISCUSSED TERMINATION OF CHANNEL 13

Removed from the agenda

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES


No comments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



Mayor Tony L. Paulk

