

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JUNE 29, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, June 29, 2023, at 6:10 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and Commissioners Kentaiwon Durham, Mike Gowen, Steve Bailey, Edwin Taylor, and Cindy McNeill were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (Mayor Tony L. Paulk)

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, gave the prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County 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. *(Amended the agenda by adding the recognition of the Parks and Recreation Baseball Georgia State Champions 8-10 years)*

RECOGNITION OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL 2023 GRADUATING SENIORS

Dinitra Williams (MYC Coordinator) acknowledged the Mayor's Youth Council 2023 Graduating Seniors. Mrs. Williams acknowledged Jalen Debro, Jonna Mazariegos, Benjamin Davis, and Gabe Jump.

SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TEXT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading and the public hearing of the Development Standard Text Amendment ordinance to the Land Development Code. **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 111, UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ARTICLE V – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 111-129; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES."** No public comments.

The MOTION carried (6-0) to approve the Development Standard Text Amendment ordinance to the Land Development Code, with the motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson.

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APPROVAL OF THE FY'24 BUDGET ADOPTION

After being adequately advertised (June 1 & 8, 2023 - Douglas Enterprise), the proposed FY'24 Budget of \$130,190,566 was presented at the Public Hearing held on June 12, 2023. City Manager, Charles Davis, conducted the Public Hearing concerning the FY'24 proposed Budget and opened the floor for questions, concerns, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and other commissioners discussed utilities and grants after much discussion. The MOTION carried (6-0) to approve the e FY'24 Budget of \$130,190,566 with the motion made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR JUNE 12, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LWCF FOR UNITY PARK REHABILITATION
- APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL BOARD MEMBERS (*JUAN AVALOS AND DARLENE SALAZAR*)
- APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON COLUMBIA AVE.
- APPROVAL OF THE GEFA LOAN NO. CW2022005 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000.00 FOR WASTEWATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
- APPROVAL OF THE 2023 WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES/PAVING AWARD
- APPROVAL OF THE AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT (*MAYOR PRO TEM OLIVIA PEARSON*)

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 Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

No work session items

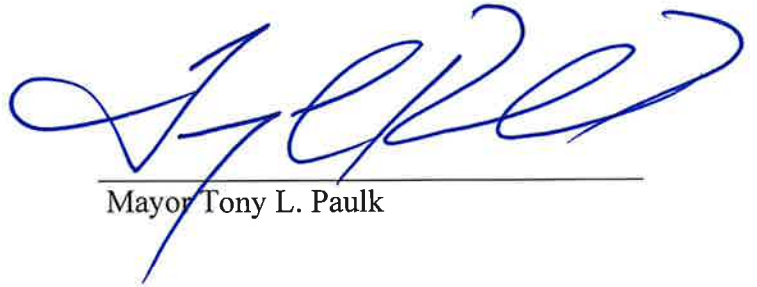
STAFF COMMENTS

Charlie Davis, City Manager, stated that Vernon Ricketson, passed employee of the vehicle maintenance department, passed away. Also, Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham invited everyone to attend the Juneteenth festivities on Sunday, July 2nd.


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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:43 p.m. motion made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. **(6-0)**



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

