

MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JULY 13, 2023

DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE AND CONDUCTED PUBLIC HEARING FOR JAGUTURU LLC, D.B.A. PRIME LIQUOR AND WINE

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to conduct a public hearing and approve the alcoholic beverage license for Jagaturu LLC, d.b.a. Prime Liquors & Wine.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Jagaturu LLC, d.b.a. Prime Liquors & Wine, has applied for an alcoholic beverage license for a package store to sell liquor, beer, and wine for off-premises consumption. The business will be located at 1204-A E. Ward St, Douglas, Georgia. Nidhi Patel is the sole officer for Jagaturu LLC, and she meets all requirements set forth by the city ordinance. The location of the package store meets all distance requirements as set forth by city ordinance.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE BAKER HIGHWAY TIA PROJECT BID AWARD

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to award a contract so Sidewalk construction can begin on Baker Highway.

Mr. Hudson stated that the Bids were received and opened on the City of Douglas, Georgia TIA Project (PI# 0016249), Sidewalk Improvements to Baker Highway, East (SR 158) on May 23, 2023. Four bidders were on the project: AC Blount Concrete Services, Inc., Curb and Gutter Professional, Inc., Douglas Electric and Plumbing Company, Inc., and Ricketson Construction Company, LLC. I have attached all documents relating to this project for your review.

FUNDING: State TIA Funding

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to acquire an additional—6589520 MW of additional capacity to the City of Douglas Power Portfolio.

Mr. Hudson presented information that the Commission's consideration and approval is a third amendment to the Solar Power Purchase Contract (PPC). This third amendment will increase entitlement by sharing the output received under the Solar Purchase Power Agreement (SPPA) per your expressed interest in acquiring all or a portion of the unsubscribed 0.6589520 MWs. MEAG Power requests expedited approval of this third amendment, with a deadline of July 14th, to maintain the project schedule and the November 2024 Commercial Operation date.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

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The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Commissioners Steve Bailey, Mike Gowen, and Cindy McNeill were present. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Edwin Taylor, and Kentaiwon Durham were absent.

REVIEW OF JUNE 29, 2023, MEETINGS MINUTES

The first business item presented by Mayor Tony Paulk was to review the minutes from June 29, 2023 (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 APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF 30 FIRE HYDRANTS FOR WAREHOUSE STOCK (BID 6-26-2023)

Nikki Thompson, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Commission to seek approval from the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to purchase thirty (30) Fire Hydrants and ten (10) Hydrant Extension Kits to be used by the City of Douglas Water Department.

Mrs. Thompson stated that this bid was advertised in The Douglas Enterprise on May 18 and 25, 2023. Requests were sent to six (6) vendors, and four (4) bids were received. These hydrants will be installed and repaired as the Water Dept needs. Purchasing Agent Nikki Thompson and Warehouse Coordinator Anthony Folsom have reviewed the bids and agree to accept the low request submitted by Macon Supply in Macon, GA. The total bid amount is \$81,629.90.
FUNDING: 100-00-11.3601

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF TOM REILLY B-25 GROUP LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek permission to approve the renewal lease contract for Tom Reilly, B-25 Group, Land Lease agreement.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Tom Riley, B-25 Group LLC, has been leasing the property where Hangar 1 was located during WWII at the Douglas Municipal Airport and is interested in continuing his lease for another three years. The new contract will commence on August 1, 2023, and expire on July 31, 2026, at \$67.62 monthly. The agreement between Tom Riley and B-25 Group LLC is also attached.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

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DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE AEROSPACE WORKS USA CONSULTING PROPOSAL FOR THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE AVIATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to seek approval for Aerospace Works USA as our Aviation Eco-System Initiative Consultant and to approve this proposal not to exceed a 30% variance in this phase I.

Mr. Davis stated that the City of Douglas, along with our community partners (EDA, South Ga State College, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, Coffee County Board of Education, Middle Georgia State University, GDOT Aviation, US Senate/Representative offices, etc.) has been and is working on this Aviation Ecosystem (flight school, technical school, flight repair center, charter service, etc.) initiative.

Mr. Davis also stated that the city is focused on bringing a regional comprehensive education to include the traditional 9-12, private 9-12, home school 9-12, college, and technical college to equip our students for the current and future pilot and mechanic shortage opportunities. For a local community such as ours (rural, underserved, and in search of possibilities), it means education opportunities and economic development opportunities that support our local, state, and national needs.

Mr. Davis explained that staff understands that education is vital in developing skills (especially in rural and underserved communities) needed for today's jobs and tomorrow's future. Education is paramount in promoting the individual's sense of worth, values, and high ethical standards. Our collaborative is committed to developing and offering quality education to our students and citizens.

Mr. Davis concluded that the city understands that aviation education has a cost. We can achieve this mission through partnerships with existing education institutions (CCBOE, Wiregrass, MGSU, & SGSC), governments, private entities, creative thinking, and resource pooling. The city serves as the planner and catalyst for this project.

The other entities are covering the considerable cost of equipment purchases. The conversation has now progressed to the point that we must develop a professional strategic plan for the national companies and Washington DC's purposes. We are presenting this proposal for our strategic plan consultation. **FUNDING:** approximate \$60,000 - appropriate City funds

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Elliott Baines Brinson resided at 804 Glendale Avenue and appeared before the Commission to express concerns regarding speeding and gunfire in the neighborhood of Glendale Avenue. Mayor Paulk recommended speaking with Chief Pruitt after the meeting to get the information so that he could investigate Mr. Brinson's concerns. Mayor Paulk explained that the city will begin to deploy a new system to identify gunshots in our city.

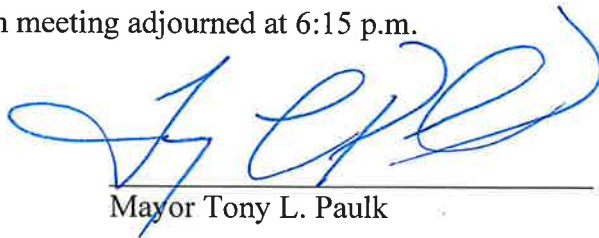
Mayor Palk presented a video created by the Mayor's Youth Council showing their experience at MEAG Municipal Electric Association of Georgia held in Amelia Island.

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATES

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Without further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC