

**MINUTES  
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
AUGUST 14, 2023**

**The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and Commissioners Mike Gowen, Steve Bailey, Kentaiwon Durham, 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 (OLIVIA PEARSON)**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, gave the prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee County High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF THE WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM**

Coach Mike Booth introduced the players of the Coffee County National Champion Weightlifting.

**RECOGNITION OF THE GOLF AND TENNIS CHAMPIONS**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, introduced the Golf and Tennis Champion Team individuals.

**THE INDUCTION OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL FOR 2023-2024**

Mayor Tony L. Paulk swore in the new Mayor's Youth Council for 2023-2024

**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.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR JULY 14, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF THE BID AWARD FOR THE AERATION AND FILTER REHAB PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
- APPROVAL OF THE RENTAL QUOTE FOR THE VACTOR-2100 COMBINATION SEWER JETTER
- APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HOUSING REHABILITATION/ RECONSTRUCTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CDBG 2021

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-CONTINUE**

- APPROVAL OF THE APPEAL OF THE DENIAL OF THE RENEWAL OF THE OCCUPATIONAL TAX CERTIFICATE (BUSINESS LICENSE) FOR ARCHIE MERRITT'S TIRE
- APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF YORK CHILLER THROUGH JOHNSON CONTROL FOR GYM A

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 Cindy McNeill.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS ELECTIONS AGREEMENT**

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk, appeared before the Commission to recommend approval of the agreement with the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct the 2023 City of Douglas Elections.

The **MOTION carried (5-1)** to approve the City of Douglas to enter into an agreement with the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration to conduct the 2023 City Elections. with the motion made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson opposed the motion.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SEEK VACANCIES OF THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

Georgia Henderson, Community Director, appeared before the Commission to adequately publicize the expiring seats on the Douglas Coffee County Land Bank Authority for two weeks or until applications are received. At that time, an agenda item will return before the Mayor and Commission for the approved appointments.

**APPROVAL OF ELECTED TRAVEL REQUEST**

Mayor Tony Paulk entertained a motion to approve the elected travel request, a Motion made by Commissioner Durham and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pearson. Commissioner Mike Gowen voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Taylor, Bailey McNeill, and Mayor Paulk voted against the motion. Motion was **(3-4)** voting **against** the motion.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Durham and Mayor Pro Tem Pearson expressed their concerns regarding budgeting and the vote outcome.

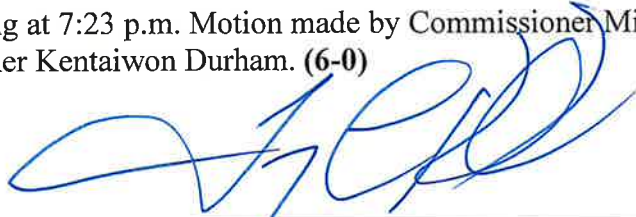
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**STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. **(6-0)**



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Mayor Tony L. Paulk



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Wynetta J. Bolder CMC

