

**MINUTES  
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:07 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 (COMMISSIONER EDWIN TAYLOR)**

Commissioner Edwin Taylor 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.

**DISCUSS AND ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE STAGE FOR THE POCKET PARK**

Lindsey Day appeared before the Commission to present \$9,000.00 to go towards a stage for the pocket park.

**PRESENTATION OF THE KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM AND ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY**

Christian Mikel, Grants Administrator, appeared before the Commission to discuss the plans of the Keep Douglas Beautiful Committee. She spoke on a garden for Senior Citizens and a youth education program targeting third-grade students.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

1. APPROVAL OF THE WS/REGULAR OCTOBER 9, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF THE KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM AND ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COFFEE COUNTY
3. APPROVAL OF THE AWARD FOR DOUGLAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN GUIDELINES
4. APPROVAL OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW - AIRPORT TERMINALS PROGRAM GRANT
5. APPROVAL OF THE DWSRF BIL LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT GRANT

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-CONTINUE**

6. APPROVAL OF THE DWLSL 2022038 LEAD SERVICE LINE GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXISTING LEAD AND COPPER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY ESG ENGINEERING TASK ORDER
7. APPROVAL OF THE DONATION OF SURPLUS OUTDATED FIRE HOSE
8. APPROVAL OF THE S FY24 PORTABLE WEATHER-RESISTANT STAGE BID
9. APPROVAL OF THE FY24 DEMOLITION AND REMEDIATION OF 10 HOUSES 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 Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF THE APPEAL BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO DEMOLISH 617 E. WARD STREET**

Rodger Goddard, City Marshall, appeared before the Commission to either approve the request of First Baptist Church to demolish the structure located at 617 E. Ward Street or to uphold the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission, which is to deny the request.

The **MOTION** carried (4-2) to approve the Appeal by First Baptist Church to **allow** the demolish of 617 E. Ward Street for the Regular Meeting with the motion made by Mayor Tony Paulk and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor, along with Commissioners Cindy McNeill and Mike Gowen. The following opposed the Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. Commissioner Steve Baily abstained due to a conflict of interest regarding the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson and Commissioner Durham agreed that this item needs to look for grants for renovation and more research on the price of restoring versus demolishing the property. Commissioner Durham asked Mr. Cottingham to give the history of the 617 E. Ward Street property briefly.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk, thanked everyone who assisted with being hospitable and involved with the homegoing services of Customer Service employee Michael Stull.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

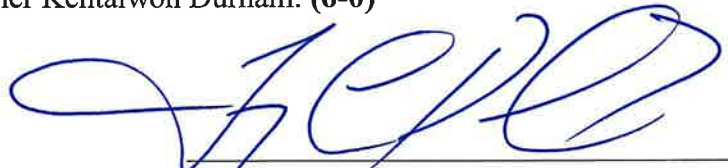
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. **(6-0)**

  
Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

  
Mayor Tony L. Paulk

