

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MARCH 25, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:56 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioners Kentaiwon Durham, Steve Bailey, Tony Paulk II, Cindy McNeil, and Edwin Taylor were present.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER MIKE GOWEN)

Commissioner Mike Gowen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee 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.

SECOND READING OF MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL ORDINANCE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to amend the Mayor's Youth Council ordinance. **"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES; PART II; CHAPTER 2; ARTICLE V BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. DIVISION 3 MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL; SEC. 2-650 CREATED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND OTHER PURPOSES."**

The MOTION carried (6-0) to approve the second reading of the Mayor's Youth Council Ordinance, with the motion made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

Commissioner Cindy McNeill based upon her stating that her son has property adjacent to the Quit Claim deed located at the dead-end portion of N. McDonald Avenue. (Owners Lamar and Donna Drew), also the Commission consented for her to abstain from voting on all the consent agenda items.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

1. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2024, MEETING MINUTES, & MARCH 19, 2024, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT (RUDEAN LONG)
3. APPROVAL OF FY24 DURANGO EQUIPMENT BID
4. APPROVAL OF WAIVING THE SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FEE FOR PAULK'S VINEYARD FOR THE WING'S AND THINGS FESTIVAL AND FLY-IN.
5. APPROVAL OF THE BID AWARD FOR POCKET PARK PHASE II
6. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
7. APPROVAL OF THE EXTERIOR CLEANING AND PAINTING OF THE MAHOGANY RD WATER TANK
8. APPROVAL TO QUITCLAIM THE DEAD-END PORTION OF N. MCDONALD AVE TO OWNERS OF PARCEL #D019 163 (LAMAR AND DONNA DREW)

As discussed in the Work Session, the **MOTION (carried 5-0)** to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above was a motion made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham.

WORK SESSION ITEMS

ADVERTISING VACANT POSITION ON THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission and the public to announce the advertisement of a vacant position on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Staff will appear before the commission on March 25, 2024, with a formal recommendation.

No action taken.

HOLD FIRST READING OF REZONING APPLICATION FOR VACANT PARCELS LOCATED OFF OF ROSE LANE & STATE ROUTE 32

Jerome Adams, City Attorney appeared before Commission to present the first reading of the G-W rezoning petition for vacant parcel lots located off Rose Lane & State Route 32, currently zoned R-15. Also, to take into consideration the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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HOLD FIRST READING OF REZONING APPLICATION FOR VACANT PARCELS LOCATED OFF OF ROSE LANE & STATE ROUTE 32-CONTINUED
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT PARCELS 0097B 168, 0097B 169 & 0097B 177 FROM R-15, RESIDENTIAL TO G-W, GATEWAY.

No action taken.

HELD PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL TO AWARD THE LOW- INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) SUPPORT LETTER

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, held a public hearing regarding the approval to award the low-income housing tax credit support letter. Lowcountry Housing Communities' application had the highest scoring proposal and was approved to be awarded the GICH support letter. Lowcountry Housing Communities, LLC scored 231 out of 240. The name of the project is Pinecrest Village with hopes to construct 48 units during Phase I- and 40-units during Phase II, with a total of 88 units. Support letters are required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and must be issued by the Douglas GICH Housing Team, along with a letter from Mayor Paulk and the city commission. After there were no public comments City Attorney Adams stated that this item was ready for action.

The MOTION carried **(6-0)** to approve awarding the LIHTC Support Letter to Lowcountry Housing Communities, LLC in addition to a letter from the City Commission in support of the community award letter, with the motion made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham.

STAFF COMMENTS


No Comment

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

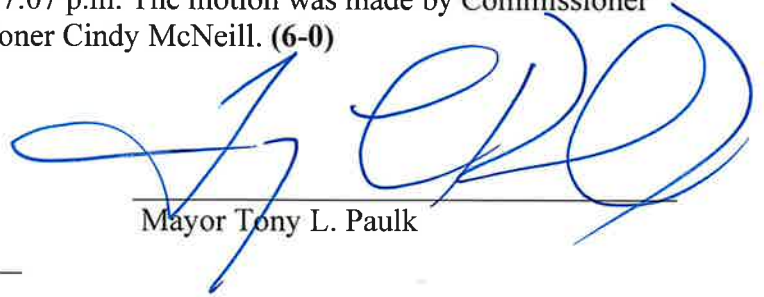
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:07 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. **(6-0)**



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



Mayor Tony L. Paulk

