

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Johnnie Lee Roper, Olivia Pearson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marty Swain gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Gary Casteloes led The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... January 27, 2011
Commission Meeting..... January 27, 2011**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Bob Moore to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The motion was unanimously carried by the Mayor and Commission. **(7-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the order of the agenda.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Marty Swain, for approval of the order of the agenda; Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE EIGHTEEN (18) CURRENT TRANSFORMERS AND POTENTIAL TRANSFORMERS' BID (01-18-11)

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(7-0)** the awarding of the eighteen (18) Current Transformers and Potential Transformers to the low bid received from Stuart C. Irby Company located in Marietta, Georgia for a grand total of \$10,662.00.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2011 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the bids received for Baseball and Softball supplies from the following list of vendors to be purchased as needed for a grand total of \$29,048.54.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Low Bid</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Anaconda Sports Inc.	A, Z	\$ 1,086.80
J.P. Sports	E, I, O, R, X	\$ 2,111.48
Moore than Graphics	U	\$11,194.75
Sports Supply Group	F, G, K, W	\$ 2,534.30
The Sports Shop	B,C,D,H,J,L,M,N,P,Q,S,T,V,Y	\$12,121.21

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Marty Swain for approval and seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR GRINDING SERVICES FOR MULCH SITE BID (01-31-11)

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) the low bid received from WRC Inc. of Fitzgerald, Georgia for 100 hours of grinding service for the compost facility at \$300.00 an hour, for a Grand total of \$30,000.00.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Ray Parker, Community Development Planning Division stated that a four-year term for the Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission has expired. The staff is recommending advertising this position. Mr. Parker stated that anyone interested in filling this appointment for the Douglas –Coffee County Planning Commission will need to contact the City Manager’s Office or the Community Development Department.

No action was taken.

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FIRST READING OF THE ADOPTION OF UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

The Mayor and Commission heard the first reading; **“AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA; TO REPEAL THE CITY OF DOUGLAS ZONING ORDINANCE, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE , PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES.”** Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 28, 2011.

APPROVAL OF RENAMING OF THE DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, and the Airport Commission the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (7-0) to re-name the Douglas Municipal Airport to Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport in honor of the service and dedication of Mr. Gene Chambers for the role he played in the development of the Airport Commission, his continued service on the Airport Commission, and his contributions in the continued development of the airport since 1973.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper for approval and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson.

Commissioner Pearson requested information regarding the Commissioners' previous request for the policies and procedures with regard to the process used in naming streets and buildings after certain individuals.

Mayor Wilson stated that she recalls the past Commission's consideration as to the contribution the individual has made to the community and that typically this naming/renaming process be conducted after the individual is deceased.

Commissioner Pearson stated that if the Commissioners reflect on how the buildings are being named they will notice that they are segregated. Commissioner Pearson suggests that the Commission needs to be more diverse.

Mayor Wilson further explained that building and streets are named based on the individual's positive influence and/or contribution to that particular area or segment of the community.

After much discussion, City Manager Terrell Jacobs stated he will look into implementing a procedure in naming streets and buildings after individuals.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator presented the following upcoming events:

- The 2011 Home and Garden Showcase will be held on March 11, & 12th, 2011 from Friday 9 a.m. -7 p.m., through Saturday 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at the Central Square Complex.
- There will be a new exhibit unveiled, February 25, 2011, 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Museum honoring Wendell Sears for his contribution to the Douglas - Coffee County Community.
- There will be an unveiling of three new additions to our Wall of Notable African-American Achievers at Heritage Station Museum (219 W. Ward Street) February 25th at 10 a.m.
- A Community Black Summit Program will be held Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center.
- The Heritage and Harmony Program featuring the history of gospel music will be held on March 5, 2011 at 6:00 pm. at the Martin Centre. There will be a \$3.00 admission fee.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Marty Swain encouraged citizens to attend the Black Summit that is being held Saturday February 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at the Weir Center.

Mayor Wilson acknowledged the importance of supporting the SPLOST referendum on March 15, 2011.

Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper also reiterated the importance of citizens supporting the SPLOST referendum.

Commissioner Dennis Josey emphasized that this SPLOST referendum will not be a tax increase, but a continuation.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson requests an update on how long they will be working on the railroad crossing located on Lupo Lane and McDonald Road. Mr. Jacobs, City Manager stated that due to the weather CSX has delayed the project until the weather improves.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper, and approved by all at 7:20 pm.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk