

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioners Tony Paulk II, Cindy McNeil, Steve Bailey, Tony Paulk II, 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 TONY L. PAULK II)

Minister Rakeem Paulk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The MOTION (5-0) was carried out to approve the agenda order with the motion made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill.

PROCLAIMING RECOVERY MONTH

Katie Johnson and Keisha Williams, representatives of Unison Behavioral Health, appeared before the Commission for Mayor Tony Paulk to proclaim September 2024 National Recovery Month. This proclamation calls upon all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to take action to promote recovery and improve the health of our City.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

1. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL OF NAMING AND RENAMING OF STREETS WITHIN WWII HISTORIC FLIGHT TRAINING BASE**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE NAME CHANGE FOR AIRBASE PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MORATORIUM EXTENSION ON AIRBASE BUILDINGS**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RED KNIGHT AVIATION SERVICES - CHRIS ROUNDS FOR REHABILITATION OF CLASSROOM BUILDING (5 WILLIE C. LANE)**

As discussed in the Work Session, Commissioner Edwin Taylor made the motion (**carried 5-0**) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Commissioner Steve Bailey seconded.

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WORK SESSION ITEMS

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED THE ADVERTISING THREE EXPIRING TERMS ON THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, sought permission to publicize these vacancies for two weeks and to reappear before the City Commission on October 14, 2024, for action to approve appointments or reappointments to the Airport Commission.

No action taken

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED THE APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR RARE HOSPITALITY, D.B.A., LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE.

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to approve Rare Hospitality International Inc.'s request for an Alcoholic Beverage License for on-site consumption, d.b.a. Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 1311 Peterson Ave S, Douglas, Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen motioned to approve an Alcohol Beverage License for Rare Hospitality International INC, d.b.a. Longhorn Steakhouse Commissioner Tony Paulk II, seconded.

DISCUSSED AND APPROVED THE LIGHTING ON GREENWAY TRAIL

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to deliberate and determine whether the trail should function as a park with access limited from dawn to dusk, as a traffic route open all hours, and that we light areas of high safety concerns.

After much discussion, it was decided to allow the Greenway Trail to function as a park within the City of Douglas and not to place lights on it. Commissioner Tony Paulk approved this motion, which Commissioner Cindy McNeill seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioner Steve Bailey also approved the motion. Commissioner Ed Taylor voted against it. (4-1)

STAFF COMMENTS


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. (5-0)

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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

