

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

**DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FY26 - FY2030 AND FY26 APPLICATIONS**

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan for FY26 - FY30 and applications for FY26.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) was prepared by our airport engineering and consulting firm, Michael Baker International, Inc., and has been approved by the Douglas Airport Commission. The ACIP is a tool that aids GDOT and FFA in determining the funding needs of Douglas Municipal Airport. Approval is needed to give the consultants time to enter these projects into the Black Cat Aviation Data System by November 5, 2024. Once approved by the City Commission, applications for the FY26 projects will be completed and executed by Mayor Tony L. Paulk.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED THE APPROVAL OF THE DATE CHANGE OF UPCOMING MEETING

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to change the first meeting from November 11th, 2024, to Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, or Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

Mr. Davis stated that the first meeting in November is scheduled for Monday, November 11th, the Veterans Day holiday. The following possible meeting dates are Tuesday, November 12th, or Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSS UPDATES ON HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY UPDATE

Charles W. Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to give an update on Hurricane Helene Recovery. Mr. Davis discussed the following:

- The timeframe for the restoration of water and electricity
- Destruction of the Fire Station #3
- Number of individuals in the shelter.
- Approximately 20 tornados that were accompanied by the hurricane
- The different levels of FEMA
- There was only one loss of life.
- Approximately 20 million dollars in debris.

No action taken

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The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting, and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen and Commissioners Steve Bailey, Tony Paulk II, and Cindy McNeill were present. Commissioner Edwin Taylor was absent.

REVIEWED AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

The first business item that Charlie Davis, City Manager, presented was to review the minutes from the September 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes, Meeting Minutes (W.S./Reg Minutes) of the Board Commissioners. Mayor Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the City Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

The Commission's consensus was to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

DISCUSSED AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to fill three expired terms on the Airport Commission.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Airport Commission desires to fill three expiring terms: Mr. Don Brooks, Mr. Wayne McKinnon, and Mr. Byron Gillespie, which expire on September 30, 2024. All members with expiring terms have expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Staff received a new application from Colton Rogers to serve on the committee. The Airport Commission recommends reappointing those with expired terms to the commission for a three-year term.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Consent Agenda**.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Gowen entered during the discussion.

DISCUSSED PRESENTATION OF GRANT AWARD FOR VETERANS PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL GEORGIA

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to accept a grant award from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the City of Douglas applied for and was awarded a \$12,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Central Georgia to support improvements to Veterans Park, located at the Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport. The funds will erect a John Gibson Memorial, complete a brick walkway to the Fallen Soldier Statue, and purchase and install eight metal benches with concrete pads.

The Commission agreed to move this item forward on the **Regular Agenda**.

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GENERAL COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

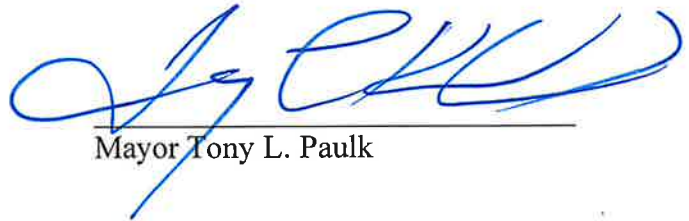
No Comments

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Without further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



