

**MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
APRIL 28, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 6:22 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Steve Bailey, Mike Gowen, Tony Paulk II, and Brenda Moore in attendance.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (MAYOR PRO TEM CINDY MCNEILL)

Fire Chief Casey Wright delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee High NJROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The motion was approved unanimously (6-0) to approve the agenda order, with the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)

1. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 14TH, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL OF FY25 UTILITIES BUILDING SHELTER CONSTRUCTION BID #66812-25-0020**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDER CONTRACT FOR AERATION AND FILTER REHAB PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION OF GMA'S DISTRICT 11 OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026**

As discussed in the Work Session, Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill made the motion (carried 6-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Commissioner Tony Paulk II seconded.

WORK SESSION

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND COMMUNITY

City Attorney Jerome Adams held the first (1st) reading and discussed adding the proposed ordinance establishing requirements for broadband infrastructure within the City of Douglas. The second reading, followed by action, will be held on May 12, 2025.

No action taken at this time.

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FIRST READING: ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM AND VACATION RENTALS

City Attorney Jerome Adams conducted the first reading of a proposed ordinance regulating short-term and vacation rentals in the City of Douglas. This ordinance establishes a framework for licensing, safety inspections, and enforcement mechanisms, ensuring that these rental operations align with the City's goals of promoting public safety, maintaining neighborhood integrity, and fostering economic growth. By incorporating this ordinance, the city will be equipped with the tools needed to responsibly and fairly manage short-term rental activities while supporting local tourism and community well-being. The second reading is scheduled for May 12, 2025.

No action was taken at this time.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH COTTAGE FOOD REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

City Attorney Jerome Adams held the first (1st) reading of the proposed ordinance establishing Cottage Food Regulations and Requirements for the City. The second reading, followed by the action of the Mayor and City Commission, will be held on May 12, 2025.

No action taken at this time.

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CITY OF DOUGLAS AS A CITY OF CIVILITY

Georgia Henderson, Assistant City Manager, recommends that the Mayor and Commission approve the resolution pledging to practice and promote civility in the City of Douglas and authorize Mayor Tony L. Paulk to execute the formal resolution.

The motion was approved unanimously **(6-0)** to approve the agenda order, with the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bailey.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Charlie Davis announced to the public that contractors will not pick up the debris.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Edwin Taylor expressed concern about citizens in wheelchairs. He is asking if they will use the sidewalks as safety measures.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Steve Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Tony Paulk II (6-0)



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



