

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JULY 17, 2025

The Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:12 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, Mike Gowen, Steve Bailey, 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 (COMMISSIONER MIKE GOWEN)

Casey Wright, Fire Chief, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Move the item to recognize the recipients of the GMA awards. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) to approve the order of the agenda, with the motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor.

CONDUCT SECOND (2ND) READING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONE PETITION OF VACANT LOT OFF OF BAKER HWY W. PARCEL 0098 139

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the second reading regarding the rezoning request submitted by Overstreet Limited Partnership to rezone Parcel 098 139, located off Baker Highway W., from General Commercial (GC) to Light Industrial (M-1). Mr. Adams called to order the public hearing.

The property owner, Mr. Bennie Overstreet, appeared before the Commission to explain why the rezoning was requested.

Commissioner Steve Bailey made the motion (carried 5-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Commissioner Tony Paulk II seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (JEFFERY INGRAM, CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR)

1. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL TO RATIFY LAND DONATION TO THE HOPE INITIATIVE**
3. **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE OF NEW FECON MULCHING HEAD FROM SOURCEWELL #43874.**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTING THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GEORGIAFORWARD YOUTH ART PLACEMENT GRANT**
5. **APPROVAL TO CLOSE COLLEGE AVENUE AND PEARL STREET FOR A FUNERAL AT HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL TEMPLE**

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (JEFFERY INGRAM, CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR)- CONTINUE

As discussed in the Work Session, Commissioner Brenda Moore made the motion (carried 5-0) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill seconded.

Commissioner Mike Gowen was present at this time.

WORK SESSION

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSING BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION – GEORGIA RETAIL PHARMACY, LLC

City Attorney Jerome Adams held the public hearing. Staff recommended that the City Commission approve Georgia Retail Pharmacy, LLC's request to dispense low THC oil and related medical cannabis products at 903 Baker Hwy. W. by applicable local and state regulations.

Mr. Chase Bradshaw, Chief Operating Officer for the Botanical Science, appeared before the Commission to speak on behalf of the Georgia Retail Pharmacy.

Mr. Victor Perry appeared before the Commission to express his concerns about allowing the pharmacy to dispense medical cannabis.

Commissioner Tony Paulk II made the motion (carried 5-1) to approve all Consent Agenda items listed above, which Commissioner Mike Gowen seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioner Steve Bailey, and Commissioner Edwin Taylor voted favorably for the motion. Commissioner Brenda Moore voted against the motion.

RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mayor Tony Paulk recognized the commissioners who were presented with educational awards at the GMA conference. Commissioner Steve Bailey **Certificate of Achievement**, Commissioner Edwin Taylor **Certificate of Excellence**, and Commissioner Mike Gowen **Certificate of Excellence**

STAFF COMMENTS

No Comments

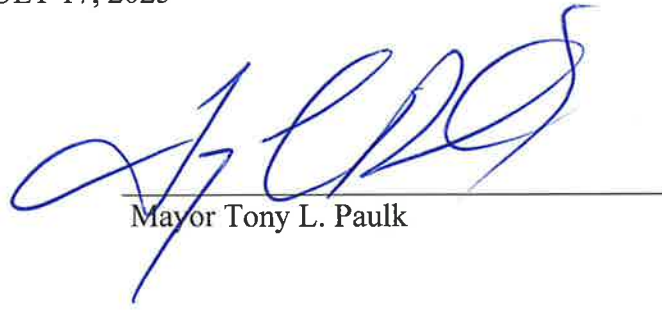
MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Mike Gowen (5-0)

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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



