

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JULY 28, 2025

The Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:24 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, Tony Paulk II, and Brenda Moore in attendance. Commissioner Mike Gowen was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER STEVE BAILEY)

Commissioner Steve Bailey 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 Mayor's Youth Council receiving a check for the Georgia Forward Placemaking Project Grant from GMA. 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 Brenda Moore.

AWARDING THE GEORGIA FORWARD PLACEMAKING PROJECT GRANT TO THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL.

Tavari Turner, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Program Manager, presented a check for the Georgia Forward Placemaking Art Project Grant to the Mayor's Youth Council.

Elected Junior Mayor Zipporah Wilcox, elected Mayor Pro Tem Nayeli Moran, and elected Junior City Clerk Jada Marshall expressed their gratitude to GMA and the Commission for their support of this initiative. They also offered to assist the Community Development department in notifying citizens about the Hurricane Helene Recovery Effort.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (GEORGIA HENDERSON, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER)

- 1. APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
- 2. APPROVAL TO NOT TO EXCEED PRICE TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) VEHICLES FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS**
- 3. APPROVAL TO BID AWARD TIA 0016250 SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST WALKER STREET**
- 4. APPROVAL FOR ESG ENGINEERING TO PERFORM TASK ORDER CONCERNING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND GEFA LOAN CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR BELT PRESS PROJECT**
- 5. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER#2 CONTRACT TO AERATION AND FILTER REHAB PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)**

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (GEORGIA HENDERSON, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER)-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.

WORK SESSION

CONDUCT THE FIRST READING OF TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ULDC) FOR THE ADOPTION OF UPDATED GEORGIA MINIMUM STANDARD CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES

City Attorney Jerome Adams conducted the first reading to formally adopt the most recent edition of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Codes for construction, which includes the International Property Maintenance Codes, as adopted and amended by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The proposed ordinance's second reading and public hearing will occur on August 11, 2025.

No action has been taken at this time.

CONDUCTED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 611 WALKER ST. W. - PINECREST VILLAGE

A public hearing was held regarding the height variance for 611 Walker St. W., concerning the Pinecrest Village development. City Attorney Jerome Adams led the hearing, during which staff recommended that the Commission approve or deny the request for a height variance. This variance would allow the proposed multifamily (apartment) development to exceed the maximum building height permitted within the applicable zoning district.

The Pinecrest Village development is proposed to consist of approximately 48 residential units on two currently vacant parcels.

Amanda Gentry, 821 N. Daughtry Drive, expressed concerns about building an apartment complex on Walker Street, which could make the roads busier and more hazardous.

After much discussion, the consensus was to approve this item. Commissioner Steve Bailey moved to approve the variance, which Commissioner Tony Paulk II seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR VACANCY ON DOUGLAS AIRPORT COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Assistant City Manager, recommends advertising for two weeks to fill the Douglas Airport Commission vacancy left by Mr. Byron Gillespie, whose term expires September 30, 2027.

No action has been taken at this time.

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STAFF COMMENTS

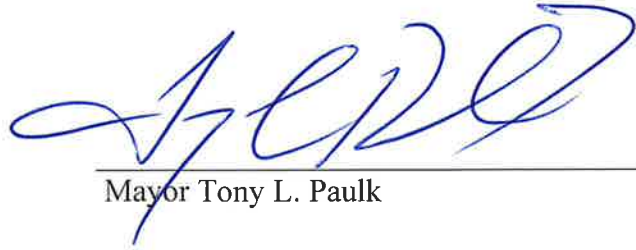
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MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:46 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Tony Paulk II and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bailey (5-0)



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



