

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**The Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 6:29 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill presided over the meeting with Commissioners Steve Bailey, Brenda Moore, Mike Gowen, and Tony Paulk II in attendance. Mayor Tony L. Paulk and Commissioner Edwin Taylor were absent.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

**INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER TONY PAULK II)**

City Manager Charlie Davis delivered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The motion was approved unanimously (5-0) to approve the order of the agenda, with the motion made by Commissioner Tony Paulk II and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bailey.

**DISCUSS 2025 TAX MILLAGE ORDINANCE – FIRST READING, PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION.**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to discuss the reading of the 2025 Tax Millage Ordinance along with a public hearing, and presented for action.

Mr. Adams read that the City of Douglas must set up the Tax Millage by Ordinance each year. As required by state law, a five-year history of the City's property tax digest and levy and notice of public hearing on the attached ordinance were published in the Douglas Enterprise, August 28, 2025, edition. The Ordinance should be read this evening, followed by the Public Hearing, as law requires. Following the public hearing, the Ordinance will be ready for your action. This ordinance sets the net millage rate at 5.95000 mills for the City and 1 Mill for the Industrial Authority, for 6.9500 Mills.

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, read the first reading and held a public hearing to allow the proposed 2025 Tax Ordinance, hold the Public Hearing, and adopt the Ordinance establishing a 6.95000 millage. **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PROPOSED FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES.”** There were no public comments. Attorney Adams stated the ordinance was ready for action.

The 2025 Tax Millage ordinance was approved unanimously (5-0), with Commissioner Steve Bailey making the motion and a second by Commissioner Mike Gowen.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (CHARLES DAVIS, CITY MANAGER)**

1. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25TH, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND FLOORING INSTALLATION FOR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE TRADITIONAL HALLOWEEN TRICK-O-TREATING OBSERVANCE DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**WORK SESSION ITEMS**

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FLOCK CAMERAS, AND THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK.**

Captain Leon Whitley with the Douglas Police Department recommended that the Mayor and Commission approve the purchase of FLOCK cameras, consisting of 1 FLOCK OS Software starter, 13 FLOCK safety solar multipurpose License Plate Reader (LPR) and video fixed cameras, 6 FLOCK safety LPR FALCON cameras, three solar video fixed Condor cameras, and three fixed video PTZ cameras. Staff requests the city manager's approval to sign all documentation with FLOCK to move forward. The budgetary quote is \$85,250.00.

Commissioner Moore expressed concerns about FLOCK and the possibility of a data breach. Natalie Koozie, a representative of FLOCK, responded to the questions, ensuring that this company has not had a problem with a data breach.

The motion to approve the purchase of the FLOCK cameras was approved (4-1), made by Commissioner Tony Paulk II and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bailey. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and Commissioner Mike Gowen favor the agenda item. Commissioner Brenda Moore abstained.

**FIRST READING OF THE ADDITION OF ORDINANCE AND ZONING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND STRUCTURES**

Jerome Adams read the first (1st) reading to adopt the proposed ordinance and zoning, which will establish the regulatory framework to support current and future electric vehicle infrastructure needs. Adoption will also enhance the City's eligibility for grant opportunities and align Douglas with state and federal clean energy initiatives. The Planning Commission and Staff further recommend periodic review of the ordinance to ensure it continues to reflect evolving technologies, best practices, and community growth patterns. The second reading, followed by action, will be held on September 22, 2025.

No action taken at this time

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**APPROVAL AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE  
FOR KRISHIIV 3 LLC D.B.A. FOUR POINT SPIRIT AND WINE**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, held a public hearing to approve or deny an alcohol license request from Krishiiiv 3 LLC, dba Four Point Spirit and Wine, located at 903 Madison Ave N., Douglas, Georgia, for retail sales and off-premises consumption of liquor, beer, and wine. There were no comments from the public; this item was ready for action.

The motion was approved unanimously (5-0), even though our local charter requires them to approve an alcohol license request. Commissioner Gowen stated that it would be contingent upon the state's acceptance. This applicant is from Krishiiiv 3 LLC, dba Four Point Spirit and Wine, located at 903 Madison Ave N., with the motion made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bailey.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

No comment

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No Comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion was made by Commissioner Steve Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Tony Paulk II (5-0)

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill

  
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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

