

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

**The Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Tony L. Paulk presided over the meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Steve Bailey, Brenda Moore, and Tony Paulk II in attendance. Commissioner Mike Gowen was absent from the Work session.**

*City Manager Charles Davis and Assistant Manager Georgia Henderson were absent. Jeffery Ingram, Customer Service Director, led the meeting.*

**REVIEWED JUNE 26, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Jeffery Ingram, Customer Service Director, presented the first item, reviewing the Board of Commissioners meeting minutes on June 26, 2025. Mayor Tony L. Paulk asked the Commissioners to propose any changes to ensure accurate historical record-keeping.

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

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

Alyssa Fussell, Grant Administrator, appeared before the Commission to authorize a public hearing to consider a medical cannabis dispensing application submitted by Georgia Retail Pharmacy, LLC, for the location at 903 Baker Hwy. W.

Ms. Fussell explained that the Georgia Retail Pharmacy, LLC, has submitted a business license application requesting to operate a medical cannabis dispensing facility at 903 Baker Hwy. W. The proposed facility intends to dispense low-THC oil and related products in compliance with the Georgia Access to Medical Cannabis Commission (GMCC) regulations. Under Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 16-12- 220 et seq.), licensed dispensaries may operate in local jurisdictions that do not prohibit such use and where local approval is granted. The applicant is seeking local government consideration and approval to complete their licensing process with the city. This property has previously been given a variance to dispense these products. However, as this is a newly introduced use within the City of Douglas, staff recommend holding a public hearing to allow public input and to ensure complete transparency and community engagement before any action is taken.

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

**DISCUSSED RATIFYING LAND DONATION TO THE HOPE INITIATIVE**

Alyssa Fussell, Grant Administrator, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to ratify the land donation to The Hope Initiative.

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**DISCUSSED RATIFYING LAND DONATION TO THE HOPE INITIATIVE-  
CONTINUE**

Ms. Fussell explained that, on May 27, 2025, the City Commission approved the land donations to the Douglas Coffee County Land Bank Authority, which then donated the properties to The Hope Initiative. The mistake did not include parcel D010048 and the never-used short section of Coffee Avenue is part of the donation. Parcel D010048 was included on the map on the May 27th agenda. However, the parcel and short section of Coffee Avenue were not approved, and this item requires action from the City Commission to ratify with a vote of approval from the email poll dated June 25, 2025.

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

**DISCUSSED THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FECON MULCHING HEAD FROM  
SOURCEWELL #43874.**

Anthony Folsom, Purchasing Agent, appeared to seek approval to purchase one (1) Fecon BK6218-FCR-1V-SVL97 Fecon Mulching Head.

Mr. Folsom stated that the Douglas Utilities Electric Department requests approval to purchase one (1) Fecon BK6218-FCR-1V-SVL97 mulching head. This attachment is compatible with the department's existing skid steer and will be used for daily operational tasks. Electric Interim Director Charlie Purcell and Purchasing Agent Anthony Folsom recommend purchasing the mulching head from Sapelo Equipment Company under Contract Source well #43874, for \$39,888.00.

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

**DISCUSSED EXECUTING THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GEORGIAFORWARD  
YOUTH ART PLACEMENT GRANT**

Nayelie Moran, the upcoming Mayor's Youth Council Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor's Youth Council City Clerk Jada Marshall, and the Mayor's Youth Council members appeared before the Commission seeking approval to execute the Resolution for the Georgia Forward Youth Art Placement Grant. This grant aims to support an art project organized by the Parks and Recreation Department at Roundtree Park. The City of Douglas Mayor's Youth Council has been awarded a \$500 Youth Placement Grant to complete the public placemaking project at Roundtree Park.

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

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**DISCUSSED APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE ON PEARL AVENUE AND COLLEGE AVENUE**

Commissioner Edwin Taylor sought approval to close Pearl Avenue and College Avenue due to a well-known resident's funeral service on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

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

**GENERAL COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)**

Kentaiwon Carter-Durham, who resides at 410 Park Avenue, appeared before the Commission to discuss having one of the baseball fields at Unity Park named after the late Johnny McFadden. Mr. McFadden was very athletic and grew up in Mill Quarters.

Commissioner Brenda Moore expressed her total support for allowing this recommendation to proceed and for the Mayor and Commission to consider this request.

Mayor Paulk stated that this request will be sent to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

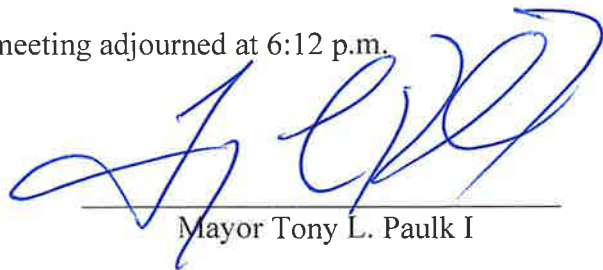
**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

No Comments

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



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Mayor Tony L. Paulk I



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Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC



