

MINUTES
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 24, 2025

A Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Tony L. Paulk was presiding over the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy McNeill and Commissioners Steve Bailey, Brenda Moore, and Edwin Taylor were present. Commissioners Tony L. Paulk, II, and Mike Gowen were absent.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 10, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The first business item presented by City Manager Charles Davis was to review the Board of Commissioners' 11/10/2025 (Work Session/Regular) Meeting Minutes. Mayor Paulk requested that the Commissioners offer any changes so that the Deputy Clerk could correctly record the minutes for historical data.

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

DISCUSS RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL TO PURCHASE DUMP TRUCK FOR GAS DEPT

Anthony Folsom, Purchasing Agent, appeared before the Commission to seek to ratify the approval to purchase a dump truck for the Gas Department.

Mr. Folsom stated that this purchase is essential to support the department's daily operations, hauling needs, and ongoing system maintenance projects. Ratification will ensure the Gas Department has the necessary equipment to continue providing reliable and efficient service to the community. The total cost is **\$67,980**.

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

DISCUSS HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY ASSESSMENT AND MOVING FORWARD WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.

DISCUSS ADVERTISING FOUR EXPIRING TERMS ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to advertise four (4) expiring terms on the Downtown Development Authority.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking to advertise four (4) expiring terms on its board: Mr. Dalton King, Mr. Michael Newton, Mr. Scott Moore, and Mrs. Joy Vickers. Mr. King's term expired on December 31, 2024. Mr. Newton, Mr. Moore, and Mrs. Vickers's terms will expire on December 31, 2025. All members with expired/expiring terms have expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Staff is requesting that the public be notified for two weeks and that the Commission reappear on December 11, 2025, for a vote on either reappointing or approving new volunteers to fill the vacancies.

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

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DISCUSS ADVERTISING TWO EXPIRING TERMS ON WWII FLIGHT TRAINING BASE COMMITTEE

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to advertise two (2) expiring terms on the WWII Flight Training Base Committee.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking to advertise two (2) expiring terms on their committee, being those of Mr. Stanley Lott, Mrs. Stephanie Childers, which will expire on December 31, 2025. Both members have expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

Staff is requesting to publicize for two weeks and reappear before the Commission on December 11, 2025 for a vote to either reappoint or approve new volunteers to fill the vacancies.

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

DISCUSS ADVERTISING ONE EXPIRING TERMS ON THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to advertise one (1) expiring term on the Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission.

Mrs. Henderson stated that the Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission is seeking to advertise one (1) expiring term, being that of Mrs. Rose Mary Street, set to expire on December 31, 2025. Mrs. Street has expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Staff is requesting that the public be notified for two weeks and that the Commission reappear on December 11, 2025, for a vote on either reappointing or approving new volunteers to fill the vacancies.

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

DISCUSS ADVERTISING ONE EXPIRING TERM ON KEEP DOUGLAS BEAUTIFUL

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to seek approval to advertise one (1) expiring term on Keep Douglas Beautiful.

Mrs. Henderson stated that Keep Douglas Beautiful is seeking to advertise one (1) expiring term, being that of Mrs. Allisa Mills-Jackson, set to expire on December 31, 2025. Mrs. Mills-Jackson has expressed an interest in continuing to serve. Staff is requesting that the public be notified for two weeks and that the Commission reappear on December 11, 2025, for a vote on either reappointing or approving new volunteers to fill the vacancies.

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

DISCUSS RESOLUTION TO RENEW GEORGIA STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY REHABILITATION

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Commission to approve of a Resolution to affirm the City's support for renewing and strengthening the Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property and to formally advocate for legislative action that

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preserves the program's effectiveness, increases its annual cap, and ensures continued investment in historic rehabilitation statewide.

Mrs. Henderson stated that this Resolution expresses the City's support for renewing and strengthening the Georgia State Income Tax Credit Program for Rehabilitated Historic Property. The program, which provides a 25 percent state income credit for certified historic rehabilitation projects, has been a key economic development tool across Georgia since 2002. Due to the current 30-million-dollar annual program cap, the commercial credits are now fully allocated through the 2029 sunset year, leaving no remaining credits available for new rehabilitation projects without legislative action. Preservation organizations, downtown development partners and rehabilitation professionals statewide are coordinating an advocacy effort urging the General Assembly to raise the annual cap to 60 million dollars and ensure the program remains functional and competitive. Renewing and improving this program supports private investment, job creation, downtown revitalization, and the preservation of Georgia's historic buildings. The proposed resolution would formally align the City with statewide efforts to preserve and strengthen this critical redevelopment tool.

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

DISCUSS PHONE IN ELECTED MEETING PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Brenda Moore, Ward II, appeared before the Commission to discuss upholding the State Law concerning the implementation of State Law O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(g)(c) that allows for Phone-In Elected Meeting Participation.

Commissioner Moore has requested that the City implement the State Law O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(g)(c) that allows for Phone-In Elected Meeting Participation. O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(g)(c) states that "On any other occasion of the meeting of an agency or committee thereof, and so long as a quorum is present in person, a member may participate by teleconference, if necessary, due to reasons of health or absence from the jurisdiction, so long as the other requirements of this chapter are met. Commissioners would call in from the commission chambers, and the microphone would be placed close to the phone.

This was for **informational purposes only**.

GENERAL COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

There were no general comments

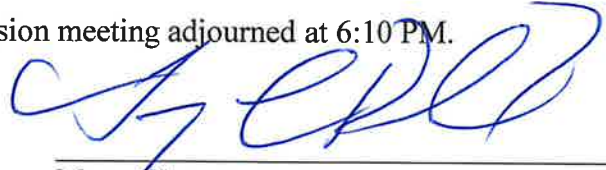
CITY MANAGER UPDATES

There were no updates.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the work session meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.



Mayor Tony L. Paulk



Kristi L. Pope, CMC