

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JUNE 21, 2012**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson was absent due to her place of employment training.**

**INVOCATION**

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Landy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were **unanimously** approved:

**Work Session .....June 11, 2012  
Commission Meeting.....June 11, 2012**

A **MOTION** to approve **(5-0)** the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

**RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER-WESLEY RILEY**

Mr. Wesley Riley was not in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor and Commission **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** to accept the order of the Agenda.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

**ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager, the Commission **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the authorization of staff to begin the advertising process on Channel 13 seeking applications for the Satilla Regional Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Davis stated that this term will begin on July 1, 2012 and will expire on June 30, 2015 and anyone interested in the appointment should contact the City Clerk or the City Manager's Office for an application.

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**ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER-  
CONTINUED**

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

**APPROVAL OF THE FY'12 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Department, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) to adopt the Resolution to amend the FY'12 General Fund Budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget. This amendment does not change the bottom line figures of the General Fund; it just reallocates monies between departments.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

**FIRST READING-THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT**

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, stated upon recommendation from the Douglas Coffee County Planning Commission that the Unified Land Development Code Chapter 3, Zoning Districts, Table 3-1, Table of Permitted Uses, Commercial General is amended to permit Non-Residential Industrialized Buildings in the C-G, Commercial General Zoning District, provided they meet the following requirements: (1) Are located within the C-G, Commercial General Zoning District along Bowens Mill Road (SR 32/SR 135 West and East) south of the CSX east/west railroad tracks, and as more particularly shown on the attached map. (2) Meet the design requirements as listed in Chapter 7 Supplemental Standards, Item 29: Industrialized Buildings (non-residential), Section "a.1." Permitted Exterior Building Materials and "a.2." Prohibited Exterior Building Material is approved and that the ordinance is read for the first time by Jerome Adams, City Attorney at this meeting. **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA, CHAPTER 3 TABLE 3-1 TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, COMMERCIAL GENERAL, NON RESIDENTIAL INDUSTRIALIZED BUILDINGS"** The Second Reading will be held July 9, 2012.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

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**APPROVAL OF THE 2012 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) a resolution authorizing 1) Mayor Dennis to execute a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program in the amount of **\$181,379** to purchase 25 sets of PPEs and 15 sets of SCBAs, 2) that the grant will be matched by **\$4,773** from City of Douglas Fire Department FY'13 Budget Funds, and **\$4,773** from Haz-Mat Funds, **grand total \$190,925** and 3) that Mayor Dennis execute grant documents if awarded the grant.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

**FIRST READING –SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE**

Brannen Pruette, Deputy Police Chief, stated his recommendation to adopt DOT Speed Limit Ordinance that was submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation for On System and Off System. Once the ordinance is adopted and executed, DOT will forward it to the Department of Public Safety for an updated radar permit for the city. It is recommended that the Commission approve the first reading to be read by Jerome Adams, City Attorney on this date.

**“AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOCAL AUTHORITIES POWER TO ALTER LAWFUL SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS COFFEE COUNTY GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-6-183 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED”** The Second Reading will be held July 9, 2012.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

**APPROVAL OF THE LEAF AND LIMB BURNING AT THE COMPOST SITE**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Water & Wastewater /Natural Gas Director, the Commissioners **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) for a burn pit to be constructed and operated by the Compost Site staff working closely with the Fire Department to dispose of excess leaf and limb.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

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**APPROVAL OF THE PILGRIMS PRIDE'S REQUEST**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Water & Wastewater /Natural Gas Director, the Commissioners **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) that the Pilgrims Pride Hatchery is allowed to change from Agricultural Firm Rate to the Interruptible Rate as soon as they have completed installation and backup system.

**A MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

**APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE-HIBACHI BUFFET**

Upon recommendation from Roger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the request from Chuan Ping Zou for Alcoholic Beverage License, for consumption on the premises for Hibachi Buffet, located at 1600 S. Peterson Avenue, Douglas Georgia provided they meet the requirements by the State Fire Marshall.

**A MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

**APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE-HIBACHI BUFFET**

Upon recommendation from Roger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the request from Anfe Woodrum for Alcoholic Beverage License, consumption on the premises for Dru's Steaks, located at 1009 N. Peterson Avenue, Douglas Georgia provided they meet the standard for the State Fire Marshall.

**A MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director presented the following announcements:

**NEW CITY SLOGAN**

- Open to the citizens 18 years and over
- Would like to incorporate the slogan to the new City of Douglas signage
- Deadline July 27<sup>th</sup>

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**STAFF COMMENTS-CONTINUED**

**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY FREEDOM FEST EVENT**

- Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at J.C. Adams Municipal Park
- Gates Open at 5 p.m. – Live Entertainment – Food Vendors – Fireworks after Dark.
- Hosted by the Douglas Exchange Club, City of Douglas, local businesses and private supporters.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson congratulated Douglas Police Officer Sgt. Stacey Williams on being nominated as Volunteer of the Year with the Head Start Program.

Commissioner Bob Moore asked Dale Batten if there were updates concerning the truck routes signs.

Dale Batten, Community Development Director responded that there were no updates to report.

Commissioner Marty Swain thanked the staff on a successful job with the Beach Bash Event.

Mayor James Dennis made the following comments:

- Mayor James Dennis wished all fathers a belated Happy Father's Day
- Mayor Dennis reiterated the success of the Beach Bash.
- The Mayor also encouraged citizens to take advantage of the Fourth of July Celebration at the Jardine Stadium.
- The Mayor asked citizens to take advantage of the anonymous tip line 912-260-3600.
- The Mayor asked that citizens keep our community clean, if you are driving a pickup truck make sure the trash is secure in the back of the truck.
- The Mayor asked that citizens observe our parking ordinance downtown.
- The Mayor thanked the staff for all the hard work that they do.
- The Mayor encouraged citizens to attend the Chamber Luncheon, June 22, 2012 at the Central Square Gym, concerning the T-SPLOST.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and was seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

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**James H. Dennis, Mayor**

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**Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk**