

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JULY 9, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Ronnie Anderson, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Coffee County High School JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work SessionJune 21, 2012
Commission Meeting.....June 21, 2012**

A **MOTION** to approve **(6-0)** the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

RECOGNITION OF FIREMAN WESLEY RILEY

Mayor Dennis along with Commissioner Marty Swain recognized Fireman Wesley Riley for successfully completing 340 hr course of study in basic firefighting at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Mr. Riley was also presented the Pinnacle Award.

RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER DENNIS JOSEY

Mayor Dennis recognized Commissioner Dennis Josey for receiving the Certificate of Distinction. This recognition is given to elected officials who have taken 204 hours of training.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to accept the order of the revised Agenda.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Pearson.

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SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING-ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the second reading of the zoning amendment. **“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 BUILDING.”** Mr. Adams, City Attorney proceeded to call for a public hearing. No comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. This motion was unanimously **approved (6-0)**

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING-SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the second reading of the speed zone ordinance. **“AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOCAL AUTHORITIES POWER TO ALTER LAWFUL SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COFFEE COUNTY, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-6-183 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED.”**

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. This motion was unanimously **approved (6-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that there were no applications received. Therefore the Library Board would like to recommend that the Commission reappoint Mr. David Washington to serve an additional 3-year term. This term will begin on July 1, 2012 and will expire on June 30, 2015.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. (This motion was unanimously **approved 6-0**)

APPROVAL OF THE BRYAN STREET CLOSING FOR OUTDOOR EXPO

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** for a portion of Bryan Street to be blocked and closed for the South Georgia Outdoor Expo from Madison Avenue to Pearl Avenue beginning on Friday, Saturday, August 25, 2012, 6:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

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APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL/SOCCER EQUIPMENT BID

Upon recommendation from Stanley E. Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the request by Parks and Recreation Director, Roger Johnson, to accept the recommendation to reject Group A and re-bid at a later date, and to accept bids as discussed in tonight’s Work Session as follows for the 2012 football and soccer equipment from the following list of vendors to be purchased for a grand total of **\$20,688.13**.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Low Bid Items</u>	<u>Total Low Bids</u>
Anaconda Sports, Inc.	C	\$1,245.00
Flaghouse, Inc.	E	\$ 13.56
Pennant Sports, Inc.	H & N	\$ 147.10
Riddell/All American	D & L	\$ 7,310.40
Sports Supply Group (BSN)	G & M	\$ 310.72
Sport Shop, Inc.	B, F, I J& K	\$11,661.35

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

APPROVAL OF THE EMPLOYEE RENTAL UNIFORMS’ RENEWAL

Upon recommendation from Stanley E. Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the request to extend the Employee Rental Uniforms Bid for an additional five (5) years with UniFirst Corporation of Moultrie, GA, formerly known as Riverside Uniform Company, Inc. with current prices of **\$4.45** per week for Polyester/cotton blend, and **\$5.90** per week for 100% cotton. The new expiration date of this bid will be July 27, 2017.

A MOTION to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Hutchinson.

APPROVAL OF THE “KING LUMINAIRE” DOWNTOWN DECORATIVE LIGHTING

Upon recommendation from Stanley E. Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the request for the City of Douglas Light Department to purchase five (5 each) King Luminaire Decorative Poles, Lighting fixtures, and Globes from King Luminaire of Duluth Georgia for a grand total price of **\$19,040.00**.

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

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APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR A & D HOSPITALITY, LLC

Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer recommended that the Commission **approve to deny** the request of Adam Van Nus and Anfe Woodrum for an Alcoholic Beverage License, Consumption on the premises for A & D Hospitality, LLC, located at 1009 N. Peterson Avenue due to not meeting the background qualification requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson made a **MOTION** to **approve** the request of Adam Van Nus and Anfe Woodrum for an Alcoholic Beverage License, Consumption on the premises for A & D Hospitality, LLC, located at 1009 N. Peterson Avenue. The motion was second by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Commissioner Swain, Josey and Moore voted **in favor** of the motion.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson voted **against** the motion. **(5-1)**

APPROVAL OF THE CONSULTANT FOR LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST) AND SERVICE DELIVERY STUDY

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the contract for Professional Service to develop a study and report to be used by the City of Douglas for the negotiation of the Local Optional Sales Tax (LOST) for Coffee County and to address service delivery issues as well.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Dale Batten stated that the McDonald Avenue railroad crossing will be closed Tuesday, July 10, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. until Friday, July 13, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. due to railroad repairs.

Landy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Athletic Coordinator stated that District 2 Swim Meet was held today. The City of Douglas Stingray Swim Team placed first in the meet and will be attending State. The Swim Meet will be televised on DCTV. Also the 9 & 10 year old Girls' Softball team will be traveling to State in Tifton. The 11 & 12 year old Girls Softball team will be traveling to Dublin.

Mrs. Gomez informed the Mayor and Commission that Roger Johnson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department was released from the hospital and his condition was improving.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Johnnie Lee Roper stated that he resides at 711 S Daughtry Avenue, and his Commissioner is Richard Hutchinson. Mr. Roper expressed concern of the speed bump that was removed on Wall Street. Mr. Roper also stated that due to the removal of the speed bump, people are driving their cars at a considerable amount of speed, and would like for the city to place the speed bumps on the road. Mr. Roper thanked Jacob Lott for doing a great job in keeping the grass cut on the side of the roads.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager stated that he was not aware the speed bump was removed from that location, but will look into the matter.

Jerry Roberts invited everyone to attend the ribbon cutting for Dru's Steak House, Thursday June 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dennis Josey expressed concern of citizens cooking and selling food out in the public, especially with the weather being so hot.

Randall Parker, Building Inspector stated that most are charitable organizations. They come in to inquire about permits that would allow them to cook and sell food located in outdoor areas. He stated that he directs them to the Health Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson stated that the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Conference was very educational and she was glad that everyone was able to attend and returned safely.

Mayor James Dennis commended Connie Lott for receiving the Senior Citizens Site Manager of the Year Award from the South Georgia Regional Commission.

The Mayor thanked everyone for participating in the Fourth of July Event.

Mayor James Dennis commended Jacob Lott and staff for doing a great job in the community.

The Mayor encouraged citizens to keep our community clean if you are driving a pickup truck make sure the trash is secure in the back of the truck, and to observe our parking ordinance downtown.

Mayor James Dennis encouraged citizens that if they see criminal activities to take advantage of the Anonymous Tip Line 912.260.3600.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to adjourn to the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LAND ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL ISSUE

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed land acquisition and personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting, **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey, and **approved** by all. **(6-0)**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, and **approved by all**. **(6-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson approving the land purchase that was discussed in Executive Session. This motions was **approved** by all **(6-0)**

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey approving the Workman's Comp claim that was discussed in Executive Session. This motion was **approved** by all **(6-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** at 8:45 p.m.

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James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

Affidavit

The undersigned presiding officer, under oath, certifies that at a City of Douglas Commission Meeting, held on July 9, 2012, the Mayor and Commission closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 through 50-14-6]. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed meeting are as indicated below:

x To discuss future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4)].

x To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6)].

_____ To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

This 9th day of July, 2012

Signature of Presiding Officer

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me
On The Above Indicated Date:

Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires _____

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to enter into executive session.

Olivia C. Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem

Ronnie Anderson, Commissioner

Richard Hutchinson, Commissioner

Robert "Bob" Moore, Commissioner

Marty Swain, Commissioner

Dennis Josey, Commissioner

RESOLUTION OF THE DOUGLAS CITY COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas, Ga City Commission as follows: At the meeting held on the 9th day of July, 2012 the Commission entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing:

 x To discuss future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4)].

 x To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6)].

 To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

(1) The actions of the Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.

(2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.

(3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Commission, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b).

(4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

Approved this 9th, day, of July, 2012.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk