

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JUNE 10, 2013**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 10, 2013 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 Marty Swain, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Ronnie Anderson and Dennis Josey were in attendance. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent due to illness.**

**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor James Dennis stated that Commissioner Pearson was out due to illness.

**INVOCATION**

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Captain Bart McCullough, Douglas Police Department led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session .....May 23, 2013  
Commission Meeting.....May 23, 2013**

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda and as stated in the work session.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the order of the Agenda.

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**RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICERS AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Commander Jerome Perkins, Douglas Police Department recognized Corporal Margarito Perez with Officer of the Quarter and the following officers that completed the 2 year Professional Management Program through Columbus State University. The officers were: Commander Bart McCulloch, Commander Harper and Sgt. Antonio Ward. These were the first ones to complete this training in the history of the City of Douglas.

Sergeant Robert Sprinkle, Criminal Investigation Unit also recognized Investigator Randy Ryles completing the requirements as a crime scene investigator and has received his certification as a crime scene investigator. Also Investigator Ryles will be the first person to do so in the history of the City of Douglas.

**APPROVAL OF THE FY'14 BUDGET**

Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, stated that after being properly advertised and a Public Hearing held according to legal process, the proposed FY'14 Budget of \$67,151,997 is now ready for action. Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously adopt **(5-0)** the Resolution approving the FY'14 Budget of **\$67,151,997** as presented in the public hearing on May 23, 2013, with the 6% sanitation increase, 4mil electric increase, and the High Water-Wastewater Rate, all to be effective July 1, 2013.

**A MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

Commissioner Anderson questioned the amount of money transferred to balance the budget.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager responded that there were no monies transferred from fund balance needed to balance the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the FY'14 Budget.

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**APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the creation of the Municipal Court Solicitor position as outlined in the contract and position job description and approved the hiring of Katie Peters to this position.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the contract for Municipal Court Solicitor.

**APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHWIRE PLANT 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** approve this partnership for use of the Central Square Complex for Southwire's Douglas Plants - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Giveaway and waive the rental fees.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** to use and to waive the rental fees of Central Square Complex for Southwire's Douglas Plants - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Giveaway .

**APPROVAL OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-STREET CLOSING**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the request from First Baptist Church to close North Coweta Avenue from Cleveland Street to Sellers Street, Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for safety measures due to the Win Shape Camp for Community held at this location.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the request from First Baptist Church to close North Coweta Avenue from Cleveland Street to Sellers Street due to the Win Shape Camp for the Community.

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**APPROVAL OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE**

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to amend the following sections of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Section 6-1 Definitions, to include bowling alley; Section 6-3 (9), Class III License, to allow those under 21 in a bowling alley that is a Class III establishment: Section 6-21 entry by minors prohibited in areas, spaces or rooms of bowling alley where the primary purpose is for consumption of alcoholic beverages; and Section 6-118 which includes bowling alleys to section. City Attorney Jerome Adams conducted the first reading on May 13, 2013 the second reading was read on May 23<sup>rd</sup> by Terrell Jacobs, City Manager.

Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated that the second reading was done on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and no action was taken at the May 23, 2013 meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Richard Hutchinson, **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the amendment of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF THE FY'13 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Upon recommendation from Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the Resolution to amend the FY'13 General Fund Budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the original budget.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Swain, Commissioners Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Richard Hutchinson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(5-0)** the FY'13 budget amendment.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director gave an update of the BRAG event that was held June 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>, the host site was South Georgia State College. Mrs. Henderson thanked the entire community, along with City employees, County, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses, for assisting with the BRAG (Bicycle Riders across Georgia)

Mrs. Henderson announced the upcoming event "Fourth of July Freedom Fest" held at the J.C. Adams Municipal Park

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**STAFF COMMENTS-CONTINUED**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager announced that if citizens have signed up for the recycling carts they should have been picked up and returned for usage. The recycling carts will be picked up every other Friday and carts should be placed back after pickups by 6 a.m. the next morning. Mr. Jacobs also explained the scheduling of the regular pickup within the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Nesmith, President of the NAACP announced a Community awareness Meeting, concerning the crime. This will be held at Gaines Chapel Church June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nesmith encouraged the entire community to attend this meeting.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson thanked everyone for their prayers and phone calls he received during his surgery.

Commissioner Dennis Josey expressed his concerns with citizens placing trash in the leaf and limbs piles. Commissioner Josey recommended that citations be given to these individuals.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson informed the citizens that there are several churches participating with providing breakfast/lunch programs in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Swain sent out prayer to Commissioner Olivia Pearson during her time of recovery.

Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- Thanked Pattie Merritt and staff on a job well done with the Beach Bash and a special thanks to Georgia, Blondale, Kimberly, South Georgia State College and City of Douglas staff with the BRAG (Bicycle Riders Across Georgia)
- Encouraged everyone to attend the “Stop the Violence” meeting held at Gaines Chapel June 1<sup>st</sup> household garbage will be picked up every week.
- Request for citizens to remove trash cans from the right-away due to the enforcement of the sanitation ordinance.
- Thanked staff for their hard work with the budget.

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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 Commissioner Dennis Josey and was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to adjourn to the Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Mayor James H. Dennis, Mayor Pro Tem Marty Swain, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Ronnie Anderson and Dennis Josey were in attendance of the Executive Session. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent due to illness.**

**LAND ACQUISITIONS**

Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, Mike Hudson, Water/Wastewater/Gas, Jacob Lott, Public Works Director/City Engineer and Lamar Hill, Electric Director discussed litigations with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, Terrell Jacobs, City Manager Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, was in attendance.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, were in attendance.

Commissioner Ronnie Anderson made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting, **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore, and **approved** by all. **(5-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Ronnie Anderson made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** at 8:01 p.m.

CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

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**James H. Dennis, Mayor**

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**Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk**