

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JUNE 9, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:03 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson were present.

INVOCATION

Pastor Theodore Braswell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jacob Lott, Public Works Director/City Engineer, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

Work Session..... May 27, 2014
Commission Meeting..... May 27, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the minutes as printed.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda as published.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson, **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the order of the Agenda as discussed in the work session.

FY'15 BUDGET RESOLUTION ADOPTION

Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, stated the FY'15 Budget has been properly advertised and the Public Hearing was held on May 27, 2014 for the adoption of the proposed \$69,089,768.00 FY'15 Budget. Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, recommended that the Mayor and Commission adopt the Resolution to approve the FY'15 Budget as presented in the Public Hearing on May 27th with a 2 ml electric increase be effective July 1, 2014.

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FY'15 BUDGET RESOLUTION ADOPTION-(CONTINUED)

A **MOTION** to approve the adoption of the proposed \$69,089,768.00 for FY'15 was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor James Dennis, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, and Ronnie Anderson **voted in favor** of the motion to adopt the proposed budget in the amount of \$69,089,768.00. Commissioners Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, and Olivia Pearson **voted against** the motion. **(4-3)**

APPROVED VOTING DELEGATES FOR MEAG POWER

Upon recommendation of Lamar Hill, Electric Department Director, the Mayor and Commission approved to appoint Lamar Hill as the primary voting delegate and Commissioner Bob Moore as alternate.

A **MOTION** to approve to appoint Lamar Hill as the primary voting delegate and Commissioner Bob Moore as alternate was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the voting delegate and alternate for MEAG Power Board.

APPROVED FY'14 WAREHOUSE ROOF REPAIR

Upon recommendation of Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Commission approved as discussed in tonight's Work Session meeting, the optional bid that exceeds specifications for the repair of the Purchasing Warehouse roof submitted by Top Coats Roofing of Ocilla, Georgia for a total Cost of \$22,893.00.

A **MOTION** to approve the optional bid that exceeds specifications for the repair of the Purchasing Warehouse roof submitted by Top Coats Roofing of Ocilla, Georgia for a total Cost of \$22,893.00 was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the FY'14 warehouse roof repairs.

APPROVED URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN BOUNDARY EXPANSION

Upon recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission authorized Mayor James H. Dennis to execute a Resolution approving the expansion of the Urban Redevelopment Plan Boundary to include the southern portion of East Cleveland between North Coweta Avenue and North McDonald Avenue.

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APPROVED URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN BOUNDARY EXPANSION- CONTINUE

A **MOTION** to approve to authorize Mayor James H. Dennis to execute a Resolution approving the expansion of the Urban Redevelopment Plan Boundary to include the southern portion of East Cleveland between North Coweta Avenue and North McDonald Avenue was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the Urban Redevelopment Plan Boundary Expansion.

APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY BOARD VACANCIES

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission approved to reappoint Betty Royal and Faye Davis for another 3 year term and continue to advertise for the third vacancy.

A **MOTION** to reappoint Betty Royal and Faye Davis for another 3 year term and continue to advertise for the third vacancy was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the (2) Library Board appointments of Betty Royal and Fay Davis.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced that the following:

- Thanked everyone that participated with the 2014 Beach Bash.
- CSX Railroad will be closed June 9th thru June 13th at Peterson and Madison crossings.
- Community Clean-up Day will be held June 21st at Eastside Park, 8a.m. - noon.
- Douglas Exchange Club will host the 4th of July Freedom Feast to be held at the J. C. Adams Municipal Park.
- Announced that the Public Relations Department has relocated to 211 S. Gaskin Avenue (Ashley Slater House).
- South Georgia Indoor and Outdoor Expo will be held August 22nd -23rd.

Commissioner Swain questioned the attendance of the Community Cleanup that is being held once a month in different location around the city.

Jacob Lott, Public Works Director/City Engineer stated that there was only a few drop offs at the last Community Cleanup possibly due to having them regularly, he stated that hopefully that is a good thing.

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STAFF COMMENTS-(CONTINUED)

Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreational Director stated that the City hosted a swim meet June 9th with over 300 swimmers from 5 agencies. The City will host the Girls Softball Tournament which will be held at the Gregg Walker's Complex. Also Mr. Johnson stated that there were a number of trees removed from Wheeler Park, due to building restrooms and staff will begin working on the tennis court also. He stated, the majority of the trees were hollow, which would be a danger to the community.

Terrell Jacobs acknowledged the parents and sponsors who took part in assisting with the Swim Meet.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. (Richard Hutchinson's district) expressed concerns of the increase of the electric rates and thanked those Commissioners who voted against the FY'15 Budget.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that not only was electric rates were raised but the sewer, also other budgeted items were added. He stated everyone votes what they vote but at the same time he feels like you care less about the people on the side that has to pay for it and that's how he feel about it.

Mayor Dennis stated the following:

- ❖ Thanked everyone that participated with the Beach Bash
- ❖ Advised every one of the Tip Line ---- "See something, Say Something"
- ❖ Community Cleanup Day June 21st.
- ❖ Quality of Life Campaign will be announced at a later date.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson thanked all the employees for their hard work to get the budget balanced, she doesn't want staff to be insulted. However, she stated she couldn't consciously vote to approve this budget due to the rate increases as well as increases in the future due to coal fire plants being closed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Bob Moore to adjourn the regular meeting and to enter into the Utility Appeals Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

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**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
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A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:25 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Marty Swain, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, and Olivia Pearson were in attendance.

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk/Customer Care, Mike Hudson, Gas/Water and Wastewater Director and Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and receive recommendations.

Geneva Hickox

Geneva Hickox, 625 W. Phillips St., T-1, appealed to the Utility Appeals Board on the night of 06/09/14. Her average water and sewer consumption is 2 tgal; however, her bill due June 16, 2014 showed 9 tgal of consumption. No evidence could be proven to support the reason for the higher consumption.

The Utility Appeals Board agreed to a **motion** made by Commissioner Pearson made a motion and seconded by Commissioner Swain to adjust water back to average consumption of 2 tgal equaling \$23.59 in water adjustment and \$35.21 in sewer adjustment, a total adjustment of \$58.80. **The motion was unanimously carried.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson, Ronnie Anderson Bob Moore, and Richard Hutchinson voted in favor of the motion **(6-0)**

There was no further business to discuss in the Utility Appeals Meeting.