

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was out of town.

INVOCATION

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed:

Work Session.....September 8, 2014
Commission Meeting.....September 8, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the minutes as printed.

Mayor Dennis announced that Commissioner Olivia Pearson was out of town attending a Conference.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda as set forth in the work session.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

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

SECOND READING-HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the second reading of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

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**SECOND READING-HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINACE
“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF DOUGLAS CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CHAPTER 52, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, ARTICLE II CREATION OF AN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, SECTION 52-23. COMMISSION
MEMBERS; NUMBER, APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND COMPENSATION.”**

A **MOTION** to approve the Historic Preservation Ordinance was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson, **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

SECOND READING-WATER SYSTEM CONNECTION ORDINACE
Removed from the agenda

APPROVAL OF THE SIDE WALK CAFÉ PERMIT FOR DEEMS ENTERPRISES, INC.
Upon recommendation of Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission unanimously approved the Sidewalk Café Permit for Deems Enterprises, Inc., (DBA Johnny’s New Your Style Pizza), located at 216 N. Madison Avenue Douglas Georgia.

A **MOTION** to approve the Sidewalk Café Permit for Deems Enterprises, Inc., (DBA Johnny’s New Your Style Pizza), located at 216 N. Madison Avenue Douglas Georgia was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the Sidewalk Café Permit for Deems Enterprises, Inc., (DBA Johnny’s New Your Style Pizza), located at 216 N. Madison Avenue Douglas Georgia.

**APPROVAL OF THE GOAL ACHIEVER RATES AND PLAN CHANGES EFFECTIVE
1/1/2015**

Upon recommendation from Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, the Commission approved the 2015 Goal Achiever Rates and plan changes as presented in the Work Session.

A **MOTION** to approve the 2015 Goal Achiever Rates and plan changes as presented in the Work Session was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the 2015 Goal Achiever Rates and plan changes as presented in the Work Session.

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APPROVAL OF THE FACILITY DEPOSITS AND SET-UP FEES

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, the Commission approved the proposed fees for the facility users whose rental fees were waived, which are \$100.00/\$200.00 Refundable Deposit Fee and non-refundable Administration Fee of \$100.00.

A **MOTION** to approve the proposed fees for the facility users whose rental fees were waived, which are \$100.00/\$200.00 Refundable Deposit Fee and non-refundable Administration Fee of \$100.00 was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson approved (**5-1**) the proposed fees for the facility users whose rental fees were waived, which are \$100.00/\$200.00 Refundable Deposit Fee and non-refundable Administration Fee of \$100.00. Commissioner Richard Hutchinson **voted against** the motion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- Public Power and Fire Prevention Week
- CNG Facility Ribbon Cutting will be held October 8th
- Natural Gas Department will light pilots free for the month of October
- Friday October 10th will be Customer Appreciation held at City Hall from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Accepting applications for community partners to participate during the Hometown Harvest event scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm.
- The City is taking applications for the annual Festival of Lights Christmas parade which will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Commissioner Moore stated that if we take the horses out the parade we will need to pull cars out of the parade that do not decorated with lights.

Commissioner Anderson expressed concerns of candy which parade participants throw out during the parade. He suggested that those who are doing it be removed from the parade.

Mike Hudson, Gas/Water/Wastewater Director gave an update on the CNG Facility as well as invited everyone to the grand opening that is being held October 8th.

MAYOR COMMENTS

- Welcomed the REMC to Douglas for their annual meeting.
- Clean-up Day is October 18th at Unity Park
- City will be open October 13th and the Commissioner Meeting will be held that night.
- Ribbon Cutting for the CNG Facility October 8th
- Support the Trojans Friday night.

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MAYOR COMMENTS CONTINUED

- See Something, Say Something Campaign – 260-3600
- Thanked all of staff for hard work

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn and enter into the Executive Session by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

James Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Mayor James H. Dennis, Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey and Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore and Marty Swain were in attendance at the Executive Session. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was not in attendance.

LITIGATION ISSUES

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

The motion made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson to adjourn from Executive Session to return to regular meeting was seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore and unanimously approved. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The motion made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson to adjourn the regular meeting was seconded by Richard Hutchinson and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.