

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Richard Hutchinson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Dennis Josey, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson present.

INVOCATION

Minister Howard Payton, Atlanta Georgia gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed in the Work Session:

Work Session	January 27, 2015
Commission Meeting	January 27, 2015

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

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. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

RECYCLING PRESENTATION

Charlie Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director introduced Andrew Steptoe and Sanjay Patel from the Coffee County Middle School. The students appeared before the Commission to speak about the importance of recycling.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Mayor James Dennis requested that Mrs. Charlene McElroy serve in the place of Ed Voyles on the Housing Authority. Mayor Dennis has notified Ms. Graham, Director of the Housing Authority and Mrs. McElroy. Her term will be retroactive to January 21, 2015.

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DISCLOSURE OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST 2014 CDBG

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, publicly disclosed that none of the City of Douglas elected officials own property or have relatives living in the proposed 2015 Community Development Block Grant target area nor are there any city employees living in the proposed target area. Therefore, no conflict of interest exists within this proposed target area. Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated that everything was in order with this disclosure.

No action required.

SECOND READING- ANNEXATION/REZONING REQUEST OF CHRIS D. LEWIS

City Attorney, Jerome Adams conducted the second reading and public hearing of the Annexation/Rezoning request for Chris D. Lewis. **"AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED: TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES."** Jerome Adams, City Attorney, proceeded to call for a public hearing. There were no comments from the public and public hearing was closed. Mr. Adams stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CEO FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Mayor James Dennis introduced Ms. Judy Ardis, the new CEO of the Boys and Girls Club. Mrs. Ardis appeared before the Commission and stated that she has been with the Boys and Girls Club for 22 years and previously resided in Arlington, Texas. She thanked everyone in advance for their continued support.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)
VACANCY**

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, announce two vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission. The City Code stipulates that all members must reside in the City of Douglas and shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architecture or the preservation of historic resources. These vacancies will be advertised on Channel 13 with appointments being made at the February 23, 2015 Commission meeting.

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APPROVAL OF THE HEART TO HEART 5K EVENT

Upon recommendation of Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission approved the request from Coffee Regional Medical Center to allow the use of certain public streets in the proposed route to host the Heart 2 Heart 5k Run/Walk Event, Saturday, February 21, 2015, and that the Police Department provide assistance with traffic in the busy traffic areas. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The motion **unanimously** carried (6-0).

STAFF COMMENTS

Pattie Merritt, Main Street Coordinator stated the following:

- ❖ GMA Essay Contest "If I were Mayor I Would"...for all 6th graders in the community. Deadline to submit essay will be February 27th.
- ❖ The Douglas-Coffee County Historical Society will host an exhibit at the Heritage Station Museum for the month of February for Black History Month.
- ❖ Community Junk Drop off Day, Saturday, February 21, 2015 8 a.m. – noon at Wheeler Park.
- ❖ A Work of Heart Cardiac Rehabilitation Open House, Thursday, February 12th 8 a.m. -- 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Heart Disease Awareness "Rocking Red Day" February 20th.
- ❖ February 15th at Aniston's Restaurant, Country Music Artist Tim Hadler will be performing. Proceeds will go to support the Veterans.
- ❖ February 21st the Heart 2-Heart 5K-Run/Walk Event hosted by Coffee Regional Hospital.
- ❖ Registration for vendors for the Bike, Blues and BBQ Festival will be held April 10th & 11th at the Gene Chamber Airport and also the South Georgia Expo.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed for the Bikes, Blues, and BBQ Festival, contact Pattie Merritt or Wynetta Bolder, Volunteer Coordinators.

Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer announced that Business Licenses and Occupational Taxes are late after March 1st.

Chief Gary Casteloes stated that the Douglas Police Department is revamping the Neighborhood Watch Program, they are looking for neighborhoods to set-up a Watch Program. If anyone is interested they may contact Commander Bart McCullough at 260.2616. Chief Casteloes encouraged citizens to use the Anonymous Tips Line 260.3600 concerning illegal activity or information on a crime.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

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COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She also thanked Ms. Judy Ardis, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club for appearing before the Commission and welcomed her to the City of Douglas.

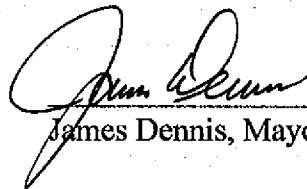
Commissioner Marty Swain thanked Chief Casteloos for revamping the Neighborhood Watch Program and encouraged citizens to participate with the neighborhood watch.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Welcomed Ms. Ardis to the City of Douglas.
- Encouraged citizens to contact the anonymous tip line 260.3600 for any suspicious activities.
- Encouraged citizens to plant a tree for Arbor Day, February 20th.
- Encouraged citizens to take advantage of the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Keep our neighborhood and community clean by participating and the Junk Free Day February 21st at Wheeler Park.
- Thank staff and employees for all the hard work.
- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to enter into Utility Meeting by Commissioner Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.


James Dennis, Mayor


Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk