

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA  
MARCH 28, 2016**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:04 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Mike Gowen, Kentaiwon Durham, Cindy McNeill and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor Tony L. Paulk.

**INVOCATION**

Sam Vernon, Pastor of First Methodist Church, provided the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Coffee County 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.....	March 14, 2016
Commission Meeting.....	March 14, 2016

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as printed. A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**POLICE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE**

On March 18, 2016 Vicente Guerrero graduated from the ABAC Police Academy in Tifton, GA. Mayor Tony Paulk administered the Oath of Office for Officer Guerrero.

**RATIFICATION OF H.E.A.T. GRANT APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, Commission ratified the approval of a resolution authorizing the submittal of the 2016 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant application under the H.E.A.T. Program in the amount up to \$133,684.42 and authorized local match of up to \$26,736.88 to be funded from the City of Douglas Police Department Operating Budget with the remaining local match funded by Coffee County.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commission Johnnie Roper. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

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**APPROVAL OF CEMETERY POLICY – SCATTERING OF CREMAINS**

Upon recommendation from Henry Milhollin, Cemetery Coordinator, the Commission approved to establish an area in the cemetery for the purpose of scattering cremains or ashes.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF SINGLE PLOT SALES AREA**

Upon recommendation from Henry Milhollin, Cemetery Coordinator, the Commission approved to expand the cemetery single plot sales area in Section T.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

**APPROVAL PURCHASE OF HEATING/AC FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) 10 ton Rheem Heat Pump from the second low bidder Air Management Systems of Baxley, Georgia for a total price of \$10,950.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnnie Roper and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The motion carried **(6-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF OUT OF SCOPE WORK WITH ESG**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved the 10" PVC dedicated main project for Pilgrim's Pride as an out of scope service project to be installed by ESG at an estimated cost of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

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

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- Southern Vintage Market – April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at Central Square Complex

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Roper stated that he would like to see some more cleaning be done. He also stated that since last meeting, they have worked on their garden at the Senior Center. Probation Center sending laborers. He then stated that his area is looking better. Lastly, he stated that something needs to be done at the end of Hollywood Drive because there is a mud puddle there.....may need some rocks or something in it. He is proud of the Commission over the past three months and hopes that it continues to run as smooth as it has been.

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**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS CONTINUED**

Commissioner Bob Moore stated that he hoped that everyone had a good Easter.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson stated that she also hoped that everyone had a Happy Easter. She said that she is blessed to be on this side. Lastly, she stated that the NAACP celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their banquet this past Saturday. She appreciated the support by the City and that the banquet was a great success.

Commissioner Gowen stated he is glad that everyone is feeling better and that Commissioner Moore's wife gets well soon. He said that he appreciated the job that the City employees do, especially with our water department because he knows it's a challenge with all of the rain we have been getting.

Commissioner McNeill stated that this is a special week with our kids out of school on spring break. She asked for everyone to enjoy their time together and to please be on the lookout for children out playing. She also encouraged everyone to support the Southern Home Vintage event that will be here April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, she stated that she is thankful for good health.

Commissioner Durham stated that prayers continue to go up for Pastor Randolph Scott as he continues to recover. He stated that he enjoyed Easter. Lastly, he stated that he is now engaged and will be getting married on December 17, 2016.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Tony Paulk stated that at the last meeting he told the guys need to get ready for Mother's Day. At this meeting, he encouraged the women to have the men in their lives go to the doctor and get a complete physical. He then updated everyone on his health issues/concerns he has had within the last couple of weeks. He appreciated everyone's concern.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The Commission approved **(6-0)** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:32 PM.

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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

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Kristi L. Morgan, Deputy City Clerk