

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MAY 9, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham, Cindy McNeill, and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present. Commissioner, Mike Gowen, and Bob Moore were absent. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson arrived late.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Pastor J C Boler 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.....May 9, 2016
Commission Meeting.....May 9, 2016

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(3-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission approved the order of the Agenda as presented in Work Session. A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(3-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE ON-CALL TIME POLICY AND OVERTIME POLICY

Upon recommendation from Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, the Commission approved the revised On-Call Time Policy and Overtime Policy that was discussed in the work session.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill the motion carried **(3-0)**.

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APPROVAL OF DECLARING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved to declare the presented list of items as surplus and allow the disposal of these items to the highest bidder through the GovDeals on-line Auction Site

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. the motion **carried (3-0)**.

APPROVAL FOR MEETING OPTIONS FOR REZONING/HERITAGE POINTE DEVELOPMENT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved moving the first regular meeting in June up one week to June 6th. The second reading and public hearing would be held at this meeting and the Commission will vote on the rezoning and the housing tax credit development.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion **carried (3-0)**.

APPROVAL OF DATE CHANGE FOR JUNE MEETING

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission approved changing the date of June 27th for the regularly scheduled meeting to June 20th due to the GMA Conference.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper. The motion **carried (3-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Tony L. Paulk to execute an application for a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the United States Bureau of Justice in the amount of \$10,400 for fifteen (15) new Galls LX Series II Bulletproof Vest for the Police Department; authorize matching funds in the amount of \$5,200 from the Asset Forfeitures Account; and authorized Mayor Paulk to execute the necessary documents for the grant.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeil. and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. The motion carried **(3-0)**.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- ✓ May 21st Junk Drop-Off Day at Unity Park
- ✓ The month of May is Older American Month contact Gina Gibbs at 383-7332 for the events
- ✓ May 19th Blood Drive
- ✓ Parks and Recreation is continuing to enroll children for the summer programs
- ✓ City of Douglas along with the Douglas Rotary will host Beach Bash June 7th 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NO GENERAL COMMENTS

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

(Commissioner Pearson entered the meeting)

Commissioner McNeill acknowledged the following:

- Prayers for the Commissioners that were absent
- EMC Hosted an Economic Development meeting in Atlanta
- Thanked everyone for attending the National Day of Prayer
- Thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cutting for the Pink House
- Congratulations to the graduates of South Georgia State College
- Encouraged everyone to attend the political forum that will be held soon
- Graduation for the Coffee High Seniors will be held May 21st
- Memorial Day May 30th

Commissioner Durham thanked everyone for their prayers. He reiterated the Junk Free Day, and requested prayers for the loss of Mayor Pro Tem Pearson's nephew, and the family of the late Jill Starling. He also asked for the prayers of Coffee High 2016 graduates.

Commissioner Roper gave an update on the garden at the Coffee County Senior Citizens Center. Also, he gave an update on the Miracle Park that is in the process of being developed.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers of the loss of her nephew. She stated the services will be held noon, Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson reiterated for people to attend and ask questions at the political forum. She also gave condolences to the Starling family and the family of Coach Mathis.

Commissioner Durham announced that the CCCUP will be holding Baccalaureate Services for the Coffee High Seniors on Sunday May 15th.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tony Paulk stated the following:

- Recognized the Coffee County JROTC students that has faithfully attended the City Commission Meetings this year
- Acknowledged the youth that attended the Parks and Recreation state track meet
- Expressed concern of the lack of participation for the Relay for life and encouraged vendors to participate next year
- Wished mothers a Happy Mother's Day
- Gave an update on a tentative plan for a new Skate Board Park
- Encouraged everyone to vote
- Asked everyone to participate in the Active Georgia by logging in on www.cmecompete.com
- Mayor Paulk closed by stating it was an honor to sit with an esteemed City Manager and staff and he thanked the citizens of Douglas.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. made the **MOTION** to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The Commission approved **(4-0)** to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48PM.

Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk