

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA**  
**JUNE 20, 2016**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:10 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Kentaiwon Durham, Cindy McNeill and Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. were present. Commissioner Mike Gowen was absent.**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Bishop Justin Morris, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 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.....June 6, 2016  
Commission Meeting.....June 6, 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 **(5-0)**.

**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 Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

**FY'17 BUDGET RESOLUTION ADOPTION**

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Commission approved to adopt the Resolution to approve the FY'17 Budget of \$78,265,954.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

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**DISCUSSED ELECTRIC CITIES OF GEORGIA BID #16-014**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission approved the purchase of one (1) 150 E, Pad Mount Transformer and one (1) 1500 F, Pad Mount Transformer from the low bid submitted by Gresco of Forsyth, Georgia for a total combined cost of \$22,400.00.

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the Electric Cities of Georgia Bid #16-014 was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH STATEWIDE ENGINEERING**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved to enter into contract with Statewide Engineering for all engineering work for the Satilla Industrial Park.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF THE BOJO ELLA LIFT STATION REHAB PROJECT**

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved the BoJo Ella Rehab Project for a total cost of \$1.3 Million, to include engineering and project management costs from ESG, Inc.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILL CHANGES**

Upon recommendation from Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, the Commission approved the changes to residential utility bills as presented and proceed with changes.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

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**APPROVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN'S DISCOUNT**

Upon recommendation from Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, the Commission approved the procedures as presented as the Senior Citizens Discount to begin September 1, 2016.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Building Inspector, the Commission approved to continue advertising for an individual to serve on the Board of Appeals for a three year term starting July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

**No action taken at this time**

**APPROVAL OF RENAMING THE CITY POOL**

Upon recommendation from Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director, the Commission approved to rename the City Pool to "Roger Johnson City Pool".

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

**FY'16 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Upon recommendation from Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, the Commission approved to adopt the Resolution to amend the FY'16 Budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the amended budget, changing the total annual budget to \$74,064,876.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Roper. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director, announced the following:

- Parks & Recreation department currently taking registration for football and cheerleading. Early registration June 20<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Regular registration July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The City Pool is open until July 31<sup>st</sup>, a schedule is available on the website under the Recreations Department page or in person.
- Parks & Recreation holding free basketball camp July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup> for ages 9-13 – more information provided at the Parks & Recreation department
- DPD has provided tips about kids being home to keep them safe during the summer – these are located on the City website
- City offices will be closed Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> as well as Transwaste. There will be a one day delay with services pickup schedule.
- Douglas Exchange Club will host the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Fest – Event will be held at JC Adams Municipal Park. Gates will open at 5pm - Vendors and entertainment provided.
- Community Junk Drop-off Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.
- South Georgia BBQ and Outdoor Festival will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Free admission to the festival; however to attend the concert, tickets have to be purchased online at Rock Dog entertainment or Norris Shoe store in person.

*Mayor Paulk stated that Commissioner Mike Gowen is not in attendance due to volunteering with Boy Scouts Camp Thunder.*

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**No comments**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Cindy McNeill stated that she hopes that all father's had a great Father's day. She encouraged everyone to have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Commissioner McNeill also announced the following:

- Coffee Alliance for the Arts will have movie night July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45pm featuring Steel Magnolias.
- Chamber trivia night is on Thursday nights.
- Mr. Tyrone Reese will be recognized by Walmart 3 million miles of accident free driving.

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**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS-CONTINUED**

Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham commended the Public Information Department on the Beach Bash. Asked that everyone take advantage of Junk Drop-Off day. He encouraged citizens that if they are having a yard sale, please get a permit first. Commissioner Durham shared a poem "Am I My Brother's Keeper". He posted the poem on Facebook as well to get some young people to come to the meetings and get involved. He thanked Charles Palmer from Nicholls, GA for coming out. He asked everyone to pray for the bereaved families Overstreet, Adams, Stewart and Wilkins. He concluded by stating he was the youngest on the chair and wanted to thank everyone because he wouldn't have the knowledge he has without everyone.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson prays that all fathers had a happy Father's Day. She thanked all the City of Douglas employees for their hard work. Commissioner Pearson contacted Stevie Young, Parks & Recreation Director to discuss what we're doing as a City for a healthy lifestyle. She will be sharing the information at the GMA convention in Savannah. She also attended a voter engagement conference in Louisiana. She was glad she had an opportunity to attend. It was very informative. Commissioner Pearson sincerely thanked everyone who uttered a kind word to her through her ordeal. She announced that this weekend she will become President of District 11 for Georgia Municipal Association. She concluded by thanking the Mayor and Commissioners for what has been done for our Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Bob Moore stated he hoped everyone had a good father's day. Have a good summer and be safe.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper stated he had a good Father's Day. He stated that he has enjoyed watching the seniors tending to their garden at the Senior Citizens Program. Commissioner Roper commended the Commission by stating this has been the best 6 months he has ever served with the Commission. He encouraged everyone to keep him in their prayers.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Tony Paulk stated the most difficult thing to do is to coach greatness. He also stated "*I think this commission is a dream team. The citizens have put together a very dynamic, diverse and thoughtful commission. My challenge is to make sure I govern and provide the leadership and direction for our council. We could not accomplish our number one objective to take care of the citizens, with the combined efforts of the Mayor, the Commission, the City Manager, City Attorney, Department Heads, City Employees, Volunteers and Coaches we can make this work.*"

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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

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Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk