

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JULY 25, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 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

Rev. Chris Calhoun, St. Mark Methodist Church, provided the invocation.

Rev. Calhoun discussed a ministry that is called "Camp 151" that began in 2006. He explained that their mission is to repair homes for needy families. Rev Calhoun stated youth 14 years or older participate with upgrading houses for those that are not financially able. The youth that participate pay \$250.00 for food and supplies for the renovation project for that week. For more information about Camp 151, the website is 151.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

MINUTES ADOPTION

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

Work Session.....July 18, 2016
Commission Meeting.....July 18, 2016

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

Mayor Tony Paulk stated that Commissioner Gowen is out of town on business.

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RECOGNITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION SWIM TEAM

Landy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Athletic Coordinator along with Coach Jenkins recognized the 2016 State Champion City of Douglas Stingray Swim Team members.

Mayor Paulk removed himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest with the agenda item, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson took the gavel at this point.

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR TONY PAULK & CHEVELLE PAULK—FIRST READING

Julia Shewchuk, Planner with Southern Georgia Regional Commission recommended the first reading of the Douglas Coffee County Planning Commission to approve the request of Tony and Chevelle Paulk, to rezone Parcel No. D-022-013 consisting of 0.41 acres, located at 915 South Gaskin Avenue from Residential Mixed (RM) to Commercial General (CG) and that the ordinance be read for the first time on this date with the second reading and public hearing, after properly advertising caption, be held on August 8, 2016. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, read the first reading. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 915 SOUTH GASKIN AVENUE FROM (R-M) RESIDENTIAL MIXED TO (C-G) COMMERCIAL GENERAL; LAND OF TONY PAULK AND LAVINIA CHEVELLE PAULK.** The second reading will be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission after properly advertising, as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia on August 8, 2016.

No action taken at this time Mayor Paulk assumed the gavel

APPROVAL FOR REZONING ORDINANCE FOR JOANN LEWIS –FIRST READING

Julia Shewchuk, Planner with Southern Georgia Regional Commission, recommended the first reading of the Douglas Coffee County Planning Commission to approve the request of JoAnne Lewis, to rezone 15.42 acres located at 1025 North Chester Avenue from Residential (R-15) to Planned Development North Page 30 Chester Avenue Assisted Living Facility, including Site Plan, be approved and that the first reading of the ordinance be held on this date. The public hearing and second reading, following properly advertising caption, be held on August 8, 2016. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 1025 NORTH CHESTER AVENUE FROM (R-15) RESIDENTIAL TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT NORTH CHESTER ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY (P-D); LAND OF JOANNE LEWIS.** The second reading will be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Commission after properly advertising, as required under the Charter of the City of Douglas, Georgia on August 8, 2016.

No Action taken at this time

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APPROVAL FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY TOM REILLY - AIRPORT BUILDING

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved the proposal submitted by Mr. Tom Reilly to renovate the WWII Historic Building located at 5 Willie C. Lane at the airport in lieu of rent.

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the proposal submitted by Tom Reilly was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE PIKE ELECTRIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR WIDENING PROJECT

Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utility Director, the Commission authorized Mike Hudson/Utilities Director to sign the Electric Service Agreement with Pike Electric LLC.

A **MOTION** to **unanimously** approve the Pike Electric Service Contract for widening project was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

APPROVAL OF THE HWY 135 WIDENING PROJECT MATERIAL BID PREPARED BY MCLEAN ENGINEERING

(Part 1) Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved to accept the bid submitted by Gresco in the amount of \$120,471.05. This decision was based on cost, amount of requested material quoted, and by the delivery dates, so that we insure having materials on site for contractors to use.

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the Hwy 135 widening project material bid prepared by Mclean Engineering was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

(Part 2) Upon recommendation from Mike Hudson, Utilities Director, the Commission approved to accept the verbal approval to order materials on a second bid that will not exceed 35,000.00 and will bring back bid documentation at the Commission Meeting scheduled for August 8, 2016.

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve to accept the verbal approval to order materials on a second bid that will not exceed 35,000.00 was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(5-0)**.

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APPROVAL OF THE GBI SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

Upon recommendation from Ramon Harper, Police Commander, the Commission approved the revised agreement with the Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office and authorized Mayor Tony Paulk to execute said agreement.

A **MOTION** to approve the GBI Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Agreement was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion carried **(4-1)**. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson **opposed** the motion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Pattie Merritt, Main Street Coordinator, announced the following:

- The Douglas Drag Strip has been up and going for several months, events occur every weekend
- Parks & Recreation department currently taking registration for football and cheerleading.
- Election will take place Tuesday, July 26th at the Central Square Gym
- Southwire's Douglas Plant Annual Back to School Giveaway July 29th at Central Square Gym
- Douglas Coffee County Parks & Recreation swimming will close for the summer July 31st
- Martin Center Open House will be held August 4th 4p.m.-6 p.m.
- Coffee County Historical Society presents the Carver High Exhibit
- Community Junk Drop-off Saturday August 20th at Wheeler Park.
- South Georgia BBQ and Outdoor Festival will be held September 9th & 10th – 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.
- Job Positions: Fulltime Maintenance Worker, Grounds Maintenance, Stadium Worker, Police Department and Fire Chief.
- City Manager Terrell Jacobs stated that Bethel Family Worship Center and the Ministerial Association will have a Back to School Event Saturday July 30th.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Cindy McNeill thanked Rev Calhoun for sharing the information with Camp 151. She also encouraged citizens to let the City know if there are problems with lighting in the neighborhoods.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham thanked Rev Calhoun for the service they are doing for the citizens who are unable to financially fix their homes. He also stated that he would be glad to volunteer with assisting the 151 Camp. He asked for the community to keep the Curtis and the Clark Family in their prayers for the loss of their family member. He concluded by thanking everyone for allowing him to represent Ward 2 by serving on this Commission. Commissioner Durham encouraged citizens to keep yards clean to avoid snakes.

Commissioner McNeill informed citizens that John Glosson and Jamie Grace will be performing at the Coffee County Middle School.

Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson asked everyone to keep the Curtis and Clark Family in their prayers along with our community and nation. She also thanked Rev. Calhoun for what Camp 151 is doing in the Community. She also thanked Coach Jenkins for what he has been doing with the kids. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday. In conclusion, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson informed everyone concerning a newspaper named "Georgia Star", which is owned by an 81 year old woman. If anyone is interested in receiving this paper, they may contact her at 912.921.9874.

Commissioner Bob Moore stated that Coach Jenkins was doing a good job working with the young people.

Commissioner Johnnie Roper stated he has heard so many good things tonight and it has been an honor serving on the Commission for 6 months without any major complaints. He stated that the Commission must continue to listen to the citizens. Commissioner Roper encouraged citizens to place all trash in the receptacles and not on the ground. He also thanked Rev Calhoun for helping in our community.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tony Paulk stated that school will start in a few days and he encouraged citizens to be mindful of school buses and children. He commended Camp 151 for the services they are providing in the community. Mayor Paulk wished his wife a happy birthday.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made the **MOTION** and Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson seconded to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 PM. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk