

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JUNE 8, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson presiding and Commissioners Johnnie L. Roper, Marty Swain, Dennis Josey, Bob Moore and Olivia Pearson present. Mayor Jackie L. Wilson was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Ernest Crussel, Water & Wastewater Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Petty Officer 3rd Class Bivens of Coffee High School.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session – May 26, 2009
Commission Meeting – May 26, 2009**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF HEROSIM

Commissioner Marty Swain presented Miss A'Qwavia Littleton a "Certificate of Heroism" on behalf of the Board of Commission for her efforts in getting medical help by calling 911 for Ms. Betty Tucker after A'Qwavia found her lying on the ground after suffering a stroke. The Commissioners thanked Miss Littleton for her heroic act as a Good Samaritan to help Ms. Tucker.

APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARING – FY'10 BUDGET

Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, stated that the FY'10 Budget has been advertised. Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, gave a synopsis of the proposed

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FY'10 Budget. Following this presentation, a public hearing was held with no comments. The FY'10 budget will be presented for adoption at the next City Commission Meeting scheduled for June 25th.

Commissioners thanked the Department Heads and staff for the job they are doing in managing their department budgets

APPROVAL OF DOUGLAS 101 – CITIZEN ACADEMY PROGRAM

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, the Commission unanimously approved to implement a Douglas 101 – Citizen Academy Program, which is for individuals, 18 years of age or older, who have a sincere interest in Douglas's community and desire to become educated on how our City government operates. The first session will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning September 1, 2009 – November 3, 2009 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for ten (10) weeks, including one Saturday tour. Ms. Henderson also stated that she would use all media sources to get the word out concerning the program.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion

**APPROVAL OF SOUTHSIDE TRUNK SEWER MAIN
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Upon recommendation from Ernest Crussel, Water & Wastewater Director, the Commission unanimously approved a contract with JJ&G (Jordan, Jones & Goulding), in an amount not to exceed \$268,200, for design of the Southside Trunk Sewer Main Rehabilitation/Slip Lining Clean Water State Revolving Fund Stimulus Project authorized by the city at an estimated cost of \$3.9 million, which if approved by GEFA, will be funded at 70% GEFA Grant Funding and 30% Local Matching Funds from the Water/Wastewater Professional Services.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

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APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE BOARD OF APPEALS VACANCY

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission approved for the vacancy on the Board of Appeals to be advertised for two weeks as required by City policy to allow interested parties to apply. Following the two week time frame for advertising, should no one better qualified apply, it is recommended that the Commission reappoint Mr. Elton Reese to serve for another term.

Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN GUIDELINES

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved the newly designed Historic Preservation Commission guidelines that affect the approved historic districts within the City of Douglas.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF LEASE ON COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, the Commission unanimously approved the new Community Golf Course agreement with Mr. Billy Ward and Mr. Michael Brown for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012, and fund the Community Golf Course in the City's General Fund in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION/GMA LEASE

Upon recommendation from Joyce Taylor, Finance Director, the Commission unanimously approved to adopt the Resolution authorizing Mayor Wilson to execute the Lease Supplement documents under the GMA Direct Leasing Program for \$254,170 for funding of a 2008 Pierce Custom Contender Fire Truck at 3.75% for ten (10) years.

Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper made the motion for approval and Commissioner Olivia Pearson seconded the motion.

APPROVAL TO CHANGE DATE FOR COMMISSION MEETING DUE TO MEAG POWER ANNUAL MEETING

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved to change the Commission Meeting scheduled for July 13th to Thursday, July 16th due to MEAG Power Annual Meeting at Amelia Island.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

ISSUES ON TRASH PICK UP FROM CITY/TRANSWASTE

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that we are having some concerns from citizens on items that can/cannot be included on the trash pickup by Transwaste and also the City. The City will pickup leaf and limb debris that is put on the side of the road at your residence on a scheduled route and Transwaste will pickup household garbage on a route schedule. If there is a need for other garbage pickup such as brown/white goods (furniture, appliances, etc.) please call Transwaste and a pickup date will be scheduled. Also construction debris and old carpet should be taken to land fill. Mr. Jacobs also reminded the citizens to separate all trash for faster pickup.

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**COMMENTS TO CITIZENS ON RECENT SHOOTING OF DOORS,
WINDOWS AND ALSO DAMAGES TO CITY BUILDINGS AND
BUSINESSES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that recently there has been a rash of crimes in relation to shattered windows and doors at City buildings and businesses by what is believed to be a pellet gun. City Manager also encouraged parents to supervise their children and know where their children are at all times. If anyone can provide information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) causing the damage they are encouraged to call the Douglas Police Department. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie L. Roper and Olivia Pearson also reiterated the statements made by City Manager concerning the recent problems of crimes taking place in our city.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Johnnie L. Roper and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 pm.

Ronnie L. Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk

