

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MAY 14, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham, Commissioners Mike Gowen, Cindy McNeill, Edwin Taylor and Bob Moore were present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent at the work session. Commissioner Olivia Pearson arrived at 7:15 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER EDWIN TAYLOR)

Minister Rose Robinson, Hightower Memorial Temple, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Coffee County School NJROTC.

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 Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

RECOGNITION OF NEWLY CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER

Lieutenant, Rex Harper, recognized William Thompson who attended and completed an eight week program in Forsyth, Ga. at the GPSTC training facility. He is now a certified firefighter for the City of Douglas Fire Department.

RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEERS OF THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, recognized community volunteers for their participation in the Great American Cleanup event.

Mrs. Henderson stated that on Saturday, April 28, 2018, ESG Operations, community volunteers, South Georgia State College participated in the City of Douglas promotion for Georgia Cities Week, which included the Great American Clean-up. Volunteers helped to clean up areas along South Gaskin Avenue and Pinecrest Drive, bagging over 20 bags of trash and other large items. Afterwards, ESG Operations and South Georgia State College provided the volunteers with a lite lunch. The Great American Cleanup organizes millions of volunteers in locally-directed activities that encourage individual stewardship for the environment and care for the community. Efforts in litter prevention and removal, waste reduction, recycling, beautification, and community greening result in cleaner, greener, safer and more beautiful public spaces.

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SECOND READING OF THE GOLF CART SAFETY RESTRAINT ORDINANCE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, read the second reading of the Golf Cart Safety Restraint Ordinance. **“AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 86, TRAFFIC BY AMENDING SECTION 86-148 PROHIBITED TO RESRTICT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FOUR FROM BEING A PASSENGER ON A GOLF CART AND THAT CHILDREN FOUR YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER EIGHT YEARS OF AGE MUST BE IN AN APPROVED CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINING SYSTEM AND THAT A PASSENGERS EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE MUST WEAR A SEATBELT WHILE THE MOTORIZED CART IS IN MOTION: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** No comments were made by the public and Jerome Adams, City Attorney, stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** to approve the **“GOLF CART SAFETY RETRAINT” ORDINANCE** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. The motion carried (4-1). Commission Cindy McNeill **opposed** the motion. (*Commissioner Pearson was not present during the motion*)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 23, 2018**
- **APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW FORD F-150 TRUCK - GAS DEPT**
- **APPROVAL OF BID AWARD OF EIP GRANT FOR STREET, DRAINAGE, AND WATER IMPROVEMENTS**
- **APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY APPROVAL FOR AIR EVAC TO USE PINELAND AVIATION HANGAR**
- **APPROVAL OF REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SOLAR PANEL ORDINANCE**
- **APPROVAL OF MEAG AMENDMENT TO THE POWER SALES CONTRACT**
- **APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF FEE WAIVER REQUEST - COFFEE COUNTY NAACP**

A **MOTION** to approve all **Consent Agenda Items** listed above as discussed in the Work Session was made by Commission Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

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WORKSESSION ITEMS

**FIRST READING OF REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SOLAR PANEL
ORDINANCE**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, read the first reading to amend the Unified Land Development Code by replacing Chapter 13, Sections 1-7, and dealing with Solar Electrical Systems and that the ordinance be read for the first time and the second reading and the Public Hearing be held on May 31, 2018 at the next meeting.

No Action was taken

FIRST READING OF RETIREMENT PLAN

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, read the first reading proposed amendments to the Retirement Plan. The ordinance was read for the first time and the second reading and the Public Hearing be held on May 31, 2018 at the next meeting.

No Action was taken

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Community Development Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to give updates on the events for the City of Douglas.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comments were made by the Mayor and Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn go into Executive Session by Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, CMC

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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An Executive Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:44 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham, Commissioners Mike Gowen, Bob Moore, Cindy McNeill, Edwin Taylor and Olivia Pearson were present.

STAFF: Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, Jerome Adams, City Attorney, Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk, Mike Hudson, Utility Director, and Tammy Wilkerson, Human Resources Manager also in attendance.

DISCUSSED ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

Mike Hudson, Utilities Director and Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Tammy Wilkerson, Human Resources Manager in attendance.

DISCUSSED PERSONNEL ISSUES

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Tammy Wilkerson, Human Resources Manager in attendance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Durham made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session. The **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Commissioner McNeill made the **MOTION** to adjourn the Regular Session. The **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The Commission unanimously approved (5-0) (*Commissioner Moore was not present during the motion for adjournment*) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Tony L. Paulk, Mayor

Wynetta Bolder, CMC