

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
AUGUST 27, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 27, 2018, at 7:59 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, Oliva Pearson and Bob Moore were present.

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 Darlene Jackson, of Hightower Memorial Temple provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tony Paulk.

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 Commissioner Olivia Pearson. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

RECOGNITION OF STATE CHAMPIONS SWIM TEAM

Coach Lee of the Douglas Coffee County Swim Team introduced the members of the Swim Team. They were recognized for their individual and team accomplishments.

SECOND READING OF "2018-MILLAGE RATE TAX" ORDINANCE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the second reading of the 2018 Millage Rate Tax ordinance. No comments were made by the public and Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated that the ordinance was ready for action.

A **MOTION** to approve the **"2018 MILLAGE RATE TAX" ORDINANCE** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. The motion **carried (6-0)**.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2018**
- **APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
- **APPROVAL OF THE 2019 GEORGIA CLASSIC MAIN STREETS MOU**
- **APPROVAL OF THE NAMING OF TWO STREETS- (SPOONER CONNECTOR AND WALDROUP CONNECTOR)**

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-CONTINUED

- **APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FOOTBALL AND SOCCER EQUIPMENT**
- **APPROVAL OF THE FIBER PROJECT BID AWARD**
- **APPROVAL OF COUNTY-CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT HARDWARE ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED**
- **APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH LANCORE ENGINEERING**

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

WORK SESSION ITEMS

FIRST READING OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN CENTER DISTRICT

Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the first reading of the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Town Center District. **“AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ADDING THE DEFINITION OF PUB AND AMENDING SECTION 6-20 SALES IN TOWN CENTER DISTRICT TO ALLOW ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES IN PUBS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** **DISCUSSED THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY SPECIAL EVENTS** The second reading will be held September 10, 2018, during the regular meeting of the City of Douglas Board of Commissioners.

No Action taken

FIRST READING OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE RELATING TO CITY SPECIAL EVENTS

Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the first reading of the Sale of Alcoholic Ordinance relating to City Special Events. **“AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ADDING THE DEFINITION OF CITY SPECIAL EVENT AND ADDING SECTION 6-56 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CITY STREETS: TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”** The second reading will be held September 10, 2018, during the regular meeting of the City of Douglas Board of Commissioners.

No action taken

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APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ZERO TURN MOWERS

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, Mayor and Commission approved to accept the bid submitted for two (2) Zero Turn Mowers to be utilized by the Parks & Recreation Department from the 3rd low bid submitted from Elite Landscape located in Douglas, GA, for a total of \$17,000.00. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Bob Moore motion was carried (5-1). Commissioner Cindy McNeill **voted against** the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE POLICE CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION

Upon recommendation from Charlie Davis, City Manager, Mayor and Commission approved the Police Chief Job description with no changes, so that this position can go forth to be advertised. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Cindy McNeill **Motion** was carried (4-2). Commissioner Olivia Pearson and Mayor Pro-Tem Kentaiwon Durham **voted against** the motion.

DISCUSSED THE TRAVEL POLICY FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Tony Paulk brought forth the agenda item regarding the travel policy for the elected officials. He stated that this is an opportunity to discuss and implement a policy to govern elected officials while on travel status or representing the city.

Commissioner Bob Moore stated he would like to leave it *as is*, with **no changes**.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson stated that she does not have a problem with having a per-diem but she would support leaving it as is, with **no changes**. She stated that the \$60.00 per diem is not sufficient.

Commissioner Cindy McNeill stated that she would be in **favor of changes** or some type of parameters. She commended the Mayor for the outline that he presented the Commission.

Commissioner Edwin Taylor stated that it should stay the same, with **no changes**. He also stated that the Commission should be conscious of their spending.

Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham stated that the article which was published concerning the Commission spending was inaccurate. There was \$67.00 which was not a charge, but a reimbursement to the city. Mayor Pro-Tem is in favor of **no changes**.

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DISCUSSED THE TRAVEL POLICY FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS-CONTINUE

Commissioner Mike Gowen read the suggestions that were presented by Mayor Paulk. He stated that he was in **favor of changes**.

After much discussion it was stated by Mayor Paulk that the consensus of the Commission for **no changes** to be made.

No Action Taken.

APPROVAL TO UPHOLD PROTOCOL AND APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL HIRING REQUEST

Charlie Davis, City Manager brought forth the item that was discussed in the work session, recommendation by staff was to uphold protocol and move forward with the hiring of the replacement for the upcoming retirement in Community Development. Mr. Davis stated that staff's recommendation was overturned in the Work Session to the following motion: "*Combine the current City Planner job with the soon to be vacated Grants Administrative position.*" Commissioner Pearson stated this would save money instead of hiring another person.

After much discussion it was Commission approval to overturn staff recommendation and to combine the City Planner, and the Grants Administrative position. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Olivia Pearson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kentaiwon Durham motion was carried (4-2). Commissioner Mike Gowen and Commissioner Cindy McNeill voted against the motion.

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.

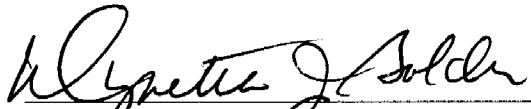
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a **MOTION** was made to adjourn by Commissioner Edwin Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Cindy McNeill. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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Tony L. Paulk, Mayor



Wynetta Bolder, CMC