

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Marty Swain, and Dennis Josey present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent due to death of her son.**

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Marty Swain.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by the Coffee High JROTC Cadets Moya and Carmical.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session.....August 24, 2009  
Commission Meeting.....August 24, 2009**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

**PROCLAMATION/LITERACY DAY**

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson read and signed a **Literacy Day Awareness Proclamation**. Ms. Lavonia Stepherson, CLCP Committee, thanked the Commission for their contributions and support for literacy awareness in our community.

**FIRST READING OF 2009 TAX ORDINANCE**

The Commission heard the first reading: **2009 TAX ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PROPOSED FOR THE**

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**LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES.**

Second Reading and Public Hearing will be held at a Called Commission Meeting on September 21, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

Upon recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the appointments of Byron Gillespie, Don Brooks and Wayne McKinnon to serve on the Airport Commission for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

Commissioner Marty Swain made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION/APPLICATION TO DNR FOR RAILS TO TRAILS FUNDING**

Upon the recommendation of Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the Department of Natural Resources for Rails to Trails funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for further development of the Douglas Greenway Trail and authorize the 20% match in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 from 2000 SPLOST interest; it is also recommended that proceeds from the sale of the Bicentennial Park in the amount of \$40,000 be allocated as matching for the Federal Highway funds that has been earmarked for the trail expansion by Congressman Jack Kingston.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

**FIRST READING OF TELEPHONE ORDINANCE**

The Commission heard the first reading of: **AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA TO ESTABLISH DUE COMPENSATION APPLICABLE TO ANY TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE COMPANY CHARTERED BY THE LAWS OF THIS OR ANY OTHER STATE BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR CODIFICATION, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES;**

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**TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTION DATE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** The second reading will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009.

**FIRST READING OF RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITY PERMIT ORDINANCE**  
The Commission heard the first reading of: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA IN ORDER TO ADMINISTER AND REGULATE THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND REGULATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES.** The second reading will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009.

**APPROVAL FOR FIRST READING OF REZONING ORDINANCE AT 212 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE FROM R-3, RESIDENTIAL TO I, INSTITUTIONAL, LAND OF TERESA LEWIS**

The Commission heard the first reading of "**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 212 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE, FROM R-3, RESIDENTIAL TO I, INSTITUTIONAL, LAND OF TERESA LEWIS.** The second reading and public hearing will be held on September 28, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OF PROPERTY AT 212 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE**

Upon recommendation from Randall Parker, Permits Division, and the Planning Commission, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the request for a conditional use permit at 212 South College Avenue for an Adult Day Health Facility conditional upon approval of the rezoning.

Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved a resolution to execute the American Heritage Preservation Grant application with the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in an

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with the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation in an amount up to \$3,000 to carry out preservation treatment efforts for historical documents of local significance in the Heritage Station collection, and authorize Mayor Wilson to execute grant documents upon approval.

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

**RECOGNITION OF SOUTHVIEW CHURCH OF GOD BOY SCOUT  
TROOP # 860**

Mayor Jackie L. Wilson recognized Southview Church of God Boy Scout Troop #860 along with Assistant Scoutmasters in attendance at Commission Meeting to learn more about citizenship in the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey and approved by all at 7:20 p.m.

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Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

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Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk

