

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 23, 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, Dennis Josey and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Ernie Crussel, Water/Wastewater Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson 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 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

SECOND READING/CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE

Following second reading, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved: **“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA BY DELETING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE AND REPLACING SAID ORDINANCE WITH A NEW CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ACTS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion to approve this Ordinance and Commissioner Bob Moore seconded the motion.

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**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE VACANCIES ON THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, it was consensus of Mayor and Commission to advertise for two (2) vacancies on the Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Commission according to the procedures for appointing/reappointing citizens to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. This item will be brought back to Commission for consideration in two weeks.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Planning Division, it was consensus of Mayor and Commission to advertise for one (1) vacancy on the Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission according to the procedures for appointing/reappointing citizens to Boards, Commission and Authorities. This item will be brought back to Commission for consideration in two week.

**APPROVAL TO PARTNERSHIP WITH EXTENDED HANDS PROGRAM OF
DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to partnership with the Extended Hands Program to assist or facilitate the feeding of approximately 1000 citizens on Christmas Eve in Douglas-Coffee County by the use of the Weir Center.

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

UPDATE ON THE DOOR TO DOOR RECYCLING PROGRAM

Charles Davis, Customer Service Director, stated that this is just an update on the Door-to-Door Recycling Pilot Program starting in January 2010 and continuing for about five (5) months and to evaluate those 1,000 homes that have been selected for the program which includes 250 homes from each billing ward. These customers will be notified in December via mail and then in early January the recycling carts will be provided along with a door notice attached to each selected residence with information concerning information on items that can be recycled.

UPDATE ON STREET RESURFACING UNDER STATE CONTRACT

Ernie Crussel, Water/Wastewater Director, stated that seventeen (17) streets in the City are under contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for resurfacing with water/sewer repairs to be completed and also the LARP funding streets are: Hickory Street (from Gaskin Avenue to Coffee Avenue) and Brooks Street (from cul-de-sac to

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Hickory Street). The following streets are under DOT contract: Schley Street (from dead end at the walking trail to Dewey Avenue); College Avenue (from State Route 158 to Walker Street); Gordon Street (from Manilla Avenue to Chester Avenue); Pope Drive (from Richey Lane to State Route 206); North Letitia Avenue (from State Route 32 to the dead end); Fales Avenue (from State Route 32 to the dead end); Wilson Street (from N. Peterson Avenue to Coweta Street); Circle Drive (from Touchton Drive to Redbird Trail); Cherokee Avenue (from Bryan Street to dead end); Cherry Street (from Shirley Avenue to Grady Avenue); College Avenue (from Second Street to State Route 158); Columbia Avenue (from State Route 158 to Mitchell Street); Johnson Street (from Gaskin Avenue to dead end); June Avenue (from Walker Street to Alunza Street); Mitchell Street (from S. Peterson 441 to dead end); Mitchell Street (from Coffee Avenue to Madison Avenue); Shiloh Circle (from Mark Hanna to cul-de-sac); Shirley Avenue (from College Park to State Route 32). Mr. Crussel also stated that fifteen (15) out of the seventeen (17) streets have water/sewer repairs that have to be completed before resurfacing.

UPDATES ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, reminded citizens to sign up for the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade that will be held December 5th and entries will be taken until Friday, December 4th. Ms. Henderson also stated that we are still collecting gifts for the "Mayors Christmas Motorcade" and staff will be taking those items on December 9th to Savannah Regional Hospital.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, stated that the work on the planters downtown is nearing completion and trees will be planted once the work on the planters is complete. Mr. Jacobs thanked Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for their assistance with this project.

Mr. Jacobs also thanked the individuals that participated in the charity basketball tournament on Saturday, November 21st.

City Manager also reminded citizens that City of Douglas offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th and 27th and along with the Mayor and Commissioners wanted to wish everyone a "Safe and Happy Thanksgiving".

City Commissioner Marty Swain announced that on Friday, November 27th at the former Ole Times Country Buffet Building there would be Jazz Concert and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the entertainment.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Pat A. Baker, Deputy City Clerk

