

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JANUARY 11, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center with Mayor Tony L. Paulk presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Edwin Taylor, Kentaiwon Durham, Mike Gowen and Bob Moore were present. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was not present.

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Tony L. Paulk called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

INVOCATION (COMMISSIONER KENTAIWON DURHAM)

Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tony L. Paulk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The **MOTION** carried (5-0) to approve the order of the agenda made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. (Add the vote for the 2021 Mayor Pro Tem)

ELECTION OF THE 2021 MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion for Commissioner Bob Moore to serve as 2021 Mayor Pro Tem. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

SECOND READING- PUBLIC HEARING REZONING PROPERTY AT 1505 E. WARD ST

City Attorney, Jerome Adams, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading and the public hearing during tonight's meeting. **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONE ORDINANCES, OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA LOCATED AT 1505 E. WARD IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, FROM G-C, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO G-W, GATEWAY."** City Attorney Jerome Adams noted there were no public comments, and the ordinance was ready for action.

MOTION to approve the second reading of the ordinance to amend and rezone 1505 E. Ward Street from General Gateway (G-W) to General Commercial (G-C) was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

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SECOND READING- PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION AND REZONING OF 80.13 ACRES ON THOMPSON DR.

City Attorney, Jerome Adams, appeared before the Commission to conduct the second reading and the public hearing during tonight's meeting. **"AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED: TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER PURPOSES."** City Attorney Jerome Adams noted there were no public comments, and the ordinance was ready for action.

MOTION to approve the public hearing and second reading of the Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority for annexation and rezoning of 80.13 Acres on Thompson Drive was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor. The motion **carried (5-0)**.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 28, 2020 WS/REG MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION FOR CHIP GRANT **FUNDING**: NO MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED
3. APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION AND APPLICATION FOR CDBG MITIGATION FUNDS **FUNDING**: ESTIMATED PROJECT TOTAL \$1,891,261.00 CITY MATCH \$100,000 (FY22 540 FUND - SANITATION/STORMWATER)
4. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN FOR CDBG GRANT
5. APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE TO SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY
6. APPROVAL OF THE FY'21 FIRE TURN-OUT GEAR (BID 3-23-20) HOLD BID PRICE **FUNDING**: FY21 BUDGET 100-3501-53.1607

The **MOTION** carried **(5-0)** to approve all **Consent Agenda Items** listed above, as discussed in the Work Session, was made by Commissioner Mike Gowen and seconded by Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham.

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WORK SESSION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF THE RE-CODIFICATION OF CITY CHARTER/CODE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney, appeared before the Commission to conduct the first reading to recodify the City's Code of Ordinance. **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE, AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.** Jerome Adams, City Attorney, stated that the second reading would be held at the January 25, 2021 meeting.

No action at this time.

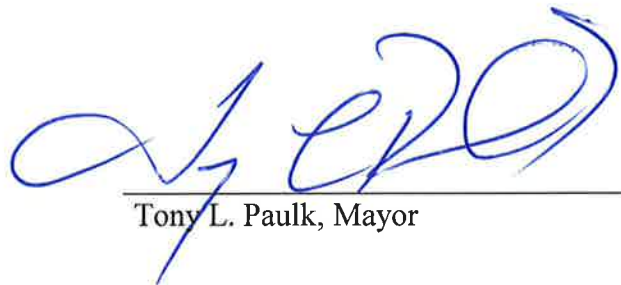
STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Davis stated that there would be an Executive Session held at tonight's meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Paulk entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Cindy McNeill made a MOTION to go into Executive Session and seconded by Commissioner Ed Taylor.

Motion carried 5-0



Tony L. Paulk, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, CMC

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EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF
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Mayor Tony Paulk, Mayor Pro-Tem Cindy McNeill, Commissioners Mike Gowen, Bob Moore, Edwin Taylor and Kentaiwon Durham were in attendance at the Executive Session. Commissioner Olivia Pearson was absent.

Staff: Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk, Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Charles Davis, City Manager.

DISCUSSION FIRE CHIEF POSITION

Charlie Davis, City Manager, appeared before the Commission to promote Casey Wright, Interim Fire Chief, as the new City of Douglas Fire Chief.


Commissioner Bob Moore made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and return to the regular meeting and seconded by Commissioner Edwin Taylor, and the motion was carried **(5-0)**

Commissioner Cindy McNeill made a motion to enter into the Regular Meeting and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Moore.

Commissioner Cindy McNeill made a motion to promote Casey Wright as the new City of Douglas Fire Chief discussed in the executive session and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Moore. The motion was carried **(5-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Kentaiwon Durham made the motion to adjourn Regular Session. Commissioner Cindy McNeill seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Tony L. Paulk, Mayor



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