

**DOUGLAS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall – 425 Tenth Street. The Honorable Mayor Ortega Jr. called the meeting to order and Council Member Betancourt led the invocation after the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR, DANNY ORTEGA JR.	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER MARGARET MORALES -WARD ONE	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER KEN NELSON-WARD TWO	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER BEN LA FORGE-WARD THREE	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER PATRICIA LOPEZ – WARD FOUR	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER LUIS GREER - WARD FIVE	X	
COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO BETANCOURT – WARD SIX	X	
CITY MANAGER – CARLOS DE LA TORRE	X	
CITY ATTORNEY- JUAN PABLO FLORES	X	
CITY TREASURER – LUIS PEDROZA	X	
CITY CLERK - BRENDA AGUILAR	X	

5. DISCUSSION/DECISION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION SUBMITAL BY WARD 5 COUNCIL MEMBER LUIS GREER.

Item removed by amended agenda issued on Monday, December 7, 2015.

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS.

- **Christmas Light Parade Winners:**
 - **3rd place – Once Upon a Dream Dance Company**
 - **2nd place – CAS**
 - **1st place – Joe Carlson Elementary School**

Mayor Ortega Jr. announced the winners.

7. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN WRITING OR VERBALLY ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None.

“Douglas – the premier southwestern border community.”

8. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2015, TOTALING \$1,414,606.37

B. MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2015.

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Nelson to approve consent agenda items and to include expenditures for the month of November 2015, totaling \$1,414,606.37.

Roll Call: All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

9. DISCUSSION/DECISION ON APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 15-1057, AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING AN ADVERTISING POLICY FOR THE “DOUGLAS RIDES” PROGRAM AND SETTING TRANSIT RATES AND FEES APPLICABLE TO ADVERTISING SPACE ON BUSES, ESTABLISHING SEVERABILITY OF COMPONENTS OF ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

Carlos De La Torre provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Greer, **second** by Council Member Lopez to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 15-1057 and to place it on third reading by number and title only.

Council Member La Forge inquired if money would be earmarked for the type of activity.

Carlos De La Torre stated that the Douglas Rides program was being subsidized by the City of Douglas for one hundred eighty eight dollars and is hopeful that the advertising revenue will offset the general fund.

Roll Call: All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

10. DISCUSSION/DECISION OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-1123, A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE HOUSING FUNDS (WHICH MAY INCLUDE FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OR STATE HOUSING FUNDS), CERTIFYING THAT SAID APPLICATION MEETS THE COMMUNITY’S HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES IN SAID APPLICATION.

Carlos De La Torre provided background information.

Motion by Council Member Lopez, **second** by Council Member Betancourt to approve Resolution No. 15-1123.

Mayor Ortega Jr. inquired if there would be program priority or if it would be on a first come first served basis.

Carlos De La Torre explained the application process would be opened and the program would be active until all money was used.

Mayor Ortega Jr. further inquired if the housing department had identified homes for the program.

Carlos De La Torre stated that homes had not been identified, but would be identified by the city.

Xenia Gonzalez, Housing Manager, pointed out that an active waiting list was in place, but had been previously placed on hold once the funding had been exhausted. Therefore, the families already on the list would have to be considered unless eligibility could not be determined. If so, the program would be opened for new applicants.

Mayor Ortega asked if applicants must reside in the same home.

Xenia Gonzalez stated that it was owner-occupied housing, the applicants would have to be living in the home, and guidelines would have to be met due to income limits.

Council Member La Forge asked if it had anything to do with C.D.B.G. awards or if it was citywide.

Xenia Gonzalez stated that it was citywide and would need to meet certain eligibility requirements.

Roll Call: All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED**

11. COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT.

Ken Nelson

- **Golf Course - Douglas Public Facility Municipal Property Corporation activity update.**

Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) took control of the golf course on July 1, 2015, and since that time, improvements have been made to the course and equipment has been purchased for its maintenance.

MPC and the City of Douglas are currently working on a lease for thirty golf carts to replace the nineteen currently available. Additionally, the MPC has partnered with the National Golf Foundation for an advertising campaign, which includes direct and electronic mailings with an invitation to visit Douglas.

MPC has seven employees with one employee assigned to the course. Furthermore, a website has been created as follows: www.douglasgolfclubandrvclub.com. The Douglas Golf Club held their first tournament benefiting the Toys for Tots and it was successful.

The golf course is on schedule, where it should be, and the future focus will be to establish the bar and restaurant.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Morales, **second** by Council Member Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. unanimously passed.

Prepared By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda Aguilar", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda Aguilar
City Clerk