

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC
HEARING
NOVEMBER 13, 2024 AT 5:45 PM**



MINUTES

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Special Meeting Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 5:45 p.m., at City Hall Human Resources Conference Room, 425 10th Street. The Honorable Mayor Donald Huish called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER. 5:45 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL.**

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
MAYOR, DONALD C. HUISH	X	
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE MONTANO		X (excused)
COUNCILMEMBER, DANYA ACOSTA	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MICHAEL BALDENEGRO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RICHARD C. ACOSTA	X	
CITY MANAGER, ANA URQUIJO	X	X (excused)
CITY ATTORNEY, DENIS FITZGIBBONS	X	
CITY TREASURER, LUIS PEDROZA	X	
CITY CLERK, ALMA ANDRADE	X	

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

Ms. Andrade stated no public participation forms were submitted.

4. **DISCUSSION on the PUBLIC HEARING.**

A. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public participation regarding the **SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT** to the **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN** for Fiscal Year 2023.

Xenia Gonzalez explained that as a CDBG entitlement community, the City of Douglas is required to submit a consolidated plan every five years and an annual action plan. For Fiscal Year 2023, the initial allocation was intended for sewer improvements along North Rogers Avenue, but after further study, the project was deemed infeasible. Staff then explored other sewer improvement options, which also faced challenges. As a result, the funds were reallocated to public facility improvements at Veterans Park, specifically focusing on adding a roof over the swimming pool facility. A substantial amendment for this change was posted for public review and comment, and the public hearing is part of the regulatory process.

Mayor Huish provided an opportunity for the public to comment.

Rob Victor suggested planting trees i.e., oak and pine. They will provide shade all year.

Council Member Shelton asked on how much would the cost be to add cover.

Ms. Gonzalez stated the allocation for the fiscal year is \$165,619 and also includes administrative costs for administering the program.

Mr. Pedroza clarified that the roof will be placed over the building at the pool, not over the pool itself.

Council Member Baldenegro inquired if the allocated funds for sewer improvements on North Rogers Avenue were insufficient to cover the costs.

Ms. Gonzalez explained that the sewer line installation on North Rogers Avenue was deemed unfeasible due to insufficient elevation for proper flow.

Mr. Pedroza stated there is future plans to connect Rogers Avenue, but the route will not follow North and South Rogers Avenue. Instead, it will run east to west along 23rd Street and then connect to Rogers Avenue.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Council Member Shelton, second by Council Member Morales to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.


Prepared by: Cynthia Acuña Robles, Deputy City Clerk