

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE  
SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING - FEBRUARY 28,  
2024 AT 5:15 PM**



**MINUTES**

The City of Douglas Mayor and Council met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., at City Hall Council Chamber, 425 10th Street. The Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Morales called the meeting to order.

1. **CALL TO ORDER. 5:15 p.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL.**

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
MAYOR, DONALD C. HUISH		X (excused)
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, MARGARET MORALES	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, MITCH LINDEMANN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, DANYA ACOSTA	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, RAY SHELTON		X (excused)
COUNCILMEMBER, MICHAEL BALDENEGRO	X	
COUNCILMEMBER, JOSE GRIJALVA	X	
CITY MANAGER, ANA URQUIJO	X	
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 PUBLIC HEARING.**

A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow public participation regarding the **CDBG-CV** Amendment to the **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**.

Xenia Gonzalez presented background information and stated that the City of Douglas is an entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) community, requiring submission of substantial amendments to annual action plans or consolidated plans to HUD. They mentioned the allocation of CARES Act funding received through CDBG for specific projects, including one for St. Vincent de Paul community garden which could not be executed. The proposed reallocation of \$22,915.29 from this project to install contactless water stations in low and moderate-income census tracts, including Parks, Aquatic Center, Visitor Center, and potentially other locations, recommended by staff. Lastly, Ms. Gonzalez stated the public hearing gives the opportunity for public comments on this reallocation proposal.

Council Member Lindemann inquired how many contactless water stations will the funds provide.

Ms. Gonzalez explained that there are various options for water stations, with costs ranging from \$4,000 to over \$8,000 each, depending on the features desired. If they opt for basic stations at around \$4,000 each, they could potentially purchase eight or nine of them with a budget of approximately \$44,000. However, this budget would also need to cover administrative fees for the project as well as installation costs.

Council Member Lindemann inquired if there is a potential location for the stations.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that internal discussions with staff identified Joe Causey Park, Castro Park, Aquatic Center, and Visitor Center as potential locations for the water stations. These stations would be strategically placed near

areas with high physical activity, such as areas where people walk around the park or play basketball behind the Aquatic Center, to allow individuals to easily refill their water bottles.

Council Member Lindemann inquired if Airport Park would be included.

Ms. Gonzalez answered Airport Park is not within a low- and mod-income census track so it does not qualify.

Council Member Baldenegro inquired if the Copper King baseball field is city owned or public schools owned.

Ms. Gonzalez answered that Copper King stadium is owned by the city with a joint use agreement with the Douglas Unified School District and it would be an eligible location.

Mayor Pro Tempore Morales provided an opportunity for the public to comment.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Motion by Council Member Lindemann, second by Council Member Acosta to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m.**

  
Prepared by: Cynthia Acuña Robles, Deputy City Clerk