

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

James M. Adams, Jr., Councilmember

J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember

Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember

Fletcher L. Dickert, Councilmember

Kenneth J. McDowell, Councilmember

David W. McGhee, Councilmember

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of February 4, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 7:05 p.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting by email was sent out to the current maintained "Agenda Mailout" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Mayor Pettit rendered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Pettit and Councilmembers Adams, Brooks, Dickert, McDowell, and McGhee. Councilmember Carpenter was absent.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering

and Public Works; James E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; J. D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

The minutes of the regular meeting and study session of January 7, 2019 and the minutes of the special called meeting and study session of January 14, 2019, were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Appointments – Recommendation by Mayor

Mayor Pettit requested Council's concurrence for the appointment of the citizens listed below to the respective boards and commissions. On motion by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember McDowell, Council voted to uphold the appointments with no opposition.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>New/Reappointment</u>
<u>Board of Zoning Appeals</u>		
Wesley Summers	1/31/23	Reappointment
<u>Planning Commission</u>		
Timothy Key	1/31/23	Reappointment
JoAnn McKie	1/31/23	Reappointment
Christine Crawford	1/31/23	New

ITEM 6. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2019-03 – A Resolution to Approve the Settlement of Issues Related to the Provision of Fire Services in Aiken County Involving the City and Belvedere Fire District

On motion by Councilmember Dickert, second by Councilmember McGhee, Council unanimously passed a resolution approving the settlement of issues related to the provision of fire services in Aiken County involving the City and Belvedere Fire District.

City attorney, Kelly Zier, explained that the former agreement with Belvedere Fire District was unclear and created problems with dispatching emergency fire services. Going forward there will now be a policy in place to clearly provide service to future annexations in the best interest of individuals. Mayor Pettit thanked Mr. Zier and Chief Thomas for their work on this settlement.

The resolution text is as follows: *Please note that all complete exhibits and attachments are available in the Office of the City Clerk.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03
TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES RELATED TO
THE PROVISION OF FIRE SERVICES IN AIKEN COUNTY
INVOLVING THE CITY AND BELVEDERE FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, for many years, there has been confusion and at times disagreement related to the authority and/or responsibility for the provision of fire services between the City and Belvedere Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, these unresolved issues have created problems, specifically for the Aiken County 911 Dispatch Services in determining the proper agency to contact when a need for such service arises; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years some revisions to the State Code of Laws have provided some direction in how to deal with such issues and specifically those that are created by annexation of property into the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has had as a major goal being the lawful and proper provider for services to all property located within the Municipal boundaries of the City; and,

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Belvedere Fire District and the City of North Augusta through meetings with their respective representatives have made an attempt to resolve this problem in a manner that is beneficial not only to the City and the Fire District but also to all residents within the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Belvedere Fire District and the City of North Augusta with the assistance of Aiken County's staff has finalized an agreement related to service area issues and the Aiken County Council is prepared to adopt an ordinance that would legally establish the service areas and responsibilities as agreed to by the City and Belvedere Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, a plat has been prepared for submittal to the Aiken County Council for approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have reviewed the proposed map and following discussions with the Public Safety Director, City Administrator and City Attorney, determined that the approval of such map is in the best interest of the citizens of North Augusta.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the following is agreed to and authorized:

1. That the map prepared by Aiken County, referred to as F.D-Reconciliation 12-4-2018 is approved by the City and the City requests that Aiken County Council approve and adopt such plat/map for establishing fire service authority and responsibility between the City of North Augusta and Belvedere Fire District.
2. That the City Administrator is authorized to execute any documentation that might be necessary to complete this matter.
3. That the City expresses its appreciation to the Belvedere Fire District and the Aiken County Council and staff for their work in allowing this agreement to be reached.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

SIGNED BY:

ROBERT A. PETTIT, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:

SHARON LAMAR, CITY CLERK

ITEM 7: STREETS AND DRAINS: Resolution No. 2019-04 – A Resolution to Allocate Funding for Sidewalk Projects

On motion by Councilmember McGhee, second by Councilmember McDowell, Council unanimously agreed to restore funding for the Sidewalk Construction Program from the current, unencumbered balance in the Street Improvement Fund.

Public comments were made by the following:
Steven Bryant, 129 Butler Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina

The resolution text is as follows: *Please note that all complete exhibits and attachments are available in the Office of the City Clerk.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04
A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR SIDEWALK PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Aiken County Capital Projects Sales Tax 2 (CPST 2) Fund had an original allocation of \$480,000 for a Sidewalk Construction Program; and

WHEREAS, through July 31, 2018 approximately \$129,384 had been spent, leaving a balance of approximately \$350,616; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2018 City Council adopted Resolution 2018-25 to re-allocate the total remaining balance in the CPST 2 Fund; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2018-25 did not include any funding for the Sidewalk Construction Program; and

WHEREAS, Council now desires to restore funding for the Sidewalk Construction Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that funding shall be restored, in the amount of \$300,000, for the Sidewalk Construction Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding shall come from the current, unencumbered balance in the Street Improvement Fund.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2019-05 – A
Resolution Authorizing the City
Administrator to Enter into a
Contractual Arrangement for the
Purchase of Parking Meters for
Riverside Village

On motion by Mayor Pettit, second by Councilmember McGhee, Council unanimously passed a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contractual arrangement for the purchase of parking meters for Riverside Village.

Public comments were made by the following:
Barbara Sweeney, 79 Shoals Way Court, North Augusta, South Carolina

The resolution text is as follows: *Please note that all complete exhibits and attachments are available in the Office of the City Clerk.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL
ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARKING METERS FOR RIVERSIDE
VILLAGE

WHEREAS, throughout the planning process for Riverside Village paid parking was anticipated for both on-street and off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the city has constructed two parking decks as a part of the project with a third to be completed by the Master Developer for off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the City is recommending the purchase of IPS Group Multi Space parking meters to address on-street paid parking; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its membership in the cooperative purchasing group National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), can purchase said meters from a national procurement conducted by NCPA, and

WHEREAS, the total cost to purchase 25 multi space meters is \$176,850, and

WHEREAS, staff is recommending that Hospitality Tax funds as generated in part by Riverside Village be utilized for the purchase of said meters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to take such steps as necessary to complete the purchase of 25 multi space parking meters with IPS Group,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for such purchase will come from the Riverfront Central Core Fund.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2019-06 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Provide a Coordination Letter of Interest to the Georgia Department of Transportation for Potential Additional Funding for the Scheduled Georgia Avenue Bridge Replacement to Include Pedestrian/Bicycle and Iconic Design Features

On motion by Councilmember Dickert, second by Councilmember Brooks, the resolution authorizing the City Administrator to provide a Coordination Letter of Interest to the Georgia Department of Transportation for potential additional funding for the scheduled Georgia Avenue bridge replacement to include pedestrian/bicycle and iconic design features was passed by a unanimous vote of Council.

The resolution text is as follows: *Please note that all complete exhibits and attachments are available in the Office of the City Clerk.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 06
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A COORDINATION LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SCHEDULED GEORGIA AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE AND ICONIC DESIGN FEATURES

WHEREAS, the replacement of the Georgia Avenue bridge, specifically referred to as SR4 Savannah River bridge, is scheduled for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta and City of Augusta in discussions with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) have expressed interest in including pedestrian/bicycle and iconic design features to said bridge to add to the connectivity and aesthetics of our respective downtowns; and

WHEREAS, GDOT has indicated that funding for the bridge replacement is funded at a level to replace the bridge as is and would not include any of the requested upgrades; and

WHEREAS, GDOT has instructed the City of North Augusta and City of Augusta to write letters expressing interest in these additional amenities; and

WHEREAS, after consideration and analysis, a monetary cost of these upgrades would be provided to North Augusta and Augusta respectively; and

WHEREAS, at that time, each City's governing body would have to evaluate the additional cost and determine if and how much each would be able to contribute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to take such steps as necessary to write a letter of interest to GDOT expressing the interest of the City of North Augusta in incorporating pedestrian/bicycle and iconic design features to the SR4 Savannah River Bridge Replacement programming.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 11. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

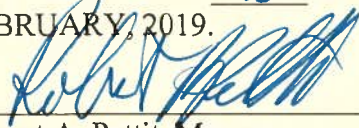
- A. Citizen Comments: Please see the attached Speaker Forms completed by citizens for the February 4, 2019 Council meeting.

Ken Powell
Dave Leverett
Augustine Mims
Stetson Corbitt
Fred Ilardi
Steven Bryant
Richard Fletcher
Barbara Sweeney
Frankie Summers

- B. Council Comments: Councilmember Dickert expressed his appreciation for Chip Burnett's service to the City of North Augusta Planning Commission. Councilmember McDowell offered words of support for the City's transparency practices.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2019.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Lamar

#1

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Steven Bryant (M)

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 2-4-19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: RES No. 2019-04

SUMMARY _____

#2

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Barbara Sweeney

ADDRESS: 79 Shoals Way Ct.

TELEPHONE: 803 341 9385

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 2/4/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: RES No. 2019-05 # of Parking meters

SUMMARY Aggravation & Concerns

SPEAKER FORM

Ken Powell

SS: 320 Clay St

NASC

PHONE: 803 279-6543

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example; I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

CITY MEETING DATE: 2/4/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC:

QUESTION: What is the estimated cost of the amphitheater presented in the study session?

SPEAKER FORM

DAVE LEVERETT

SS: 121 BUTLER AVE

PHONE: 803 279 7896

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example; I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

CITY MEETING DATE: 2/4/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: PJ FINANCES STATUS

QUESTION: CLARIFICATION OF NUMBERS

#5

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Augustine Mims
ADDRESS: 1738 PLANK Rd
N. Augusta, S.C 29841
TELEPHONE: 803 341-2874

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Feb 4, 2017

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: LITTER CONTROL AND ABANDONED HOUSES IN NEIGHBORHOOD

SUMMARY GRATEFUL FOR THE QUICK RESPONSE ON
LITTER CONTROL ON PLANK Rd.

#6

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Stetson Corbitt
ADDRESS: 434 Railroad Ave
TELEPHONE: 706-799-1319

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 2/4/19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: RV village revenue / parking meters

SUMMARY _____

#7

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: FRED ILARDI

ADDRESS: 346 E SHORELINE AVE
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC 29841

TELEPHONE: 803-279-7823

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: TRANSPARANCY

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: _____

SUMMARY

#8

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: STEVEN BRYANT

ADDRESS: 129 BUTLER AVE

TELEPHONE: 803-279-9688

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 04 FEB 19

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: BAKER BILL CHIP BURNETT

SUMMARY STATUS / FOLLOW UP CHAIRMAN PLANNING

SIDEWALKS

#9

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: RICHARD FLETCHER
 ADDRESS: 1 SHADOWMOOR COURT
N.A.S.C.
 TELEPHONE: ~~803~~ 706-951-9188

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: FEB 4
 AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: CHIP BURNETT
 SUMMARY CAME PREPARED, FAIR
CONSISTENT, GOOD MAN

#10

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Barbara Sweeney (sue)
 ADDRESS: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 2-4-19
 AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: Item #5 Boards & Commissions: Appointments
 SUMMARY _____

#11

SPEAKER FORM

NAME: Frankie Summer

ADDRESS: 987 Campbellton

TELEPHONE: 83 - 348 0982

PLEASE PROVIDE A ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENT TO COUNCIL.

(For example; I support the resolution because ...)

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Feb 4

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: appointing people

SUMMARY knowledgeable in area
show why they not appointed
owner of own city