

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF MARCH 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

The study session meeting of March 4, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Conference room on the third floor of the Municipal Center and adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings 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 meetings 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.

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

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.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: Items on the March 4, 2019 Council Agenda – Council Discussion

Council reviewed the items scheduled for the March 4, 2019 meeting.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC SAFETY: Public Safety Station 1 – Council Discussion

Mayor Pettit facilitated Council discussion of the location for Public Safety Station 1. Council opinions were expressed concerning whether or not to locate both the fire station and headquarters on the Flythe/Seven Gables property that the City owns on Georgia Avenue. Discussion included opinions to consider locating the Public Safety Headquarters at a separate location. The general consensus for the path forward is that the Public Safety Station 1 Fire Station should be built on the Flythe/Seven Gables property. Discussion will continue about the most viable placement of Public Safety headquarters at later meeting. City Administrator, Todd Glover, reminded Council that last year they tabled an ordinance to re-zone the Georgia Avenue property for this purpose. Council will vote on an ordinance to re-zone at the next meeting.

ITEM 3. ANIMAL CONTROL: Animal Transfer Agreement with Aiken County – Council Discussion

City Administrator, Todd Glover, shared with Council three opportunities that are available for the City to improve its Animal Control services for the citizens of North Augusta. First, a draft contract is in the works to transfer two animals per month to Aiken County at no financial obligation for the City. Second, “Porch Walk for Paws in Hammond’s Ferry”, a public/private partnership fundraiser, is scheduled for June 1, 2019 to raise a portion of the \$15,000 fee to secure a consultant to analyze animal services in the City. The goal is that \$7500 would be raised to match the City’s \$7500 contribution. Finally, according to Animal Control, 54% of the animals in the City’s care are surrendered by owners. Aiken’s FOTAS, Friends of the Animal Shelter, has offered for the City of North Augusta to join them in a website initiative, “Home to Home,” to help decrease this number. The website is a free service for owners to re-home their pets through an exchange program. A link will be added to the City’s website for owners to access the information.

ITEM 4. LEGAL: Executive Session – Request of the City Attorney

On motion by Councilmember McDowell, second by Councilmember Dickert, and in compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) the City Attorney requested an executive session for the purpose of:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

Discussion of finalizing the contract with Odell Associates, Inc.

Only Mayor and Council: City Administrator, Todd Glover; City Attorney, Kelly Zier; Director of Finance and Support Services, Cammie Hayes; Manager of Human Resources, J.D. McCauley, and City Clerk, Sharon Lamar were in attendance for the executive session.


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Upon the motion of Councilmember McDowell and second by Councilmember Carpenter, executive session was adjourned.

Council will take action on matters discussed in executive session at the following regular City Council meeting of March 4, 2019.

There being no further business, Council adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF
MARCH, 2019.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Lamar
City Clerk