

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2019

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

*J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember
Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember
Fletcher L. Dickert, Councilmember
David W. McGhee, Councilmember
Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember
Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The study session for the City Council meeting of the City of North Augusta of June 3, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore McGhee at 6:02 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 Pro Tempore McGhee and Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, Presnell, and Toole. Mayor Pettit was absent.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; J. D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. Members of the public and media were also in attendance.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: Items on the June 3, 2019 Council Agenda – Council Discussion

Council reviewed the items scheduled for the June 3, 2019 meeting. During the discussion of Item 6, Ordinance 2019-03 to exercise an option to purchase property

formerly known as North Augusta Country Club and to convey title to property owned by the city in exchange for said property, many council members shared their excitement about the possibilities that this exchange has for the citizens of the City. Ideas were expressed of potential uses for the land; i.e. a Par 3 or nine-hole golf course, fishing pond, re-surfaced tennis courts, disc golf, structures to hang hammocks, swimming pool, multipurpose fields. Council was reminded that funding would need to be secured for future development. There was general agreement that a Master Plan should be considered to determine best use.

Mark Strosnider, Superintendent of Building Standards, was on-hand to offer background information and clarification of the suggested changes related to Item 8 amending Chapter 6, Articles II, IV, and V of the City Code.

After reviewing the agenda for the evening's City Council meeting, there was time for Council members to continue their dialogue about current city needs and observations.

Councilmember Dickert suggested that Council should continue discussion on sidewalk projects and procurement procedures. He then asked how a subject could be added to a future agenda. City Administrator Glover stated that sidewalk projects and procurement are two of the issues scheduled for Council and City Directors to discuss at the August leadership retreat. Councilmember McGhee reminded Council that department directors will soon begin providing regular updates on projects. Councilmember Presnell commented about the repairs/improvements to the Pink Dipper sign. Tom Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public works, told Council installation of parking meters at Riverside Village will begin June 4 with training for staff to follow and the lights on the riverside Greenway will be back on with limited use by the end of the week.

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

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF
JUNE, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lamar
City Clerk