

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 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**

### **STUDY SESSION**

The study session for the City Council meeting of the City of North Augusta of August 12, 2019, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Conference room on the third floor of the Municipal Center and adjourned at 7:29 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 Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Rachelle Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance; J. D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. Members of the public and media were also in attendance.

### **ITEM 1. HOMETOWN HEROES PROJECT: Presentation to Council**

Linda Caldwell, Treasurer, Aiken County Veterans Council, spoke to Council about the Hometown Heroes Project.

Please see ATTACHMENT #1 for the Power Point presentation and other supporting documents.

Council responded positively to the initiative to honor our veterans by displaying banners beside the City's roadways. Ms. Caldwell shared there are over 1400 veterans registered with the Aiken County Veterans Council that live in the North Augusta zip code. It was the consensus of Council to move forward to make plans to bring this project to the City.

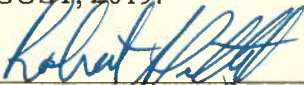
**ITEM 2. PARKS, RECREATION , & TOURISM: Council Discussion of Riverside Village Amphitheater and Park Contract**

Council continued discussion of the Riverside Village Amphitheater and Park contract after tabling the resolution brought before them at the August 5, 2019 regular meeting. Charlie Hall of Alfred Benesch & Company and Todd Brown of R. D. Brown Contractors were in attendance to answer Council's questions. Mr. Hall shared a presentation that included the general background of the project and an explanation of the value engineering exercise that produced the final plans. Councilmembers shared their opinions and observations. After some debate of the plan design, funding, and timeline, Council agreed to re-consider the resolution at their next regular meeting.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for supporting documents.

There being no further business, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 19<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
AUGUST, 2019.

  
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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk

## ATTACHMENT #1



# HOMETOWN HEROES

August 12, 2019

North Augusta City Council - Work Session

Linda Caldwell

## BACKGROUND/GOALS

- Program is nationwide – not sure where/when it started
- Provides visible way to honor veterans who have served
- Feedback from other towns – very positive
- Not “reinventing the wheel”
- Witnessed firsthand in June 2019 – New Jersey
- Adopted by Aiken County Veterans Council (ACVC) at 5 August 2019 meeting

## SCOTCH PLAINS – FANWOOD, NJ EXPERIENCE

- First year: **54** from SP, **25** from Fanwood; next year: **114** from SP, **56** Fanwood
- Placement of photos – honored family requests 1<sup>st</sup> year; 2<sup>nd</sup> year – random
- Group KIA/POW/MIA in one section of town
- Businesses invited to sponsor a veteran, e.g. a person who worked for them
- Had 2 volunteers from each town, plus 2 from VSO to confirm/validate paperwork

## ELIGIBILITY

- Lived in Aiken County at any time during past or present
- Active duty, retired, honorably discharged, KIA or MIA in any branch (including Merchant Marine or WASP during WWII) for any war or conflict
- Living or deceased individuals can be honored
- Could consider including police, firefighters, first responders at some point in the future

## BANNERS – AIKEN COUNTY

- 28" x 5' - name, photograph, branch, specific war or conflict
- Can include Purple Heart, Bronze or Silver Star awards
- Banners can be made to fit North Augusta's existing banner brackets
- Double-sided = 2 people/banner
- Vinyl – expected to last ~ 10 years





## LOGISTICS/COST

- Need City Council buy in – banners hung and removed by DPW
- Banners hang:
  - Before Veterans Day until Christmas decorations go up
  - Before Memorial Day until after July 4
- Storage & cleaning – ACVC will assist; need to ID storage facility in North Augusta
- Banner cost - \$75/side for 28" x 5'
- Funding - private donations from veterans, families, businesses, local charities (tax-exempt)
- Additional money collected used to pay for veterans or families unable to afford a banner

## REGISTERING

- Veterans or family members of deceased submit:
  - Application form
  - Photograph of veteran in uniform
  - Documentation of service- honorable discharge (DD 214)
- Application form available on ACVC website; paper version in Aiken County Veterans Affairs office, Aiken County Library system (ABBE), or City Halls
- Returned forms: upload to ACVC website - dedicated Hometown Heroes section; return to ABBE libraries, City Halls – pickup by ACVC volunteers

## PUBLICITY

- ACVC website
- Aiken Standard – ads and articles
- VSOs – websites, club houses
- Communities – Aiken, North Augusta, New Ellenton, Wagener
- Flyers on community, organization, church bulletin boards, schools, JROTC units
- Social media
- Word-of-mouth

## FUNDRAISING/FUTURE DIRECTION

- Dedicated fund within ACVC treasury
- Donations are tax-deductible for donors
- Funds raised in excess will be used to purchase banners for those veterans with no funding
- After X number of years, any remaining funds retained by ACVC given to support Veterans In Need programs
- With veteran/family permission, an online archive could be created to collect and maintain information about the veterans, e.g. photo, biography, anecdotal stories



## HOMETOWN HEROES PROJECT

- A personal and visible way to honor military veterans 2 weeks prior to Veterans Day and again before Memorial Day through July 4
- Double-sided vinyl banners with individual photographs of men and women in uniform (2 veterans per banner) with their branch and specific war/conflict would hang from lamp posts in downtown North Augusta
- **Eligibility: honorably discharged veteran who has lived here in the past or is a current resident**
- Cost - \$75 per veteran (family with 2 veterans could purchase entire banner for \$150)
- Cost borne by individual veterans, families, private donations, or businesses and will be tax deductible.
- "Scholarship" for deserving veteran(s) unable to afford the cost
- Application process includes submission of DD 214 form & photograph of veteran in uniform. Applications available on ACVC website ([www.aikencountyveterans.org](http://www.aikencountyveterans.org)); paper copies via Dwight Brandham's office @ County Building (University Pkwy), Aiken County Library system (ABBE), and North Augusta City Hall
- Applications reviewed by committee of Veteran Service Organizations to verify veterans' DD214 and dates of service for authenticity
- Any funds raised in excess will be retained in the ACVC treasury. After program closes, any remaining funds donated to the Veterans in Need (VIN) fund to assist Aiken County veterans
- With permission, an online archive could be created to capture information about each veteran, including biography and anecdotal information about their service
- Banner example:





**Aiken Hometown Heroes Banner Program**

Full name of person in photo: \_\_\_\_\_

Service era (see below\*) \_\_\_\_\_

Military branch (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the veteran: Living \_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_ Killed in Action \_\_\_ Missing in Action \_\_\_

Name of person submitting photo: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

I hereby grant Aiken County Veterans Council permission to use the attached photo, which is a likeness of me, my relative, or person being sponsored in the Hometown Heroes Banner Program without payment or other consideration to me. Photos will be returned to person completing the form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**\*Era of Service – Official Department of Defense Dates\***

Global War on Terror	September 11, 2001 – Present
Desert Storm	January 17, 1991 – Present
Persian Gulf	August 2, 1990 – August 31, 1991
Cold War	September 2, 1945 – December 26, 1991
Vietnam Era	February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
Korean Conflict Era	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
WWII	December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
WWI	April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918

**NOTE: Submit completed form, photo of veteran in uniform, a copy of the veterans DD 214 form (discharge paper), and a check for \$75 made payable to Aiken County Veterans Council (ACVC) with "Hometown Heroes" in memo line to: Aiken County Veterans Council, 1930 University Parkway, Suite 3600, Aiken, SC 29801. Deadline for submission: Sept 20, 2019. For more information, go to the ACVC website: [www.aikencountyveterans.org](http://www.aikencountyveterans.org)**



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## **ATTACHMENT #2**

**Monday, April 15, 2019**  
**North Augusta Amphitheater Park @ Riverside Village**  
**Post Bid Discussion & Analysis**

### **Discussion Items**

1. Available budget
  
2. Review Comparative Tables using the cut & fill numbers from both contractors. This analysis quickly equalizes the bids.
  
3. Unit number comparison table for the unit price items.
  
4. Retaining wall deductive costs.
  
5. Electrical cost to meter (\$75,000)
  
6. Can the City self-perform any of the work?
  
7. Concerns with finish quality of work based on recently completed GreenJacket stadium (same subcontractor)
  
8. Scope: See markup plan for options to date.



## BID ANALYSIS

### BID SUMMARY TABLE:

<b>R.D. Brown Contractors</b>		<b>R.W. Allen Construction</b>	
TOTAL BID	\$3,185,000.00	TOTAL BID	\$3,338,956.00

DIFFERENCE=\$153,956 (4.834%)

### CUT-FILL COST IMPACT ANALYSIS:

AREA	DEPTH	VOLUME	DEPTH	R D BROWN		R W ALLEN	
				ADD	TOTAL COST	ADD	TOTAL COST
40521	1	3002	1 FOOT	\$180,093.33	\$3,365,093.33	\$90,046.67	\$3,429,002.67
40521	2	6003	2 FEET	\$360,186.67	\$3,545,186.67	\$180,093.33	\$3,519,049.33
40521	5	15008	5 FEET	\$900,466.67	\$4,085,466.67	\$450,233.33	\$3,789,189.33
40521	10	30016	10 FEET	\$1,800,933.33	\$4,985,933.33	\$900,466.67	\$4,239,422.67
40521	15	45023	15 FEET	\$2,701,400.00	\$5,886,400.00	\$1,350,700.00	\$4,689,656.00

(Note: Cut and Fill computed for each figure as cut and fill are priced separately)

### ADDITIVE ITEMS COST ANALYSIS:

BID #	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	R D BROWN	R W ALLEN	ESTIMATE
AA	#57 STONE INSTALED	TON	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
BB	#4 STONE INSTALLED	TON	\$80.00	\$50.00	\$35.00
CC	NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE FABRIC INSTALLED (US 180NW)	SY	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00
DD	WOVEN GEOTEXTILE FABRIC, INSTALLED (US 250)	SY	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00
EE	GEOTEXTILE GEOGRID, INSTALLED (Geogrid, Basgrid 11)	SY	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
FF	EXCAVATION & DISPOSAL OF UNSUITABLE MATERIALS	CY	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
GG	SELECT BACKFILL A1 INSTALLED	CY	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$25.00

**NORTH AUGUSTA AMPHITHEATER PARK @ RIVERSIDE VILLAGE  
BID FORM**

PAY ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTY	R.D. Brown Contractors		R.W. Allen Construction	
				UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1	DEMOLITION & CLEARING, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$29,228.00	\$29,228.00	\$94,626.00	\$94,626.00
2	GRADING COMPLETE	LS	1	\$265,342.00	\$265,342.00	\$127,150.00	\$127,150.00
3	ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO METER	LS	1	\$75,070.00	\$75,070.00	\$124,654.00	\$124,654.00
4	ELECTRICAL LIGHTING, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$230,794.00	\$230,794.00	\$204,000.00	\$204,000.00
5	ELECTRICAL, OTHER	LS	1	\$59,010.00	\$59,010.00	\$54,300.00	\$54,300.00
6	IRRIGATION, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$41,623.00	\$41,623.00	\$59,501.00	\$59,501.00
7	LANDSCAPING, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$77,719.00	\$77,719.00	\$178,474.00	\$178,474.00
8	TOWERS "A" & "B", COMPLETE	LS	1	\$231,069.00	\$231,069.00	\$280,963.00	\$280,963.00
9	GREENWAY ENTRY FEATURES (4 EACH)	LS	1	\$46,025.00	\$46,025.00	\$22,566.00	\$22,566.00
10	HARDSCAPE GREENWAY TRAIL, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$120,533.00	\$120,533.00	\$107,582.00	\$107,582.00
11	HARDSCAPE ALL OTHER, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$407,603.00	\$407,603.00	\$354,742.00	\$354,742.00
12	AMPHITHEATER, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$171,287.00	\$171,287.00	\$275,615.00	\$275,615.00
13	SPLASH PAD, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$291,981.00	\$291,981.00	\$270,075.00	\$270,075.00
14	FEATURE FOUNTAINS, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$279,489.00	\$279,489.00	\$268,526.00	\$268,526.00
15	WATER UTILITY	LS	1	\$102,185.00	\$102,185.00	\$77,425.00	\$77,425.00
16	SHADE SHELTERS, COMPLETE (EACH)	EA	4	\$38,910.00	\$155,640.00	\$35,990.50	\$143,962.00
17	STREET FURNITURE INSTALLATION	LS	1	\$10,797.00	\$10,797.00	\$768.00	\$768.00
18	STORM DRAINAGE, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$201,814.00	\$201,814.00	\$97,410.00	\$97,410.00
19	RETAINING WALLS, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$106,956.00	\$106,956.00	\$106,806.00	\$106,806.00
20	EROSION CONTROL, COMPLETE	LS	1	\$60,131.00	\$60,131.00	\$50,775.00	\$50,775.00
21	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$192,298.00	\$192,298.00	\$415,650.00	\$415,650.00
22	BONDS	LS	1	\$28,406.00	\$28,406.00	\$23,386.00	\$23,386.00
TOTAL BASE BID					\$3,185,000.00		\$3,338,956.00
<b>----- ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOT IDENTIFIED ON PLANS -----</b>							
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<b>----- DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATES -----</b>							
D1	DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATE #1	LS	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
D2	DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATE #2	LS					
D3	DEDUCTIVE ALTERNATE #3	LS					
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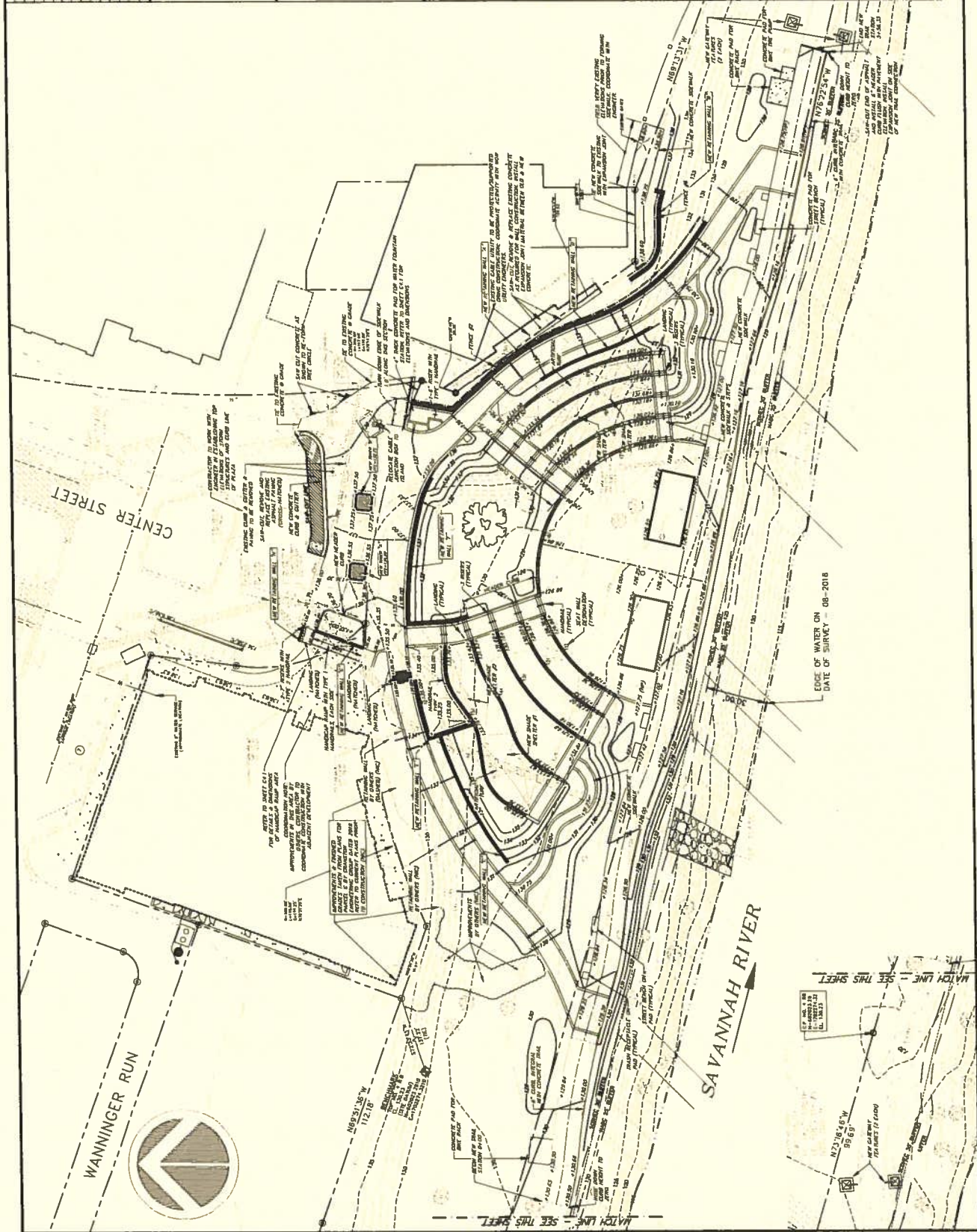
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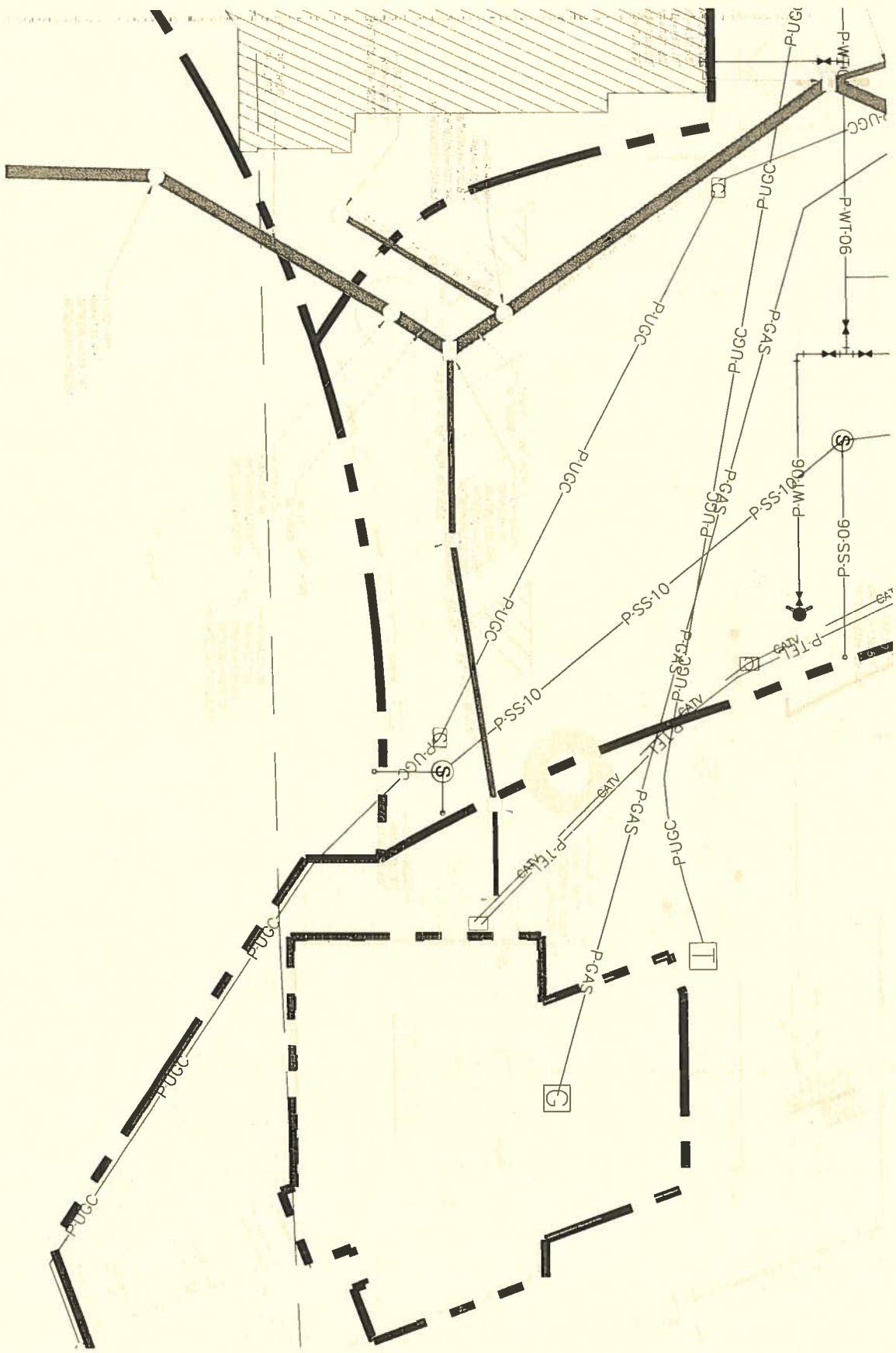
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OUTSIDE OF

BRICK SOLDIER  
BAND

BRICK  
HERZINGBONE

TOWERS

BRICK FIELD

- ALL BRICK FIELDS  
REMOVED IF NOT SHOWN
- ALL PAVER BARRIERS AND  
BANDS - BRICK SOLDIER

VE. CONCEPT 3