

# North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 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 October 7, 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 6:55 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, 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; Richard E. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, John C. Thomas, Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. The members of the public and the media were also in attendance.

#### **ITEM 1. CITY PROPERTY: Surplus Property – Council Discussion**

Phuong Nguyen expressed an interest in purchasing Parcel: 007-09-04-022 from the City of North Augusta. This property is "land-locked" and adjacent to a parcel Mr. Nguyen owns. Mr. Nguyen discussed with Council his intent to build multi-family

residences in accordance to the current zoning designation. Council agreed to pursue the sale of the surplus property.

**ITEM 2. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Planning Commission Recommendation: City of North Augusta Development Code Article 13: Signs-Text Amendment – Council Discussion**

Director of Planning and Development, Libby Hodges, presented an update to Council of the revisions that have been made to the Development Code Article 13: Signs-Text Amendment. After Council's discussion, Mayor Pettit stated that perhaps Council should meet with the Planning Commission to make this amendment friendlier to support local events. The Mayor will work with Ms. Hodges and come back to Council with a proposal to move forward

**ITEM 3. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: Items on the October 7, 2019 Council Agenda- Council Discussion**

Council discussed the items on the October 7, 2019 meeting agenda.

**ITEM 4. LEGAL: Executive Session- Request of the City Administrator**

Discussion of a personnel matter was added to the Executive Session. On the motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session.

In compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) the City Administrator 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.

Assistant City Administrator, Rachele Moody; City Attorney, Kelly Zier; and City Clerk, Sharon Lamar attended the Executive Session.

*A. Discussion is related to park land near North Augusta Country Club property*

Rick Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and Director of Finance and General Services, Cammie Hayes, remained for the discussion of the park land near North Augusta Country Club property.

*B. Discussion is related to the Fire Station 1 property*

John Thomas, Director of Public Safety, and Director of Finance and General Services, Cammie Hayes, participated in the discussion of the Fire Station 1 property.

On motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Dickert, Council agreed to recess from the Executive Session and re-convene immediately following the regular Council meeting.

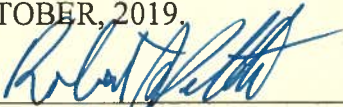
The Executive Session recessed at 6:55 p.m.

Immediately following the regular Council meeting at 7:25 p.m., Council reconvened to continue discussion related to the Fire Station 1 property and the personnel matter.


At 8:11 p.m. Councilmember McGhee motioned to adjourn the Executive Session with a second from Mayor Pettit.

No action was taken by Council and nothing was reported out.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2019.

  
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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk