

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 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 December 16, 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 recessed at 6:56 p.m. to move into Council Chambers for the City Council Regular Meeting. Following the Council meeting Study Session discussed re-convened at 7:55 p.m. The Study Session concluded at 9:27 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 Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Richard E. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance and General Services; 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 members of the public and the media were also in attendance.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: Items on the December 16, 2019 Council Agenda- Council Discussion

Interim City Administrator, Rachelle Moody, led Council's discussion of the December 16, 2019 meeting agenda.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC SAFETY: Public Safety Headquarters – Council Update

Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator, discussed to current status of the Public Safety Headquarters project. On main item of discussion related to whether or not to include the City's Municipal Court in the new facility. There was general consent of Council to include the court.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #2** for the handout detailing the project status, budget, and preliminary concept drawing.

At 6:56 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Presnell, second of Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to recess the Study Session and reconvene after the City Council meeting.

Council reconvened the Study Session at 7:55 p.m.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC SAFETY: CodeRED Program- Council Discussion

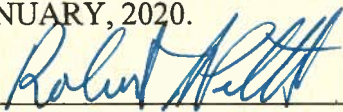
John Thomas, Director of Public Safety, gave Council an introduction to the CodeRED program which was recently offered to City residents. The Public Safety Department has partnered with Aiken County Emergency Services to offer this voluntary opt-in service. Citizens can have access to a notification service to be alerts by phone, text, or email to area emergencies.

ITEM 4. CODE OF ORDINANCES: Section 2-33 (A) Preparation of Ordinances – Council Discussion

At the request of four Council members, Council discussed the City of North Augusta Code of Ordinances Section 2-33 (A) that states that a majority vote of Council is required to request an ordinance be prepared and presented to Council for consideration. Several Council members expressed the idea that the requirement should be changed to allow two Council members request an ordinance be prepared for Council's consideration. After a lengthy discussion and debate, City Attorney, Kelly Zier, accepted the task to prepare draft ordinances for Council to review to amend Section 2-33 (A), Section 2-33 (C 2) and Section 2-38. These draft ordinances will be brought back to Council at a future Study Session for further discussion.


The Study Session concluded at 9:27 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF
JANUARY, 2020.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

Public Safety Headquarters Update

December 16, 2019

Project Status

- Current status: Design Phase (programming)
 - Decision: include municipal court in new Headquarters building?
 - Decide now: yes or no
 - Decide later: bid with court as an alternate add-on and decide based on bid amounts
- Next: Schematic Design Phase (up to 3 months)
- Future: Permitting, Bidding, Contract Award, Construction

Budget

- Amount spent to date (all from CPST III):
 - \$401,445 for land purchase (Seven Gables property)
 - \$39,764 for design, project management, miscellaneous
 - Total: \$441,209
- Remaining costs: design, project management, construction, furniture, fixtures and equipment:
 - \$168,000 – CPST III
 - 10,500,000 – CPST IV
 - Total: \$10,668,000

