

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2020

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 February 3, 2020, 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 recessed at 7:00 p.m. to move into Council Chambers for the City Council Regular Meeting. Following the Council meeting, Study Session re-convened at 7:48 p.m. The Study Session concluded at 8:16 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, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole. Councilmember Carpenter was absent.

Also in attendance were Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator;; 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 February 3, 2020 Council

Agenda- Council Discussion

Interim City Administrator, Rachelle Moody, led Council's discussion of the February 3, 2020 meeting agenda.

ITEM 2. FINANCE: First Tryon Securities for Advisory Services for Capital Planning – Presentation and Council Discussion

Walter Goldsmith with First Tryon Securities presented options for Council's consideration to bond funds for CPST IV projects. There was a consensus of Council to move forward with an RFP to banks since interest rates are at a record low. Council can expect a resolution for consideration at the March 2nd meeting.

ITEM 4. PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM: Parking Agreement– Council Discussion

Rick Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, and Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator, led Council in a discussion about a proposed parking agreement with RiversideHF, LLC. Using a projected map, developer, Lance Jones, explained his company's proposed project and parking plan. Council asked questions about property maintenance and property lines. Councilmember Dickert suggested two additions to the agreement: an "out date" should the property not be able to progress as planned and a Performance Guarantee once work begins. With these additions to the agreement, there was a consensus of Council to move forward for a final decision at a future Council meeting.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #4** for a copy of the proposed agreement.

At 7:00 p.m. on motion of Councilmember Toole, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to recess the Study Session to reconvene after the regular City Council meeting.

Council reconvened the Study Session at 7:48 p.m.

ITEM 3. FINANCE: Bergen Road and I-20 Exit 1 Mast Arms Funding – Council Discussion

Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator, updated Council on the current status of signal lights at Bergen Road and I-20 Exit 1. It is recommended that signaling for I-20 Exit 1 be accomplished with cabling until future development is in place and the intersection is aligned. Council discussed partially funding Mast Arms signaling at Bergen Road and Martintown Road with funds approved in Ordinance 2006-04 for such as expenditure. There is \$83,773 currently available. Capital Project funds could be used for the remaining balance of \$5,163. Council will be asked for an official decision at a future Council Meeting.

ITEM 5. LEGAL: Executive Session – Request of the Mayor

On motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to enter Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to the Riverside Village

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Amphitheater. Rachele Moody, Interim City Administrator;; JD McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk; were also in attendance.

In compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) the Mayor 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 is related to a Riverside Village amphitheater contractual issue

On motion of Mayor Pettit, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council adjourned the Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. Upon returning to open session, council did not take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.


The Study Session concluded at 8:16 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2020.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk