

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 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

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of March 2, 2020 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 7:02 p.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Per Section 30-4-80, (e) notice of the meeting 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 meeting 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.

Mayor Pettit rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Pettit, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator; Cammie T. Hayes, Director of Finance and General Services; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; 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. Members of the public and the media were also present.

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Study Session of February 17, 2020 and the Special Called Executive Session of February 24, 2020 were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. CITY CODE: Ordinance 2020-07 – Ordinance to Amend Section 2-33 Entitled Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Contracts – Procedure

On motion of Councilmember Toole, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider on third and final reading an ordinance to amend Section 2-33 entitled Ordinances, Resolutions, Motions and Contracts – Procedure. Interim City Administrator, Rachelle Moody, explained that this ordinance change would allow the City's Municipal Code to ^{be consistent} ~~comply~~ with the State law that changed to allow two readings of ordinances instead of three. The two readings must take place at two separate Council meetings at least six days apart. There were no comments. The third and final reading of the ordinance was approved with a 6-0 vote of Council.

Please see the text of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-33, ENTITLED ORDINANCES,
RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND CONTRACTS – PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, Section 2-33 provides the procedure for preparing Ordinances and Resolutions for presentment to Mayor and City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the procedure as set forth in the existing Ordinance has been in effect, with virtually no change since at least 1956; and,

WHEREAS, since that time the operation of City Government has had some changes, to include the establishing of the position of City Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, There have also been changes made in State Law that have impact on the manner in which Council operates; and,

WHEREAS, Council has determined that it would be appropriate and in the best interest of the citizens that such procedure be updated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

- I. Section 2-33, entitled **ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND CONTRACTS- PROCEDURE** is hereby amended by deleting the entire

section as currently drawn and inserting in its place the following, so that such Ordinance, when revised, would read as follows:

(A) PREPARATION OF ORDINANCES

All Ordinances shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the City Attorney. No Ordinance shall be prepared for presentation to Council unless requested in writing by the Mayor or the City Administrator or a minimum of two (2) Council members or prepared by the City Attorney on such attorney's own initiative.

(B) PRIOR REVIEW BY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

All Ordinances, Resolutions and Contract documents shall, before presentation to the Council have been approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney or such attorneys authorized representative, and shall have been examined and approved by the City Administrator. All such instruments shall also have been referred to the head of the department under whose jurisdiction the administration of the subject matter of the Ordinance, Resolution or Contract document would devolve. If such department head objects to the document, notification of such objection shall be provided, in writing to the City Administrator. As a result of such objection, the City Administrator can direct that the Ordinance, Resolution etc. be redrafted to satisfy the objection of the department head or present the document as initially prepared. If any Ordinance, Resolution, Contract or other document to be presented to Council is objected to by a department head, Council shall be provided with the written objection of such department head.

(C) INTRODUCING FOR PASSAGE OR APPROVAL

1. Every proposed Ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption
2. All Ordinances shall have two (2) separate readings.
3. No Ordinance shall have the force of law until it shall have been read two (2) times on two (2) separate days with at least six (6) days between each reading.
4. No Ordinance shall relate to more than one (1) subject, what shall be clearly expressed in its title and no Ordinance, or section thereof, shall be amended or repealed unless the new Ordinance contains the title of the Ordinance or section amended or repealed, and when practicable all Ordinances shall be introduced as amendments to

existing Ordinances or sections thereof; provided, however, this section shall not prevent the adoption by Ordinance of a Code of Ordinances or other Code by reference, without enumerating the detailed subjects and the title.

(D) EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

Notwithstanding any provision of Subsections (A), (B) or (C) of this section to the contrary, to meet public emergencies affecting life health safety or the property of the people, Council may adopt emergency Ordinances; But such Ordinances shall not levy taxes, grant, renew or extend a franchise or impose or charge a service rate. Every emergency Ordinance shall be enacted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Council present. An emergency Ordinance is effective immediately upon its enactment without regard to any reading, public hearing, publication requirements or public notice requirements. Emergency Ordinances shall expire automatically as of the 61st day following the date of enactment.

- II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith or, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ITEM 6. CITY CODE: Ordinance No. 2020-06 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-38 of the City of North Augusta Municipal Code – Agenda

On motion of Councilmember Brooks, second of Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to consider on first reading an ordinance to amend Section 2-38 of the City of North Augusta Municipal Code – Agenda. Kelly Zier, City Attorney, explained the background for these changes. The first reading was approved unanimously.

Please see the text of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-38 AGENDA

WHEREAS, Section 2-38 of the City Code provides for matters related to the preparation and publication of the Agenda for Council meetings; and,

WHEREAS, this Section was codified, at least as early as 1956 with some minor revisions since then to establish its present form; and,

WHEREAS, prior to 2015 State Law did not require agendas for Council Meetings but a 2015 Amendment to Section 30-4-80 of the Code of Laws for the State of South Carolina now requires agendas; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor and City Council believe that it is appropriate to address the matter at this time and revise this Ordinance concerning the preparation of agendas; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that the deletion of the current Section 2-38 in its entirety and replacement of same with a revised version is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

- I. Section 2-38, entitled **AGENDA** is hereby amended by deleting the entire section as currently drawn and inserting in its place the following, so that such Ordinance, when revised, would read as follows:

SECTION 2-38 AGENDA

- (A) An agenda shall be prepared for all regularly scheduled or special meetings of the City Council. Said agenda must be posted on a bulletin board in a public accessible place at the office or meeting place of the City Council and on the City Website, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meetings. Once such agenda for a regular, called, special, or re-scheduled meeting is posted pursuant to this Ordinance, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the public, which must be made in the same manner as the original posting. After the meeting begins, an item upon which action can be taken only may be added to the agenda by 2/3 vote of the members present and voting; however, if the item is one upon which final action can be taken at the meeting or if the item is one in which there has not been and will not be an opportunity for public comment with prior notice given in accordance with this Section, it only may be added to the agenda by 2/3 vote of the members present and voting and upon a finding by the body that an emergency or exigent circumstance exists, if the item is not added to the agenda.
- (B) The agenda shall be prepared by the City Clerk pursuant to direction by the Mayor, City Administrator or Council as provided hereafter. All reports, communications, Ordinances, resolutions, contract documents, or other

matters to be submitted to the Council shall be delivered to the City Clerk. For regular Council meetings that are currently scheduled on Mondays, the documents should be delivered to the Clerk no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Monday meeting. Documents received after such time may be included on the agenda if approved by the City Administrator. Delivery of documentation for items to be placed on a special called meeting would be on a time schedule as established by the City Administrator.

- (C) In order for an item to be placed on an agenda, either for a regular or a special called meeting, authorization for placement on the agenda would need to be made by the Mayor, City Administrator or any two (2) Council Members. Such authorization would need to be in written form. An e-mail authorization would be considered written.
- (D) Upon receipt of materials and authorization for the preparation of the agenda, the City Clerk shall immediately arrange a list of such matters according to the order of business and furnish each member of the Council, the Mayor, City Administrator and the City Attorney with a copy thereof prior to the Council meeting. Such delivery should be as far in advance of the meeting as time for preparation will permit.
- (E) In the event that an item placed on the agenda is defeated by a formal vote of Council, that same item may not be placed back on the agenda as set forth in item "C" above for a period of six (6) months unless at a subsequent Council Meeting, by a majority vote of the Council members present and voting, it is directed that the item be placed back on the agenda.

II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith or, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ITEM 7 FINANCE: Ordinance No. 2020-08 – Authorizing the City of North Augusta to Enter into an Agreement with Aiken County Regarding the Aiken County Capital Sales Tax IV (“CPST 4”)

On motion of Mayor Pettit, second of Councilmember Brooks, Council agreed to consider on first reading an ordinance authorizing the City of North Augusta to enter into an Agreement with Aiken

County regarding the Aiken County Capital Project Sales Tax IV. Cammie Hayes, Director of Finance and General Services, explained the purpose of the ordinance. Councilmember Dickert stated that he would not be supporting the ordinance. He does not believe the ordinance is necessary. He stressed the agreement described many demands for the City and none for the County. Councilmember McGhee shared he would support the negotiated agreement although he does agree that the county oversight is not necessary. Mayor Pettit stated that while he shared Councilmember Dickert's concern the agreement is an unnecessary burden; the ordinance must be passed to have access to the County sales tax funds. Councilmember Carpenter questioned what changed to make the agreement necessary now since it was not required for CPST I, II, or III. Interim City Administrator, Rachelle Moody, explained that in the past there has been misappropriation of funds in other municipalities and Aiken County is protecting their interests. The first reading of the ordinance passed with a 4-3 vote. Voting for the ordinance were Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McGhee and Mayor Pettit. Voting against the ordinance were Councilmembers Dickert, Presnell, and Toole.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
AIKEN COUNTY REGARDING THE AIKEN COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX IV
("CPST 4")

WHEREAS, the Capital Projects Sales Tax Act is codified in South Carolina Code Sections 4-10-300 to 4-10-380 ("the Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Aiken County Council approved Ordinance 18-07-23 on July 31, 2018, pursuant to the Act, which authorized a referendum on the reimposition and continuation of the Capital Project Sales Tax in Aiken County and Section 22 of the Ordinance requires that to receive allocations of sales tax revenues from CPST 4, a municipality must enter into a contract with the County that contains certain provisions and is in a form approved by the Aiken County Council; and

WHEREAS, the referendum on the reimposition and continuation of the Capital Project Sales Tax was approved by the voters on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Augusta desires to enter into the agreement with Aiken County attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of North Augusta believes adoption of this ordinance is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

Section I.

The Mayor is given the authority by this ordinance to execute on behalf of the City of North Augusta the attached Exhibit A and all other documents necessary to give this agreement its full force and effect.

Section II. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

ITEM 8. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS: Resolution No. 2020-08 – Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Participation Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation for Installation of Mast-Arm Traffic Signal Poles at Martintown Road (230) / Bergen Road (S-2180) Intersection

On the motion of Councilmember Dickert, second of Councilmember Toole, Council agreed to consider a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Participation Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation for installation of mast-arm traffic signal pole at the Martintown Road / Bergen Road intersection. Interim City Administrator, Rachelle Moody, explained the funding source for the agreement is the Transportation Improvement Fund and the Capital Project Fund. Councilmember Carpenter asked when the City would expect the project to begin. Ms. Moody replied bidding for the project should begin July 2020. Councilmember Dickert thanked Senator Young and Representative Hixon for their help with this initiative. Councilmember Presnell stated that he would not support this resolution. The resolution was approved with a 6-1 vote. Councilmember Presnell was the dissenting vote.

Please see a copy of the proposed resolution below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INSTALLATION OF MAST-ARM TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES AT THE MARTINTOWN ROAD (SC 230) / BERGEN ROAD (S-2180) INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, the intersection of Martintown Road (SC 230) and Bergen Road (S-2180) in the City of North Augusta has been identified by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to be eligible for traffic signal improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the project include the installation of mast-arm poles in lieu of standard SCDOT equipment, and has agreed to pay the additional cost for design and construction of those improvements; and

WHEREAS, the SCDOT has agreed to the City's request; and

WHEREAS, the final design has been completed and a cost estimate has been prepared for the additional work requested by the City; and

WHEREAS, SCDOT estimates the total project cost to be \$230,188.64; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the cost is estimated to be \$88,936.25; and

WHEREAS, SCDOT will manage the construction of the project in the same manner and in accordance with the same procedures it follows with all SCDOT construction projects; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of both the City and SCDOT to enter into an agreement to define the relationship between and specify the respective responsibilities of the City and SCDOT related to the completion of The City of North Augusta Intersection Project; and

WHEREAS, SCDOT has prepared a Participation Agreement between the City and SCDOT for The City of North Augusta Intersection Project; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the Participation Agreement and found it to be acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that, the City Administrator is duly authorized to execute the Participation Agreement with SCDOT for The City of North Augusta Intersection Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding sources for the City's share of the project cost shall be as follows:

Transportation Improvement Fund (revenue received per Ordinance 2006-04, to be used for future Martintown Road access)	\$ 83,773.00
Capital Projects Fund (fund balance)	\$ 5,163.25
Total	\$ 88,936.25

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ITEM 9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2020-09 – Amending Article 18 – Administration, of the North Augusta Development Code, Chapter 18, of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances

On the motion of Councilmember Dickert, second of Councilmember Brooks, Council agreed to consider on first reading an ordinance to amend Article 18- Administration, of the North Augusta

Development Code, Chapter 18, to the City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances.

Libby Hodges, Director of Planning and Development, explained the background of the ordinance.

Richard Fletcher commented in opposition to the ordinance.

Councilmember Presnell added he would not be supporting the ordinance. Councilmember Toole shared he may not be supporting the ordinance. Councilmember Dickert and Brooks said they would support the ordinance. Councilmember Carpenter said she would support the ordinance because it was coming directly from the Planning Commission. Mayor Pettit added he would not support the ordinance. The vote for the ordinance failed with a 4-3 vote. Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, and Dickert voted to approve. Councilmembers McGhee, Presnell, Toole and Mayor Pettit voted against.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09
AMENDING ARTICLE 18 – ADMINISTRATION, OF THE NORTH AUGUSTA
DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER 18 OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH
CAROLINA CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, by Ordinance 2007-22, the North Augusta City Council adopted the North Augusta Development Code which is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and which incorporates all City zoning and land development regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.3.3.2 Text Amendments in Article 5, Approval Procedures, of the North Augusta Development Code, any person, property owner, board, commission, department or the City Council may apply for a change in zoning ordinance text; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Planning Commission, following a February 20, 2020, public hearing, reviewed and considered a request by the Planning and Development Department to amend Article 18 – Administration, to add term limits for appointed Planning Commissioners. The Planning Commission report has been provided to City Council for consideration.

The Mayor and City Council have reviewed the request as well as the report from the Planning Commission and has determined that the change to the text of the Development Code is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

I. The North Augusta Development Code, Chapter 18 of The City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances, Providing for New Zoning and Land Development Regulations for the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, is hereby amended and shall read as described in the following section. The section of the Code affected by the proposed amendment is identified by the section number.

A. Article 18, Administration, Section 18.2.1 Terms is amended to read:

18.2.2.1. Terms

a. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council upon recommendation by the Mayor, and shall serve four (4) year terms. Upon a vacancy created by a resignation of any member, the vacancy should be filled for the unexpired term in the manner as are original appointments.

b. For terms expiring after 2020, members may be reappointed for a maximum of two (2) full terms plus any unexpired term they may have been appointed to fill. Members may be reappointed after one (1) full calendar year.

B. Article 18, Administration, Table of Contents will be edited to reflect new page numbers, titles or item numbering associated with the text changes outlined herein.

II. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

III. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ITEM 10. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2020-10 – Abandoning a Road Right-of-Way shown on a Plat for Hammonds’ Ferry, Phase D, Sections 1 and 4, dated January 2, 2020, in the City of North Augusta

On motion of Councilmember Presnell, second of Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to consider on first reading an ordinance to abandon a road right-of-way shown on a plat for Hammond’s Ferry, Phase D, Sections 1 and 4, dated January 2, 2020, in the City of North Augusta. There were no comments. The first reading of the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10
ABANDONING A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY SHOWN ON A PLAT FOR HAMMOND'S
FERRY, PHASE D, SECTIONS 1 AND 4, DATED JANUARY 2, 2020, IN THE CITY OF
NORTH AUGUSTA

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 20, 2020, the North Augusta Planning Commission considered the request of property owners, Westo Development Company, LLC, Christine McElmurray, and Clay N. and Leila E. Stallworth, for the City to abandon a section of a platted road right-of-way adjoining their properties; and

WHEREAS, the portion of road right-of-way requested to be abandoned is shown as Tracts A, B, C, D, E, F and G, on a plat prepared for Hammond's Ferry Phase D, Section 1, Lots 7, 8 & 9 of Block 16, and Section 4, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Block 17, by H & C Surveying, Inc., dated January 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, THE Planning Commission, after reviewing the request, determined that the subject abandoned right-of-way would not conflict with the City's Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, abandonment of the road right-of-way would be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of their review, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council that the subject right-of-way be abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on the requested abandonment on February 20, 2020, for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the requested abandonment; and

WHEREAS, following consideration of the recommendation from the Planning Commission and any input received at the public hearing, Mayor and Council have determined that it is appropriate that the City abandon any interest in the identified road right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the section of platted but unopened and unnamed road right-of-way described herein is hereby abandoned.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

ITEM 11. FINANCE: Resolution No. 2020-09 – A Resolution Approving a Reprioritized Project and Funding List for Capital Projects Sales Tax IV (CPST IV)

On the motion of Councilmember Dickert, second of Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to consider a resolution to approve the reprioritization project and funding list for Capital Projects Sales Tax IV.

Councilmember Dickert made a motion to amend the project and funding list for CPST IV by moving item #4 – “Martintown Road at US 1 Interchange Design and Improvements at \$2,000,000.00” to #18 and moving each of the other items up in rank accordingly. He stated the reason for the adjustment is that the funding is not adequate to do the project. Council needs to work to find other funding to use in conjunction with the CPST IV funds. Councilmember Toole seconded the motion. The amendment was approved with a unanimously vote of Council.

The resolution with the amended project and funding list was approved with no dissenting votes.

Please see a copy of the proposed resolution and a copy of the amended project and funding list below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REPRIORITIZED PROJECT AND FUNDING LIST FOR CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX IV (CPST IV)

WHEREAS, a referendum on the reimposition of the Capital Project Sales Tax in Aiken County was held on November 6, 2018 and resulted in the voters' approval of the ballot on reimposition of the tax and the Aiken County Council declared the results of the Referendum in Resolution Number 18-11-178 approved by Council on November 14, 2018;

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta included 19 projects totaling \$30,700,000 in funding in the referendum which were approved by voters;

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta has elected to reprioritize certain projects in order of performance and reallocated funding among certain projects;

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta City Council is required to approve all reprioritization of projects and funding and submit reprioritized project list to Aiken County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of North Augusta projects and funding allocations are hereby prioritized as listed on the attached Exhibit A;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of North Augusta shall submit this reprioritized capital project and funding list to the Aiken County.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

EXHIBIT A

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX IV PROJECTS

Proposed Project Priority		Funding Allocation Per Referendum	Funding Allocation Changes	Revised Funding Allocation
1	Headquarters Development	10,500,000	600,000	11,100,000
2	Software and Technology Enhancements for a Citizen Information Portal, Record Keeping & Storage, Transaction Processing, Accounting and Financial Reporting	575,000	-	575,000
3	Gateways and Wayfinding Enhancements (Highway 1 @ Martintown Road, East Buena Vista @ Highway 1, Edgefield Road @ Georgia Avenue, I-20 @ Martintown Road)	1,250,000	-	1,250,000
4	Activities Center Improvements (walking track, workout room, chillers and boilers, IT connectivity)	700,000	-	700,000
5	Park Improvements (ballpark, fields and street lighting, Creighton Park playground equipment)	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
6	Community Center Upgrades (roof, lighting, flooring, AV equipment, paving)	150,000	-	150,000
7	Greenway Maintenance and Connectivity	650,000	-	650,000
8	Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements (see listing)	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
9	Downtown Greenway Connector	500,000	-	500,000
10	Street Resurfacing Program (see listing)	1,450,000	-	1,450,000
11	Road Reconstruction Program (see listing)	3,000,000	-	3,000,000
12	Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements (see listing)	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
13	Safety and Security Improvements for the Municipal Building	425,000	-	425,000
14	Finance Department Lobby Improvements for Citizen Transactions	100,000	-	100,000
15	Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic and Safety Enhancements (signage, medians, sidewalks)	300,000	-	300,000
16	Georgia Avenue Undergrounding Utilities	700,000	-	700,000
17	Fire Apparatus	1,000,000	(600,000)	400,000
18	Martintown Road at US 1 Interchange Design and Improvements	2,000,000	-	2,000,000
19	New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam	500,000	-	500,000
		\$ 30,700,000	\$ -	\$ 30,700,000

ITEM 12. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2020-10 – Accepting a Deed of Dedication for the Streets, Water Distribution System, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater Collection and Fire Suppression Systems, and Associated Easements and Rights of Way, Along with a Maintenance Guarantee and Letter of Credit for The Retreat at Walnut Village, Phase I and Northridge Drive

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider a resolution to accept a Deed of Dedication for the streets, water distribution system, sanitary sewer, Stormwater collection and fire Suppression systems, and associated easements and rights of way, along with a Maintenance Guarantee and Letter of Credit for The Retreat at Walnut Village, Phase I and Northridge Drive. A scrivener’s error was noted in that “water distribution system” should be removed since the referenced property is not served by City water. There were no further comments and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Please see a copy of the proposed resolution below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10
ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR THE STREETS,
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, SANITARY SEWER, STORMWATER
COLLECTION AND FIRE SUPRESSION SYSTEMS, AND ASSOCIATED
EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY, ALONG WITH A MAINTENANCE
GUARANTEE AND LETTER OF CREDIT, FOR THE RETREAT**

AT WALNUT VILLAGE, PHASE I AND NORTHRIDGE DRIVE

WHEREAS, The Retreat at Walnut Village, LLC developed The Retreat at Walnut Village, Phase I according to the requirements of the North Augusta Planning Commission and the City, and owns the streets, utilities and easements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5.8.4.3 of the North Augusta Development Code, the Director of Planning and Development and the City Engineer approved the final subdivision plat for recording on January 14, 2020 and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City that, upon approval of a final subdivision plat, the City will, following inspection by the City's Engineering department, accept a deed of dedication for the streets, utilities, etc. for the purpose of ownership and maintenance when said deed is accompanied by a maintenance guarantee; and

WHEREAS, a maintenance guarantee and supporting letter of credit accompany the deed; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has made final inspection of the subject improvements and these improvements meet City standards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, do hereby accept a deed of dedication for:

All those certain streets and utility easements, to include sanitary sewer lines and storm sewer lines, situate, lying and being in the City of North Augusta, County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, located in Phase I of the Retreat at Walnut Village Subdivision, to-wit: Outpost Drive, Whistle Stop Drive, and Passage Drive. Such Drives, sanitary sewer lines and easements as well as storm sewer lines and easements, that are transferred hereby, are as shown upon a plat of Phase I of The Retreat at Walnut Village prepared by H & C Surveying, Inc. dated October 7, 2019 and recorded in the office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Plat Book 61 at page 843-844. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more particular description as to the metes, bounds and exact location of property.

The utility easements conveyed are specifically referred to as Easements Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Raymond D. Brown by deed of Augusta Industrial Park, LLC, dated February 25, 2019, recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina on February 27, 2019, in Record Book 4764 at pages 1888-1890.

Tax Map and Parcel Number: Portion of: 010-14-04-022

And

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of North Augusta, County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, consisting of the Right-of-Way of Northridge Drive.

Such Right-of-Way extending from the Right-of-Way of Walnut Lane to property now belonging to Raymond D. Brown as part of the Development of Phase I of The Retreat at Walnut Village.

Said property conveyed is shown on two separate plats. The majority of the conveyance which is shown upon a plat prepared for Meybohm Riverwood, LLC, prepared by H & C Surveying, Inc. dated September 15, 2017 and revised December 9, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Plat Book 61 at page 843-844. Said Property is described on said plat as PARCEL 3 CONSISTING OF 40,499 SQUARE FEET/0.93 ACRES.

The remaining portion of such Right-of-Way is shown upon a plat of Phase I of The Retreat at Walnut Village prepared by H & C Surveying, Inc. dated October 7, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Plat Book 61 at page 909. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more particular description as to the metes, bounds and exact location of property.

The property being conveyed is identified as PARCEL 4, CONSISTING OF 6,202 SQUARE FEET/0.14 ACRES, and further identified as "Future Right-of-Way".

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Meybohm Riverwood, LLC by deed of Meybohm Realty, Inc., dated December 31, 2018, recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Record Book 4760 at pages 2061-2063.

TAX MAP AND PARCEL NUMBER: Portion of: 010-14-04-007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Maintenance Guarantee and Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$88,500.00 are hereby accepted.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2020.

ITEM 13, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator, noted the first baseball game of the season at SRP Park will be on Wednesday, March 4th between the University of Georgia and Georgia Southern University. She gave an update that the stadium parking deck is scheduled for completion in mid-April. She also explained new event signage and traffic patterns are expected soon in the Riverside Village area.

ITEM 14. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Please see the attached Speaker Forms, if completed, for the March 2, 2020 Council Meeting.

A. Citizen Comments were made by:

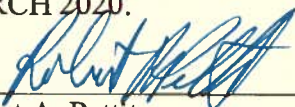
Tom Kinney
Elizabeth Jones (No Speaker Form provided)
Fred Ilardi

B. Council Comments:

Councilmember, David McGhee, encouraged citizens to support the North Augusta High School Lady Jackets Basketball team as they play Saturday in Columbia for their fourth straight state championship.


There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m. Council reconvened in Council's Conference Room for Executive Session.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF
MARCH 2020.



Robert A. Pettit
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 2, 2020

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NAME: RICHARD FLETCHER

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: TERM LIMITS FOR PLANNING COMM.

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

SUMMARY OPPOSED TO MEASURE BECAUSE IT HAS POTENTIAL TO REDUCE EXPERTISE ON AVERAGE, AND ZONING IS A COMPLEX MATTER.

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 2, 2020

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NAME: Tom Kinney

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

(For example: I support the resolution because ...)

SUMMARY Loss of funds from unregistered vehicles
Sec 6-21 Building standing in cont medication

SPEAKER FORM

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 3/2/20

THIS FORM WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NAME: FRED ILARDI

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC: AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT
BACK UP FOR AGENDA.

PLEASE PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF YOUR COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

- (For example: I support the resolution because ...)

SUMMARY ① REQUEST FOR TIME FRAME ON PURCHASE
OF EQUIPMENT.
② WHEN WILL WE GET BACK UP