

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 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**

### **VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of August 3, 2020 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Pettit at 7:03 p.m. and streamed online for public viewing at the City Facebook page: "City of North Augusta – Public Information" and City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information" then adjourned at 7:50 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. Councilmember Presnell was absent.

Also in attendance were Rachelle Moody, Interim City Administrator; Kelly Zier, City Attorney; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation and

Tourism; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Libby Hodges, Director of Planning and Development; J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2020-32 – To Authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) to Provide Secure Detention Services for Juveniles (Persons under the Age of Seventeen) Who are Charged with Committing Crimes within the City of North Augusta**

On the motion of Councilmember Dickert, second of Councilmember Carpenter, Council agreed to consider a resolution to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) to provide secure detention services for juveniles (persons under the age to seventeen) who are charged with crimes within the City of North Augusta.

City Clerk, Sharon Lamar, read Citizen Comments submitted by Darrell Gilliland.

John Thomas, Director of Public Safety, explained the City maintains this annual agreement with SCDJJ, because the City of North Augusta nor Aiken County have the appropriate facilities to house juveniles. The resolution was approved a unanimous vote of 6-0.

A copy of the proposed resolution is below:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32**

**TO AUTHORIZE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (SCDJJ) TO PROVIDE SECURE DETENTION SERVICES FOR JUVENILES (PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN) WHO ARE CHARGED WITH COMMITTING CRIMES WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Constitution and state and federal law, mandate that juveniles (persons under the age of seventeen) who are held in detention be confined in separate and distinct facilities from adults (persons seventeen years of age and older) similarly confined; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta does not operate or manage its own detention facility for juveniles, or otherwise have such a facility available to it for the detention of juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the SCDJJ operates a facility for the detention of juveniles, along with an array of other residential placements for juveniles, who are awaiting their return to another jurisdiction or state, or awaiting their adjudication and/or dispositional hearings in the Family or General Sessions Courts of this State, which have passed all necessary state inspections or approvals, and are suitable for the detention of juveniles; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has mandated that “the governing body of the law enforcement agency having original jurisdiction (over) where the offense occurred” be responsible for paying a portion of the costs of the detention services for juveniles provided by SCDJJ, who are charged with committing crimes within the governing body’s jurisdictional limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina is authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement for the Detention of Juveniles as identified and attached hereto and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Administrator is authorized to execute such Agreement.

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

**ITEM 6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Planning Commission Recommendation Memorandum # 20-021 and Project Staff Report: RZT20-002 Article 4, Supplemental Use Regulations: Home Occupations; Receipt of Information by Council**

By general consent, Council received for information Planning Commission Recommendation Memorandum # 20-021 and Project Staff Report: RZT20-002.

**ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

There were no Administrative Reports.

**ITEM 10. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Please see the attached Speaker Forms, if completed, for August 3, 2020 Council Meeting.

A. Citizen Comments were made by:

There were no Citizen Comments.

B. Council Comments:

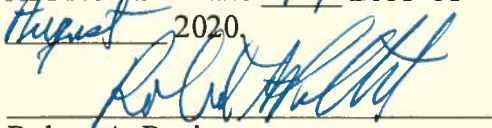
Councilmember Carpenter asked for updates on the construction of Fire Station 1 and Public Safety Headquarters. Rachele Moody, Interim City Administrator, commented a Council update is scheduled for a Special Called Study Session on August 31. At that time an updated rendering with site plan and exterior plans will be available.

Councilmembers Dickert and McGhee shared thoughts on the MID payments due in Hammonds Ferry.


Mayor Pettit announced a Virtual Special Called Study Session on August 10 at 6:00 pm for Council to receive a presentation from the Calhoun Park Committee and for Council to discuss the South Carolina Attorney General's recent opinion on the Meriwether Monument.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF  
August 2020.

  
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Robert A. Pettit  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk

**Lamar, Sharon**

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**From:** Darrell Gilliland <dgilliland@ltdkate.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 01, 2020 7:46 AM  
**To:** Lamar, Sharon  
**Subject:** Detention center

Do we currently use a juvenile detention center in Aiken for the County ? And if so, isn't that sufficient ?

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