



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BACK-UP MATERIALS  
FOR  
APRIL 19, 2021**



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jim Clifford, City Administrator

DATE: April 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Virtual Regular City Council Meeting of April 19, 2021

**VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – January, February, March 2021 – Doug Ruben**

The City of North Augusta Employee Recognition Committee would like to recognize the employee of the quarter for January, February, March 2021, Doug Ruben, Public Safety Officer, with the Department of Public Safety.

Doug started with the City of North Augusta as a volunteer firefighter in 1994. He began his employment with the City of North Augusta in 1999 as a paid firefighter and was promoted to Public Safety Officer in 2013.

During his 26 years of service to the City of North Augusta, he has proven himself to be a dedicated and loyal member of the Public Safety team. Doug brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his shift and has recently been sharing that knowledge as a Field Training Officer. His supervisors are blessed to count on his firefighting abilities, knowledge, and experience at fire scenes.

Doug has shown a passion for our citizen's safety on our roadways and taken an interest in DUI detection and enforcement. In the first quarter of 2021, Doug made 10 DUI arrests. The collection of evidence, operation of breath testing equipment, documentation, multiple hearings and court proceedings involved in DUI cases are all done in addition to Doug's regular patrol officer duties. In addition, Doug also helps other officers with their DUI detection skills as a Standard Field Sobriety Test Instructor and there is no doubt that the City of North Augusta is a safer place to drive due to Doug's efforts.

Doug also serves as Public Safety's Infection Control Officer. He assumes the primary responsibility to manage the Infection Control program, coordinates significant exposure investigations, and ensures that the Department Administration complies with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Fire Protection Association. He submits written recommendations to the Director of Public Safety and the Department Safety Officer for improvements to training, equipment, policies, and procedures to better effectuate the Infection Control Program. Doug is always eager to complete the hard work that is asked of him and does it with a smile.

Doug Ruben is a tremendous asset to the Public Safety Department and the City of North Augusta workforce.

Congratulations to Doug Ruben, our employee of the first quarter of 2021. We have a plaque for you and monetary prize of \$50.

**ITEM 6. FINANCE: Resolution No. 2021-16 – A Resolution Authorizing a Reallocation of a Portion of the Original Funding Allocation Recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the Disbursement of Revenues from the Accommodations Tax Year 2017-2018**

A resolution has been prepared for Council’s consideration authorizing a reallocation of a portion of the original funding allocation recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the disbursement of revenues from the accommodations tax year 2017-2018.

Please see ATTACHMENT #6 for a copy of the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE  
ORIGINAL FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF  
REVENUES FROM THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX YEAR 2017-2018

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution 2020-05 on February 3, 2020 with the following funding allocations; and

Organization	Project Category	Project Name	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Aiken County / Ashley Havird	Tourism-Related Events	Ad in Rowing News Magazine	\$1,377	\$1,377
FWB Fund Inc. / Lisa Taylor	Tourism-Related Events	Spring Concert Amphitheater	\$20,000	\$15,439.31
Arts & Heritage / Mary Ann Bigger	Tourism-Related Events	Arts & Heritage Rack Cards	\$1,500	\$1,500
NAPRT/ Rick Meyer	Tourism-Related Events	Amphitheater Grand Opening	\$10,000	\$5,146.44
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$32,877</b>	<b>\$23,462.75</b>

WHEREAS, the Mayor requested an extension to expend these funds from the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee (TERC) on September 29, 2020 due to delayed projects as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to continued restrictions on gathering and social distancing requirements several projects have now been restructured to local only events or delayed indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department (PRT) was allocated \$10,000 from the accommodations tax year 2019-2020 for the Sharon Jones Amphitheater Concert Event Operations; and

WHEREAS, PRT was allocated \$45,147.37 from the accommodations tax year 2018-2019 for a mobile stage; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is needed to support event operations of the Sharon Jones Amphitheater Concert to include stage, sound, backline and staffing and additional funding is also needed to secure the mobile stage for use at City events and other entertainment events; and

WHEREAS, the following revised funding allocations are presented for Council's consideration:

Organization	Project Name	Original Allocation	Revised Allocation
Aiken County / Ashley Havird	Ad in Rowing News Magazine	\$1,377	\$1,377
FWB Fund Inc. / Lisa Taylor	Spring Concert Amphitheater	\$15,439.31	\$0
Arts & Heritage / Mary Ann Bigger	Arts & Heritage Rack Cards	\$1,500	\$1,500
NAPRT/ Rick Meyer	Amphitheater Grand Opening	\$5,146.44	\$0
NAPRT/Rick Meyer	Sharon Jones Amphitheater Concert Event Operations	19/20 tax year request	\$6,500
NAPRT/Rick Meyer	Mobile Stage	18/19 tax year request	\$14,085.75
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$23,462.75</b>

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

1. Funding be reallocated as recommended and that the funding source be the Accommodations Tax Fund for tax year 2017-2018.
2. Any net profits received by the City from the Sharon Jones Amphitheater Concert are to be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund and combined with accommodations tax funding awarded to PRT for purchase of the mobile stage for City and other entertainment events.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

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Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Lamar, City Clerk