

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2021

*Briton S. Williams, Mayor*

*J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember  
Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember  
Jenafer F. McCauley, Councilmember  
David W. McGhee, Councilmember  
Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember  
Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### STUDY SESSION

The Study Session of July 12, 2021 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00 p.m. and also 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." The Study Session adjourned 7:05 p.m.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings was sent out by email 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 Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Cammie T. Hayes, Chief Financial Officer; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; James E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas L. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

### **ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Items for the July 19, 2021 Council Meeting- Council Discussion**

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the July 19, 2021 regular meeting.

Please see ATTACHMENT #1 for a copy of the proposed DRAFT items.



**ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:**

City department directors and managers provided departmental updates.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for a copy of the "Department Details July 12, 2021."

**ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:**

(A) Mayor Williams shared some items related to his "Mayor's 100 Day Plan" for the City of North Augusta. He announced the next "Public Power Hour" will be held on Monday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. He also stated the next "Meet the Mayor" event is planned for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will need to be held at SRP Federal Credit Union at 1070 Edgefield Road at 6:00 p.m. He reminded citizens of North Augusta Forward's Third Thursday scheduled for Thursday, July 14. This week's Third Thursday will feature artist, musicians and potters.

(B) Focus Item: City of North Augusta Facilities Update

(i.) Fire Station 1-

Jim Clifford, City Administrator, updated Council on the progress of Fire Station 1. The first concrete pour is complete. The final pour for the equipment bays is scheduled for later this week, weather permitting. The delivery of steel for construction is expected over the next two weeks. The current project schedule is on target for a Summer 2022 completion.

(ii.) Public Safety Headquarters-

Mr. Clifford relayed Council he will be presenting a Sketch Plan Review to the Planning Commission on the Thursday July 15, 2021 regular meeting. He anticipates reporting back to Council at the July 19<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting with a potential request for Public Use (P) rezoning of the Georgia Avenue property. His presentation includes a plan for the "legacy buildings" on the property which front Observatory Avenue. Plans are being made for citizen/neighbor engagement and will be announced at a later date.

(iii.) 13th Street Bridge-

He shared contact information for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for citizen feedback on the proposed 13th Street Bridge replacement project. The project includes a basic bridge structure financed and completed by GDOT. The new bridge is expected to include a median and improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. The cities of Augusta and North Augusta would share the expense of any additional amenities, such as specialty lighting, etc. This proposed project has a date of 2024.

Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of the "North Augusta Facilities Update" presentation.

In closing, Councilmember Carpenter requested new trashcans at Summerfield Park and the pavilion be swept. Mayor Williams introduced Tommy Paradise, the City's new Director of Planning and Development.

APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

July, 2021.

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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lamar  
Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk





**PUBLIC POWER HOUR**

July 19, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

**DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

July 19, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The Public Power Hour and regular City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

*CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council on each item listed on this agenda. The Mayor will call for comments prior to Council's discussion. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance to the Council Chambers. Speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic should complete the form. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

*CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or sign interpreter to participate in the meeting, please notify the Administration Department 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
3. **ROLL CALL:**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular City Council Meeting minutes of June 21, 2021 and Study Session minutes of June 28, 2021
5. **PERSONNEL:** Employee of the Quarter – April, May, and June 2021 – TBA
6. **PROCLAMATION:** Parks and Recreation Month – July 2021

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2021-30 – Authorizing the Receipt of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation from the State of South Carolina as Appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
8. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2021-31 - A Resolution Approving a Reprioritized Project and Funding List for Capital Project Sales Tax IV (CPST IV)
9. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Stadium Advisory Board - Appointments by the Mayor
10. **EASEMENT:** Ordinance No. 2021-08 – To Grant a Public Access Easement through Calhoun Park; Ordinance-First Reading
- xx. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
- xx. **PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

- A. **Citizen Comments** - *At this time, citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council regarding matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance to the Council Chambers. Speakers desiring that the minutes*



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B. Council Comments –

xx. ADJOURNMENT



*Thank you for attending tonight's meeting of the North Augusta City Council.  
To assure every citizen's privilege to speak to City Council and to maintain proper decorum  
the following sections of the City's Code of Ordinances are reprinted.*

Sec. 2-57. Order and decorum generally

(a) By council members. While the council is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a member shall not, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council, or disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided.

(b) By other persons. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous while addressing the council shall be forthwith, by the presiding officer, barred from further audience before the council, unless permission to continue be granted by a majority vote of the council.

Sec. 2-58. Sergeant-at-arms

The public safety director or such members of the public safety department as the director may designate, shall be sergeant-at-arms of the council meetings. They shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the council meeting. Upon instructions of the presiding officer, it shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms, to place any person who violates the order and decorum of the meeting under arrest, and cause such to be prosecuted under the provisions of this Code, the complaint to be signed by the presiding officer.

Sec. 2-62. Addressing council--Permission required; exceptions

Any person desiring to address the council shall first secure the permission of the presiding officer so to do.

Sec. 2-63. Same--Procedure

Each person addressing the council shall step up in front of the rail, shall give such person's name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records, and unless further time is granted by the council, shall limit the address to five (5) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the council, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked a council member except through the presiding officer.

Sec. 2-64. Persons authorized to be within rail

No person, except city officials or their representatives shall be permitted within the rail in front of the council chamber without the express consent of the council.

**DEPARTMENT DETAILS***for July 12, 2021***FINANCE:**

- Utility Updates: Cycle 2 Due Date July 19<sup>th</sup>; Cycle 1 Disconnect July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

**PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- The eastbound lane along West Woodlawn Avenue between Georgia Avenue to Carolina Avenue will be temporarily reduced to one lane July 14 – 15, 2021 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Utility work will be performed in the roadway, requiring the lane closure. Please be prepared to stop for traffic flaggers who will be onsite directing the flow of traffic. This work may be delayed due to inclement weather conditions.
- Utility staff will be conducting smoke testing of the wastewater pipe system within Fairview Gardens from July 19 – July 30, 2021. Staff will deliver notices to customers within the test area. Smoke testing is a method used to locate defective pipes that may allow ground or surface water to enter into the collection.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- The Public Safety Department has nine employees in their 5<sup>th</sup> week of Fire Training in Aiken City. They will graduate on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There are three new Public Safety Officers beginning employment in the next few weeks. These will fill all open positions.
- Chief Thomas will give a Fire Station 1 construction update this evening.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:**

- Creighton Park playground structure has been repaired and is open for use.
- Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee committee has been working on details for the 2021 festival. We are considering a one-day festival on Saturday, October 30 vs. the Friday night/Saturday format due to budget limitations for festival entertainment. We will finalize the schedule at our next meeting on July 26. We are close to locking in a national artist and hoping to release that information on Friday, July 30.



- The 2021 Nike Peach Jam gets underway tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. Week 1 will be the Boys 15, 16, and 17 year olds EYBL qualifier with games being played at the Riverview Park Activities Center and 4 courts at the Augusta Convention Center. The EYBL qualifier will run 7 days. Week 2 begins on Tuesday, July 20 with the Boys EYBL Nike Peach Jam and the Girls EYBL Nike Nationals events. Finals are scheduled for Sunday, July 25 with the Boys Peach Jam championship game scheduled for 6pm to be televised live by ESPNU. Estimated economic impact by the Augusta Sports Council and CVB is \$10 million +.

**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Rapids Subdivision HOA sidewalk
- Georgia Avenue/West Buena Vista Avenue bollard/pole base repair
- Sinkhole in Georgetown Villas
- Sinkhole on San Salvador Drive @ Fairfield Avenue
- Detention pond maintenance in Bergen Place West, Wando Woodlands, Woodstone, and The Village at Bergen Place
- Traffic signals at West Martintown Road/I-20
- Brick Pond Alligator Count

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Firefighter – Public Safety**

Grade: UN  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$9.43/hour  
 Closing Date: Until Filled

**Public Safety Officer – Public Safety**

Grade: 15  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.38/hour  
 Closing Date: Until Filled

**Grounds Worker II – Property Maintenance**

Grade: 6  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03/hour  
 Closing Date: Until Filled

**Utility Worker I (2) – Water/Wastewater Operations**

Grade: 4  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$12.30/hour  
 Closing Date: Until Filled

**Maintenance Worker II – Building Standards**

Grade: 6  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03/hour  
 Closing Date: 07/16/2021

**Vehicle Operator II – Sanitation**

Grade: 9  
 Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.61/hour  
 Closing Date: Until Filled



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*Council Study Session – 12 July 2021*

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## North Augusta Facilities Update

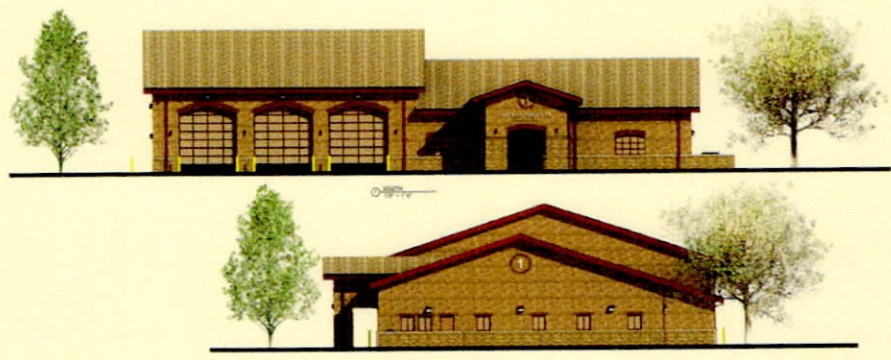
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- Fire Station #1
- Public Safety HQ
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge

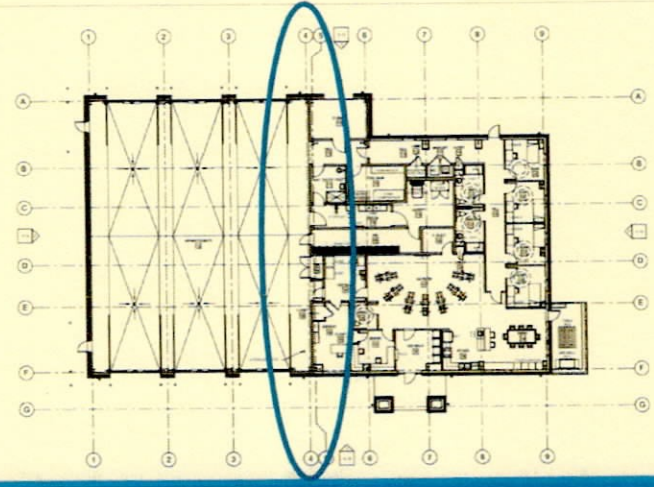




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City of North Augusta  
 Project Schedule for NAPS Station #01  
 07/12/21

Start	Complete	#	Months	Item Description
	Complete			Purchase Land on Martintown and Observatory
	Complete			Preliminary Site Planning
	Complete			Negotiated Project Fee % and SD Fee
	06/01/20			Project Team Discussion and Council Agreement on Path Forward
06/02/20	to 09/30/20	4.0	Months	Design Phase, DDs and CDs.
10/01/20	to 11/14/20	1.5	Months	Design Review and Permitting from CONA
09/30/20	to 09/30/20		Target Day	Start Advertising Per CONA requirements for Public Bid
10/27/20	to 10/27/20		Target Day	Mandatory Pre-Bid
09/30/20	to 11/07/20		Target Day	Deadline for GC Questions to Arch
11/17/20	to 11/17/20		Target Day	Bids Due
11/18/20	to 12/16/20	4.0	Weeks	Evaluate Bids
12/09/20	to 12/16/20			Prepare Agenda Item
12/21/20	to 12/21/20		Target Day	Council Approval
12/13/20	to 01/03/21	3.0	Weeks	Prepare, review and Execute Contract
01/12/21	to 01/12/21		Target Day	Issue Notice to Proceed to GC
01/12/21	to 12/08/21	11.0	Months	Construction
12/08/21	to 01/07/22	1.0	Month	GC Punchlist
01/07/22	to 02/06/22	1.0	Month	Project Close Out / Commissioning
02/06/22	to 04/07/22	2.0	Months	Schedule Risks / Unforeseen Conditions
04/07/22	to 05/07/22	1.0	Month	FF&E Install / IT items / Security Equipment
05/07/22	to 06/05/22	1.0	Month	Dedication Timeframe

06/05/22 Target Dedication as of Oct 2020 schedule update.



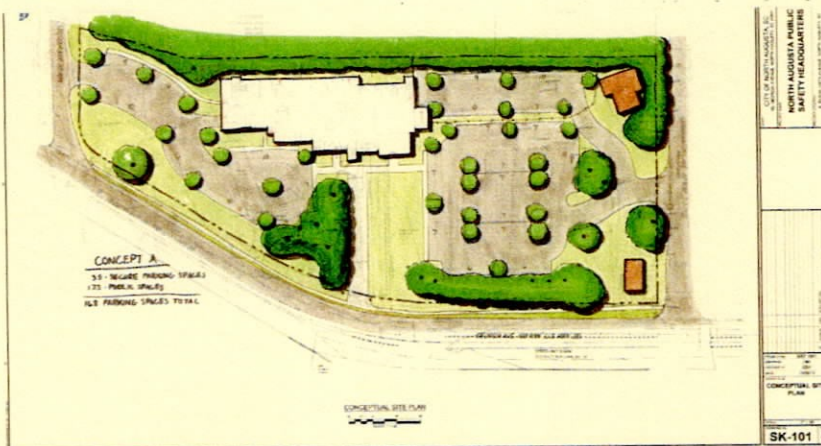
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## Next Steps (Georgia Ave site)

- City Council Resolution granting staff authority to present to Planning Commission for Public zoning
- Provide sketch plan review to Planning Commission in July
- Community engagement with Punch & Judy Players, Historic North Augusta, Neighbors
- Develop plan for "legacy" buildings fronting Observatory Road

### Potential Key Dates:

- 15 July – Sketch Plan Review to Planning Commission
- 26 July – City Council Study Session (Potential Request for P Zoning for GA Avenue)
- 2 August – City Council Meeting (Potential Resolution for P Zoning for GA Avenue to Planning Commission)
- 4 August – Notice to Public
- 12 August – P Zoning Request to Planning Commission
- TBD – Citizen/Neighbor engagement



## 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge

### GA DOT Project

Project information available @ <https://bridge-replacement-0013927-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

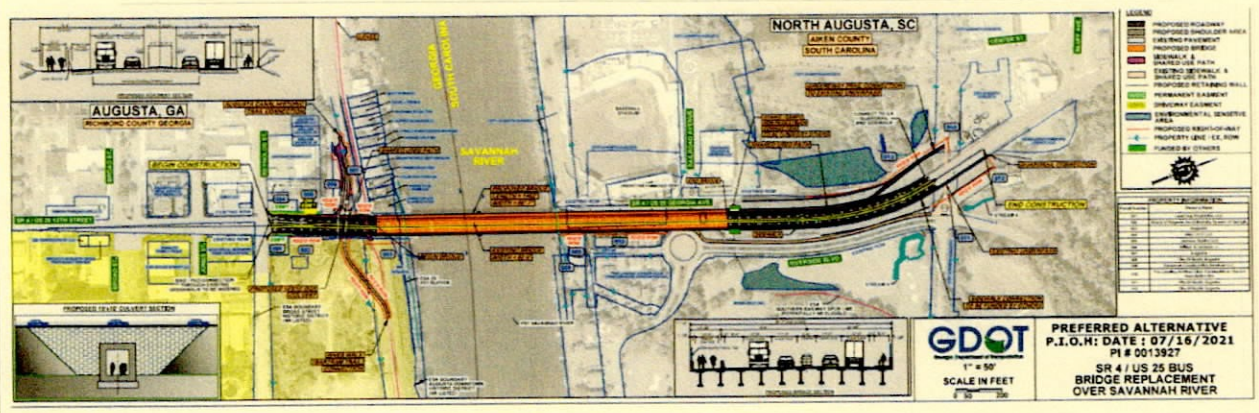
Citizen feedback requested through 13 August, 2021

"This project proposes to replace the existing bridge carrying SR 4/US 25 BU over the Savannah River between Augusta, Georgia and North Augusta, South Carolina. The proposed bridge would be replaced at its existing location to minimize environmental, and right-of-way impacts along the project corridor. Traffic is expected to be maintained on the corridor during staged construction by reducing the roadway capacity to one lane in each direction. An additional detour route will be provided due to the reduced capacity of the bridge during construction. The project is located adjacent to the North Augusta Greenway, the New Bartram Trail, and the Augusta Canal Historic Trail. Construction activities may occur within these facilities, including the potential for temporary detours of the trails during construction. However, the trails are expected to continue in their existing recreational use during construction, even if temporary detours are required.

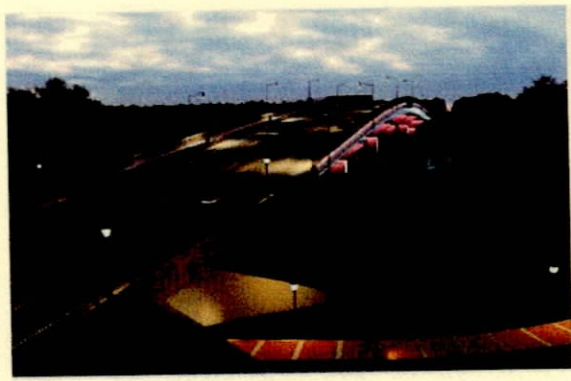
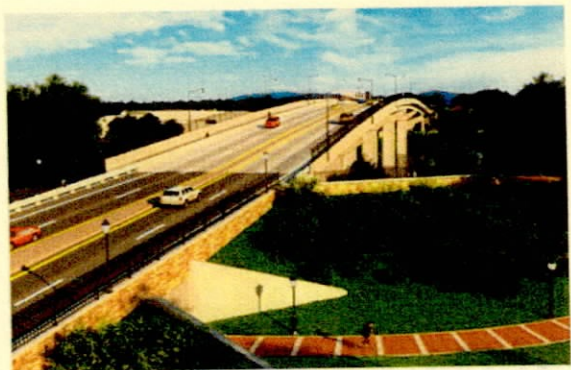
The purpose of this internet posting is to replace an in-person meeting, while allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions."



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## COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ GUIDANCE