

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 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

The regular City Council meeting was streamed for public viewing online at: "City of North Augusta – Public Information" on www.Facebook.com and "City of North Augusta Public Information" on www.YouTube.com

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of August 16, 2021 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" then adjourned at 7:16 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 Williams rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant 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 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.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 2, 2021 and the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Study Session were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. ANNEXATION: Ordinance No. 2021-09 – To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and by Annexing ±0.5 Acres of Land Located on Carriage Lane and Owned by Gore & Gore Investment Properties, LLC; Ordinance – Second Reading

Mayor Williams recused himself from the discussion of this ordinance. Mayor Pro Temp Brooks brought the motion to the Council. On the motion of Councilmember Carpenter, second of Councilmember Toole, Council agreed to consider an ordinance on second reading to change the corporate limits of the City of North Augusta by accepting the petition requesting annexation by the landowners and by annexing ±0.5 acres of land located on Carriage Lane and Owned by Gore & Gore Investment Properties, LLC. There were no comments from citizens. The second reading of the ordinance was approved with a 6-0 vote of Council with Mayor Williams' recusal.

Please see ATTACHMENT #5 for a copy of the Recusal Form.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance and exhibits below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09
TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA BY ACCEPTING THE PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION BY
THE LANDOWNERS AND BY ANNEXING
± 0.5 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON CARRIAGE LANE
AND OWNED BY GORE & GORE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, LLC

WHEREAS, Section 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina provides that: "Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any area or property which is contiguous to a municipality may be annexed to the municipality by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by all persons owning real estate in the area requesting annexation. Upon the agreement of the governing body to accept the petition and

annex the area, and the enactment of an ordinance declaring the area annexed to the municipality, the annexation is complete"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, have reviewed the petition of the landowners requesting that their property be annexed into the City and determined that such Petition should be accepted and the property annexed into the City; and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification recommended for the properties proposed for annexation has been reviewed for consistency with the Future Land Use Classification of the properties as specified in the Land Use Element of the North Augusta 2017 Comprehensive Plan;

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 Petition of the landowners is accepted and the following described property shall be annexed into the City of North Augusta:

A portion of the parcel containing ± 0.25 acres located on Carriage Lane, being shown and designated as Lot B on a plat prepared by William H. McKie, III, PLS and recorded in the Aiken County RMC Office in Plat Book 59, page 459, records of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Tax Map & Parcel No.: 012-13-02-041

And

A parcel containing ± 0.25 acres located on Carriage Lane, being shown and designated as Lot A on a plat prepared by William H. McKie, III, PLS and recorded in the Aiken County RMC Office in Plat Book 59, page 459, records of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Tax Map & Parcel No.: 012-13-02-045

The property to be annexed is also shown on a map identified as "Exhibit A" titled "Map of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta" dated March 15, 2021, and prepared by the City of North Augusta.

- II. The zoning classification shall be R-5, Mixed Residential, as shown on a map identified as "Exhibit B" titled "R-5 Zoning of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta" dated March 15, 2021, and prepared by the City of North Augusta.

- III. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- IV. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second 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 _____, 2021.

ITEM 6. ANNEXATION: Ordinance No. 2021-10 – To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and Annexing ±14.3 Acres of Property Located Along Edgefield Road and Owned by QuikTrip Corporation; Ordinance – Second Reading

On the motion of Councilmember Presnell, second of Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to consider an ordinance on second reading to change the corporate limits of the City of North Augusta by accepting the petition requesting annexation by the landowners and by annexing ±14.3 acres of property located along Edgefield Road and owned by QuikTrip Corporation. There were no citizen comments. The second reading of the ordinance was approved with a 7-0 vote of Council.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10
TO CHANGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA
BY ACCEPTING THE PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION BY THE LANDOWNERS AND ANNEXING
± 14.3 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED
ALONG EDGEFIELD RD AND OWNED BY QUIKTRIP CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Section 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina provides that: "Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any area or property which is contiguous to a municipality may be annexed to the municipality by filing with the municipal governing body a petition signed by all persons owning real estate in the area requesting annexation. Upon the agreement of the governing body to accept the petition and annex the area, and the enactment of an ordinance declaring the area annexed to the municipality, the annexation is complete"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, have reviewed the petition of the landowners requesting that their property be annexed into the City and determined that such Petition should be accepted and the property annexed into the City; and

WHEREAS, the zoning classification recommended for the properties proposed for annexation has been reviewed for consistency with the Future Land Use Classification of the properties as specified in the Land Use Element of the North Augusta 2017 Comprehensive Plan;

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:

- V. The Petition of the landowners is accepted and the following described property shall be annexed into the City of North Augusta:

A parcel containing ± 14.3 acres located along Edgefield Road, as shown on a plat made for Norman M. Pate and Jo M. Pinner by Tripp Land Surveying, Inc., dated May 7, 2013, and recorded in Misc. Book 57, Page 203, records of Aiken County, South Carolina, including all adjacent right-of-way.

Tax Map & Parcel No.: 011-07-01-003

The property to be annexed is also shown on a map identified as "Exhibit A" titled "Map of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta" dated October 1, 2020 and prepared by the City of North Augusta.

- VI. The zoning classification shall be GC, General Commercial, as shown on a map identified as "Exhibit B" titled "General Commercial Zoning of Property Sought to be Annexed to the City of North Augusta" dated October 1, 2020, and prepared by the City of North Augusta.
- VII. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- VIII. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second 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 _____, 2021.

ITEM 7. PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM: Ordinance No. 2021-11 – Authorizing a Restructuring of Personnel for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Subsequent to Department Vacancies Resulting from Retirements and Resignations; Ordinance – First Reading

On the motion of Councilmember McCauley, second of Councilmember Toole, Council agreed to consider an ordinance on second reading authorizing a restructuring of personnel for the

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism subsequent to department vacancies resulting from retirement and resignations.

There were no citizen comments. Council unanimously approved the second reading of the ordinance with a 7-0 vote.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance and organizational chart below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11
AUTHORIZING A RESTRUCTURING OF PERSONNEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION, & TOURISM SUBSEQUENT TO DEPARTMENT VACANCIES RESULTING FROM
RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Laws of South Carolina, and the Ordinance of the City of North Augusta, the City Administrator prepared and submitted to the City Council a Balanced Budget for the budget year beginning on January 1, 2021, and ending on December 31, 2021 which was adopted November 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a restructuring of personnel for the Department of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism ("Department of PRT") is necessary to expand upon opportunities resulting from department vacancies from retirements and resignations and to continue to provide adequate services related to activities of the Department; and

WHEREAS, this restructuring is to be done within the authorized total appropriations for personal services expenses of the Department of PRT as adopted by City Council on November 2, 2020.

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 City Council hereby authorizes a restructuring of personnel for the Department of PRT as follows with proposed Department of PRT organizational chart attached as Exhibit A:

Division	Current Position	Current Grade	Proposed Position	Proposed Grade
10-4300/Recreation	Director of PRT	38	No Change	38
	Superintendent of Programs & Facilities	27	No Change	27
	Program Coordinator II	14	No Change	14
	Program Coordinator	12	No Change	12
	Secretary II	11	No Change	11
	Program Coordinator I	13	Center Program Coordinator	10
	Program Coordinator	12	Center Program Coordinator	10
	NEW REQUEST	N/A	Center Program Coordinator	10
10-4310/Parks	Maintenance Foreman II	13	No Change	13
	Maintenance Technician	12	No Change	12
	Crew Leader	9	No Change	9
	Grounds Worker III	7	No Change	7
	Grounds Worker II	6	No Change	6
	Grounds Worker II	6	No Change	6
10-4320/Community Center	Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
10-4325/Tourism	Facilities & Events Supervisor	17	Events Coordinator	12
	Maintenance Worker II	6	No Change	6*
	Maintenance Worker II	6	No Change	6*
19-4325/Tourism	Tourism & Marketing Coordinator	12	No Change	12
10-4430/RVP Activities Center	Programs & Facilities Supervisor	18	No Change	18
	Crew Leader	9	No Change	9
	Maintenance Worker II	6	No Change	6
	Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	PT Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	PT Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	PT Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	PT Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8
	PT Center Coordinator	8	No Change	8

*Positions are currently supervised by the Director of Public Works and will be proposed to be transferred to 10-4060, City Buildings, in the 2022 Budget

Section II. That in all other respects, except as hereby and heretofore restructured, the budgeted positions for the City of North Augusta for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, shall remain in full force and effect.

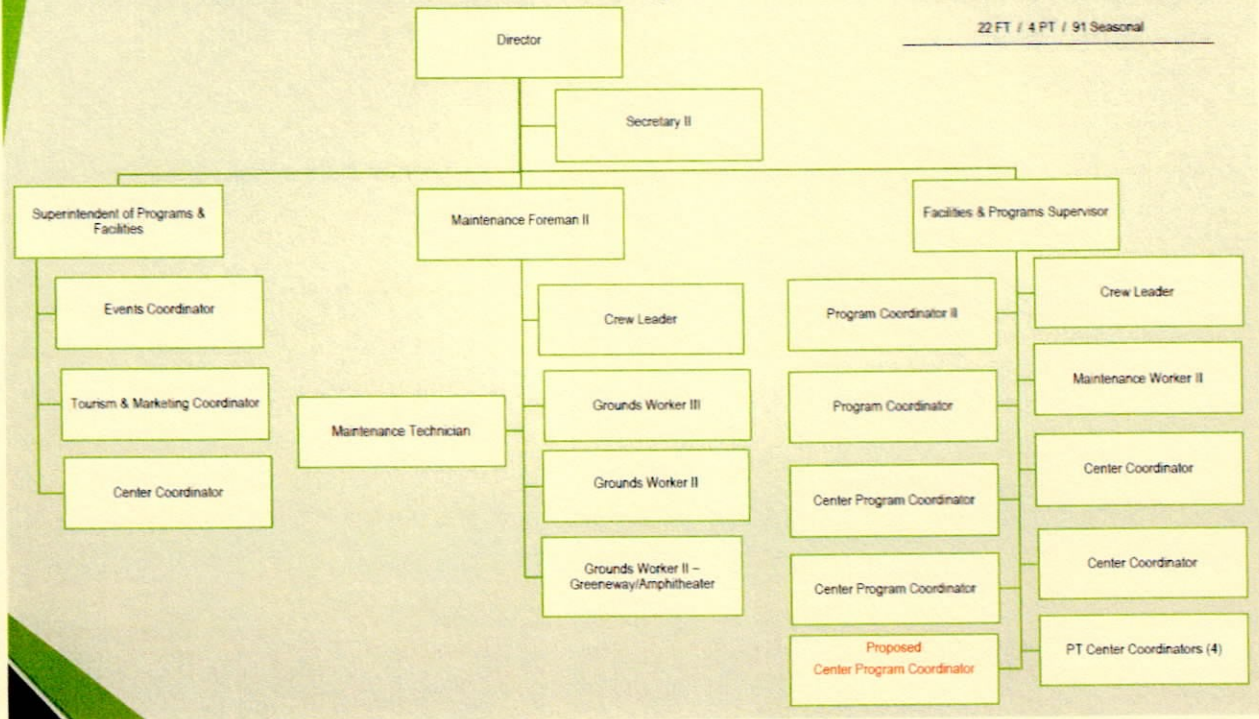
Section III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section IV. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second 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 AUGUST, 2021.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Organizational Chart (proposed)

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ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2021-34 – A Resolution Directing the City Administrator to File an Application Requesting Rezoning of Land Located at 1208, 1220, and 1220 ½ Georgia Avenue

On the motion of Councilmember Carpenter, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider a resolution directing the City Administrator to file an application requesting rezoning of land location at 1208, 1220, and 1220 ½ Georgia Avenue.

Jim Clifford, City Administrator, explained the request for Council’s approval of the resolution to file an application to rezone the property. Mayor Williams reminded Council and staff of the three part objective given to the City Administrator: (1) Present a sketch plan of the proposed Public Safety Headquarter to the Planning Commission for feedback (2) Meet with interested non-profit groups concerning the historical buildings on the property (3) Host an opportunity for community feedback then report findings back to Council.

Citizen Comments were provided by the following. (No Speaker Forms were submitted.)

- Mike Hitchler
- Fred Ilardi
- Ken Powell
- Dylan Miller
- London Smith

The Mayor and Councilmembers provided comments and feedback to speakers. Council unanimously approved the resolution with a 7-0 vote.

Please a copy of the proposed resolution below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-34
A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION REQUESTING
REZONING OF LAND LOCATED AT
1208, 1220, AND 1220 ½ GEORGIA AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta purchased property at 1208, 1220, and 1220½ Georgia Avenue (parcels 007-07-06-005, 007-07-06-004 and 007-07-06-003) consisting of a combined 4.45 acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta intends to build a public safety headquarters and municipal court on referenced property; and

WHEREAS, the properties are currently zoned R-14 (Large Lot Single Family Residential), and GC (General Commercial), but would need to be rezoned to P (Public Use District) which has a permitted use of Public Safety services.

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 directed as follows:

1. To file the appropriate application with the Department of Planning and Development requesting rezoning of property located at 1208, 1220, and 1220 ½ Georgia Avenue from R-14 and GC to P.
2. The City Administrator is further authorized to execute any documents necessary to make this application as well as submit any documents or information as required to allow the request to proceed.

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

ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

None

ITEM 10. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

A. Citizen Comments:

Ken Powell (No Speaker Form provided)

B. Council Comments:

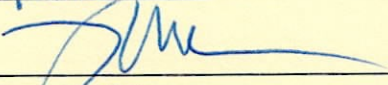
Mayor Williams encouraged citizens to share their ideas for the City's 2022 River Event. He also announced he has challenged Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis to the "Trash Bash at the Border" on September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the banks of the Savannah River. The Mayor of the city with the most volunteers who pick up the most trash will be awarded the "Mayor's Cup" trophy at a future Council/Commission meeting.

Councilmember Presnell shared his recent personal health struggles and those of his family. He encouraged all citizens to get the COVID vaccine.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

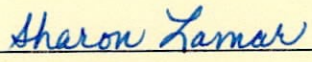
The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF
September 2021.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: Briton S. Williams

Meeting Date: August 16, 2021

Agenda Item: Section Unfinished Business Number: 5

Topic: Ord. 2021-09 Annexation of property located on Carriage Lane and owned by Gore & Gore Investment Properties, LLC; Second Reading

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his office to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37.) A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required.

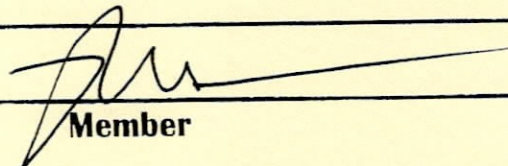
Justification to Recuse:

Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

Other: Business relationship with one of the owners

Date: 8.16.2021


Member

Approved by Parliamentarian: _____