

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 13, 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 6:49 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, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole. Councilmember McCauley was absent.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachelle 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 E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas L. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Kayla Ferguson, Human Resources Specialist; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Items for the September 20, 2021 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the September 20, 2021 regular meeting.

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

ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:

City department directors and managers provided departmental updates.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for a copy of the "Department Details September 13, 2021."

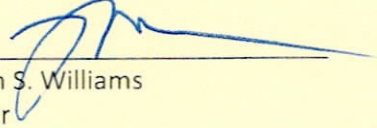
In addition to the attached updates, Jim Clifford, City Administrator, announced the Jack O'Lantern Jubilee has been canceled for 2021.

ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:


(A) Mayor Williams shared some reflections and announcements related to current opportunities in the City of North Augusta. He announced:

- There are three local Halloween events for citizens:
 - North Augusta Public Safety's Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 16 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Riverview Park; Free "drive-thru" event
 - Third Thursday (Halloween themed) hosted by NA Forward and the Downtown Merchants Alliance – Thursday, October 21 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Free event
 - Augusta GreenJackets are hosting an outdoor movie, "Hocus Pocus" – October 29; Tickets start at \$5 and pre-registration is required.
- The next "Public Power Hour" is scheduled for Monday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m.
- The next "Meet the Mayor" will be held in The Barn at the Living History Park on Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m.
- This Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. is the "Trash Bash at the Border". Volunteers are needed to help clean up the riverbank along the Savannah River. Participants should meet at the Sharon Jones Amphitheater. Mayor Williams has challenged Mayor Hardie Davis, the Mayor of Augusta. The city with the most volunteers to participate will receive the Mayor's Cup trophy presented by the losing mayor at a future Council/Commission meeting.
- The time period to submit ideas for the 2022 River Event has closed. The Citizen Committee comprised of David Buck, Betsy Davis, and Landon Ball will meet this Thursday to review the submissions. The finalists will be presented to the City's residents for a final vote.
- Mayor Williams encouraged citizens who wish to be involved in City events and programs to reach out to him. There may not be a spot at this time, but he will find a place for those who wish to be involved to serve.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF
September, 2021.


Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Lamar
City Clerk



PUBLIC POWER HOUR

September 20, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 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
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on 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:** Study Session minutes of August 16, 2021; and Regular City Council Meeting minutes of August 16, 2021; Special Called Study Session Minutes of August 23, 2021; Study Session minutes of September 13, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

5. **ANNEXATION:** Ordinance No. 2021-12 – To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and Annexing ±3.03 Acres of Property Located at 1295 W. Martintown Road and Owned by M.B. Jones Oil Co., Inc.; Ordinance – First Reading
6. **ZONING:** Ordinance No. 2021-13 – To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ±7.25 Acres of Land Owned by S & H Enterprises, Aiken County Tax Parcel #013-20-03-004, from IND, Industrial, to TC, Thoroughfare Commercial; Ordinance – First Reading
7. **ZONING:** Ordinance No. 2021-14 – To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ± 4.45 Acres of Land Owned by the City of North Augusta, Aiken County Tax Parcels #007-07-06-003, 007-07-06-004, and 007-07-06-005 from GC, General Commercial and R-14, Large Lot Single-Family, to P, Public Use; Ordinance – First Reading (Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 16, 2021; Ordinance pending)
8. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2021-35 – Designating an Authorized Representative and Contact Person for Purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
9. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Resolution No. 2021-36 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of North Augusta to Accept the Quote from TBA* to Improve the Audio/Visual System in Council Chambers
10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Resolution No. 2021-37 – Authorizing the City Administrator to Re-negotiate the Parking Operating Agreement

11. **COMMUNITY PROMOTION:** Resolution No. 2021-38 – A Resolution to Authorize Funding for Downtown Streetscape Amenities
12. **PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:** Resolution No. 2021-39 – Authorizing the Construction of the Riverside Village Boat Dock
13. **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:** Resolution No. 2021-40 – Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Greenway at Cypress Drive Culvert Replacement
14. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
15. **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 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.*
 - B. **Council Comments** –
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

DEPARTMENT DETAILS*for September 13, 2021*FINANCE:

- Utilities Updates:
Cycle 1 Disconnect 9/15-9/16
Cycle 2 Due Date 9/20
- Budget Update: A draft of the Proposed Budget anticipated to be complete and delivered to Council this week for Council discussion at the 9/21 study session
- Tax Update: Certified letters have been mailed to all citizens with a delinquent 2020 tax year real property tax account. Properties that remain unpaid will be posted by the City around the 1st of October leading up to the tax sale in November

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- In 2020 engineering firm AECOM conducted an assessment of the City's Clay Street Water Booster Station that was originally constructed in 1974. Due to the age and complexity of operations it was recommended that the station be upgraded at an estimated cost of \$2,700,000.
- Utility staff will be cleaning and inspecting wastewater collection system main interceptor pipelines in the area of River Oaks Drive along the Savannah River.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission will meet on Thursday evening, September 16th.
- There is a LSRHC Regional Housing Consortium meeting on Wednesday, September 15th.
- There is an ARTS Policy Committee meeting on Thursday, September 16th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Public Safety will be notified September 20th about receiving the grant award for DUI positions.
- Station 1 Update: The project is on schedule and block work should begin this week.
- Border Bash is this Friday, September 17th at SRP Park. Event organizers have requested four officers from 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:

- North Augusta Parks, Recreation, & Tourism fall sports currently have 1191 registered participants. This exceeds our 2019 fall numbers.
- PRT has concluded interviews for our open positions and hopes to be back to full staff by early October.
- The REcing Crew Miracle League Field committee will hear presentations this Wednesday from JLA of Augusta, Georgia, The LandPlan Group South firm out of Columbia, South Carolina, and Woolpert out of Charlotte, North Carolina. The committee will select one of these 3 firms to begin design work on the North Augusta Miracle League Field.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Streets & Drains crews will be installing pedestrian-crossing signage at the intersection of Georgia and Pine Grove Avenues this week. We plan to have this completed by Thursday, 9/16.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Communications Technician I – Public Safety

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.61 - \$19.93/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Firefighter – Public Safety

Grade: UN

Salary/Pay Rate: \$9.43/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker II – Property Maintenance

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03 - \$16.83/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 15

Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.38 - \$24.45/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Trades Worker – Streets & Drains

Grade: 8

Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.75 - \$18.90/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Utility Worker I (2) – Water/Wastewater Operations

Grade: 4

Salary/Pay Rate: \$12.30 - \$14.76/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Vehicle Operator I (2) – Sanitation

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03 - \$16.83/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled