RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ACTION TO BEGIN FINAL DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS ON THE 4.45+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY KNOWN AS AIKEN COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBERS: 007-07-06-003, 007-07-06-004, AND 007-07-06-005

WHEREAS, The City has for a period of time, considered numerous potential locations for the construction of the Public Safety Headquarters; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council previously advised the City Administrator to move forward with design and development for the placement of the Public Safety Headquarters at a location on Buena Vista Avenue; and.

WHEREAS, Following the initial design and development planning, it was determined that the Buena Vista site was not the best location for the placement of the Public Safety Headquarters; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council determined that the 4.45+/- acres of property located in the area of Georgia Avenue, Observatory Avenue and Butler Avenue would be the best location for the placement of Public Safety Headquarters; and,

WHEREAS, The City, being the owner of the 4.45+/- acres of property known as Tax Map and Parcel Numbers: 007-07-06-003, 007-07-06-004 AND 007-07-06-005 has caused the zoning classification for such property to be changed to "P", which is the appropriate zoning for public use and would allow for the construction of the Public Safety Headquarters at such location; and,

WHEREAS, The construction of this facility, which is a much needed facility, has been substantially delayed; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council desire that the design and construction of this Public Safety facility be expedited and moved forward at this time; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council desire to specifically confirm the decision as to the location for construction of the Public Safety Headquarters and provide guidance related to issues involving the design process; and,

WHEREAS, funds from Capital Sales Tax IV have been approved by voter referendum for the construction of Public Safety Headquarters.

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 specifically directed and authorized as follows:

- To commence immediately, the finalization of the design for the construction of the Public Safety Headquarters on the identified parcels.
- 2. To conduct one or more public sessions to receive citizen input related to the building design.
- 3. To consult with and receive input from the various non-profit agencies that are interested in the preservation and restoration of the existing "Flythe" and "Carriage House" structures on Observatory Avenue.

[This Resolution does not provide any funding for the preservation and restoration of these structures.]

- 1. To make a final presentation of the design to City Council.
- 2. To move forward to a bid process for the construction of the facility in accordance with the City's procurement policy if the design is approved by Council.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

SIGNED BY:

BRITONS, WILLIAMS, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:

SHARON LAMAR, CITY CLERK

Sharon Lamar