

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 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 November 29, 2021, 2021 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Bob Brooks 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 6:40 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 Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole. Mayor Williams was absent.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; 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 December 6, 2021 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the December 6, 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 November 29, 2021."

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

A. Mayor Pro Tem Brooks shared the following announcements:


- Congratulations to Councilmember Carpenter who has been chosen as Volunteer of the Year for the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Association. She will receive her award at the annual conference in Greenville on December 9th.
- Arbor Day will be celebrated Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. with a tree planting at Riverview Park.

B. Focus Item – Administration – Council update and discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)


City Administrator, Jim Clifford, updated Council on the current status of ARPA. The City is in receipt of its first deposit of funds in the amount of \$5,935,544.61. The annual reporting date to the Federal government has been changed and is now April 30, 2022. The City is only required to file a report annually. The next distribution of funds will occur no later than November 2022. All funds must be spent by December 2024. City staff continues to fine tune plans to bring to Council for approval. Administration is following the State's allocation of ARPA infrastructure funding to determine how the City can use some of those potential additional funds, as well. No projects will begin or ARPA funds expended without approval of Council.

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, and Assistant City Administrator, Rachele Moody, will be out of the City next week at the RECon Economic Development Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Cammie Hayes, Chief Financial Officer, will represent Administration at the December 6<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting.

APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
December, 2021.

  
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Britton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sharon Lamar  
City Clerk



**PUBLIC POWER HOUR**

December 6, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

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

December 6, 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 November 15, 2021;  
Study Session minutes of November 29, 2021

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5. **ANNEXATION:** Ordinance No. 2021-21 – To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowner and Annexing ±.98 Acres of Land Located at 1446 Hammond Pond Road and Owned by Henk De Graaf; Ordinance – Second Reading

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:** Ordinance No. 2021-22 – Amending Chapter 14, Article V, Division 3 of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; Ordinance – First Reading
7. **ANNEXATION:** Ordinance No. 2021-23 – To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and Annexing ±43.9 Acres of Land Located on W. Martintown Road and Owned by Adams Brothers Properties, LLC; Ordinance – First Reading
8. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Resolution No. 2021-46 – Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of North Augusta and Aiken County Related to the Purchase and Funding of Radios for the Department of Public Safety for the City of North Augusta

9. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Ordinance No. 2021-24 – Ordinance to Authorize the Purchase Contract with Motorola and Approve a Lease Purchase Financing Arrangement for Radios for the Department of Public Safety; Ordinance – First Reading
10. **ZONING:** Ordinance No. 2021-25 – To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ±1.63 Acres of Land Owned by Second Providence Baptist Church, Aiken County Tax Parcel #006-20-06-003, #006-20-06-004, #006-20-06-005, and #006-20-06-006 from R-10 Medium Lot, Single-Family Residential to GC, General Commercial; Ordinance – First Reading
11. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
12. **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** –
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**DEPARTMENT DETAILS***for November 29, 2021***FINANCE:**

- Utilities: 12/1-12/2 Cycle 2 Disconnect  
12/6 Cycle 1 Due Date
- Winter Base Sewer Rates are in effect.
- Online payments will be offline beginning 12/29 through mid-January for year-end closing procedures.

**PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- Utilities - Utility staff completed cleaning and inspected 2,712' of 18" wastewater main installed in the 1059's in the area of River Oaks Drive along the Savannah River. During the inspection process several pipe defects were identified. The most prevalent defects were severely broken and fractured pipe sections of pipe.
- Property Maintenance & Utilities - Staff is still in the process of removing debris from Georgia Avenue/Public Safety Headquarters Building site.
- Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) - Fire Update: on Thursday, November 24 at about 5:00 pm there was a fire at the MRF. There was significant equipment damage. Electrical and mechanical inspections/evaluations are being conducted this week. There will be no interruption in service to the City's customers.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- There will be no Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in December.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Contract with Courtview/Jworks will be cancelled. Beginning Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, Courts will move to CMS software, the state wide system.
- Fire Station 1 update: Construction is moving along. Contractors are waiting for materials.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:**

- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting event is Tuesday, November 30, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm at Calhoun Park. (See attached flyer.)
- North Augusta Lions Club Christmas Parade is this Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 pm.
- Youth Basketball Program will tip off on Monday, December 13. We currently have 68 teams with 595 participants registered.

**ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Bluff Avenue Streetscape
- Greenway at Cypress Drive Culvert Replacement

**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

**Heavy Equipment Operator I – Material Recovery Facility**

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.61 - \$19.93/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**Part-time Permit Clerk – Building Standards**

Grade: 7  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.89/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**Public Safety Officer – Public Safety**

Grade: 15  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.38 - \$24.45/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**Trolley Driver**

Grade: UN  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.00/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**Vehicle Operator I – Sanitation**

Grade: 6  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.03 - \$16.83/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**Vehicle Operator III – Sanitation**

Grade: 10  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.47 - \$20.97/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
**EMPLOYEE**  
**RECOGNITION**  
**CEREMONY**

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**YEARS OF SERVICE**

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50 YEARS  
KELLY ZIER

35 YEARS  
JAMES SUTTON

30 YEARS  
CLAY SWANN  
MIKE BALDY  
GEORGE WILLIAMS  
GREG DREW

25 YEARS  
CHRISTINE JAMES  
JEREMY JIUNNIES  
CHRISTINE FULTON

20 YEARS  
CAMERON COFER  
RAY REDD  
BRUCE BARFIELD  
DEAN CHANCE

15 YEARS  
JOSE CHACON  
RAFAEL CASTRO-SALAS  
AARON FITTERY  
SERVANDO REYES  
JONAH BAYNHAM  
JAMES SAMUELS

10 YEARS  
ROBERT VFIASCO  
DANIEL SMITH  
FRANCISCO CRUZ-BONILLA  
SHAWN MANSELL  
TONY HATTAWAY  
LUKE TAMBON

5 YEARS  
KAYLA FERGUSON  
HECTOR RIVERA  
EZRA DAVIS  
TIMOTHY PARKER  
ADAM BONE  
BETH MIMS  
JESSE SUGGS  
RYAN WEBB  
MILES SULLIVAN

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DECEMBER 16, 2021  
2:00 - 3:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

RSVP: KAYLA FERGUSON  
803.442.5710

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City of North Augusta's  
**CHRISTMAS TREE**

*Lighting*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

**5:00PM - 6:30PM**

**CALHOUN PARK & LOOKAWAY INN**

**MARSHMALLOW ROASTING**

WITH BOY SCOUTS

**DRINKS & LETTERS TO SANTA**

WITH TAPTRUCK 2STATE

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

PERFORMED BY

NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAUL KNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 803 441 4311