

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 December 13, 2021 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Briton S. 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 6:44 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 McCauley, McGhee and Toole. Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, and Presnell were 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; Karl Waldhauer, Superintendent of Facilities and Programs - 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 20, 2021 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the December 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. James Sutton, Director of Public Services, added there will be manhole repair on East Martintown Road on Tuesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 16. He advised citizens to use caution when driving in that area.


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

ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:

A. Mayor Williams thanked the brave men and women involved in last Thursday's Public Safety emergency.


Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of his words.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF
December, 2021.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk



DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The 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: Regular City Council Meeting minutes of December 6, 2021;
Study Session minutes of December 13, 2021**

5. COMMUNITY PROMOTION: Recognition of the Winners of the 2021 Mayor’s Writing Contest

UNFINISHED 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

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 – Second Reading

8. 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 – Second Reading

9. PUBLIC SAFETY: Ordinance No. 2021-24 – To Authorize the Purchase and Financing of Radios for the Department of Public Safety; Ordinance – Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2021-47 – Resolution Approving Financing Terms for the Financing of Public Safety Radios
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2021-48 – A Resolution Authorizing an Asbestos Abatement Services Contract for City Owned Property at 1208 Georgia Avenue, Site of New Public Safety Headquarters
12. FINANCE: Resolution No. 2021-49 – A Resolution Authorizing Funding Allocation Recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the Disbursement of Revenues from the Accommodations Tax Year 2020-2021
13. CITY PROPERTY: Ordinance No. 2021-26 – To Convey a Portion of Tax Parcel 005-13-06-004 to the Wando Woodlands Property Owners Association, Inc.; Ordinance – First Reading
14. CITY COUNCIL: City of North Augusta City Council Meeting Schedule and Notice January 2022 through December 2022 – Council Approval
15. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2021-50 - A Resolution to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Participation in Main Street South Carolina
16. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
17. 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 –
18. ADJOURNMENT

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

for December 13, 2021



FINANCE:

- Winter Base Sewer Rates are in effect.
- Online payments will be offline beginning 12/29 through mid-January for year-end closing procedures.
- Cycle 1 Disconnect 12/15-12/16

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Materials Recover Facility Update
- Utilities Wastewater Collection System Manhole Defect Repair

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission meets Thursday evening December 16th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Currently we have 1 dispatcher and 2 firefighter positions open.
- Fire Station 1 is moving along well.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:

- Youth Basketball season update
- New employee (Tyler Roush)
- New Christmas bows arrived and replaced (Downtown)
- Pat Carpenter received award last week for SC Volunteer of the Year

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Georgia Avenue Sidewalk Replacement
- 509 San Salvador Storm Pipe Repair
- Bluff Ave Streetscape Additional Design Services Funding Resolution

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Communications Technician I – Public Safety

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.27 - \$20.73/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Firefighter – Public Safety

Grade: 3

Salary/Pay Rate: \$11.90 - \$14.28/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker II – Property Maintenance

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.59 - \$17.50/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Part-time Permit Clerk – Building Standards

Grade: 7

Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.48/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 15

Salary/Pay Rate: \$22.65 - \$27.18/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Trolley Driver

Grade: UN

Salary/Pay Rate: \$20.80/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Utility Worker I – Water/Wastewater

Grade: 4

Salary/Pay Rate: \$12.80 - \$15.35/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Vehicle Operator III – Sanitation

Grade: 10

Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.17 - \$21.80/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

YOU'RE INVITED
**EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION
CEREMONY**

YEARS OF SERVICE

50 YEARS
KELLY ZIER

35 YEARS
JAMES SUTTON

30 YEARS
CLAY SWANN
MIKE BALDY
GEORGE WILLIAMS
GREG DREW

25 YEARS
CHRISTINE JAMES
JEREMY JUINNIES
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 VETASCO
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

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

RSVP: KAYLA FERGUSON
803.442.5710

I am going to recognize verbally the brave men and women who were involved in the incident last Thursday. But before I do, I think it's important to say a few words as Mayor representing your elected officials on City Council.

We all know what an amazing city we live in. It became even clearer to me after last Thursday, when I saw all the positive posts and heard from so many people that said what a wonderful job our Public Safety did handling the situation.

I agree completely and I know we have the best Public Safety dept. But I also believe this community loves, appreciates and supports our Public Safety like no other community does-and part of the reason is that we-you know so many of these officers. You go to church with them, you are in civic and booster clubs with them, their kids and your kids are in school together, you socialize with them, you see the giving of themselves to help others in settings when they are off duty-they are real men and women who love their community and only want to serve in the best way for their community. An event like Thursday in some places would have split the community or at least caused doubt about the safety of the community. I am so proud of NA citizens because you know like each of us on this Council that we live in a safe town-all communities have crime-that's just reality but ours is nothing compared to most.

Thursday night was not an indictment against any area of our community-our downtown is safe-this event happened downtown but not because of anything in regards to downtown. I cannot wait to walk the streets of downtown at 3rd

Thursday this week and enjoy the festivities-come out and join me.

The man who was arrested was a criminal who does not live in NA. He was a criminal before the incident happened.

We had no citizens killed and that is because of the amazing restraint that our officers showed. The leadership of our Public Safety begins with Chief Thomas and his 3 Captains-Billy Lucky, Charles Williams and Joe Count. They work hard to insure their officers and dispatchers are ready for all types of situations even a worst case scenario like we had. The officers training, calmness and professionalism in handling this situation insured no casualties or injures to citizens. Job well done. God bless each of them.

I would like now to verbally recognize the individuals and other law enforcement organizations that helped in this incident so we can thank them for what they did to protect us.