

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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 February 28, 2022 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 6:39 p.m. At 6:43 p.m. Council reconvened in the Council Conference Room for an executive session.

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, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

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; and Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology.

ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Items for March 7, 2022 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the March 7, 2022 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 February 28, 2022."

ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:

Mayor Williams shared the following reflections and announcements:

ITEM 4. LEGAL: Executive Session – Request of the City Attorney

At 6:43 p.m. on the motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to enter into an executive session in compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) for the purpose of:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim

Discussion is specifically related to the Master Development Agreement for Riverside Village

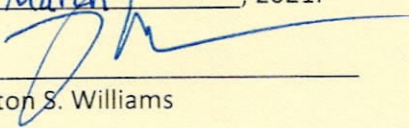
Also, in attendance were Jim Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly Zier, City Attorney; and J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources.

At 7:31 p.m. on the motion of Councilmember McGhee, second of Councilmember Toole, Council adjourned the executive session.

Upon returning to open session, Council did not take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

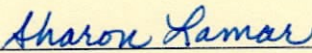
APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF

March, 2021.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk



PUBLIC POWER HOUR

MARCH 7, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 7, 2022 – 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. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. 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 February 7, 2022
 - Study Session minutes of February 28, 2022

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. **ZONING:** Ordinance No. 2022-02 – To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ±8.34 Acres of Land Owned by SC North Augusta Buena Vista, LLC, Aiken County Tax Parcel #007-12-12-009, #007-12-12-007, #007-12-12-006, #007-12-12-005 from GC, General Commercial to PD, Planned Development; Ordinance – Second Reading
6. **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:** Ordinance No. 2022-03 – To Approve the General Development Plan for the 51.83± Acre Bluegrass Place Planned Development on East Martintown Road and East Buena Vista; Ordinance – Second Reading
7. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Ordinance No. 2022-04 – To Authorize the City to Enter into a First Amendment to the Master Development Agreement of March 15, 2017 for the North Augusta Riverside Village; Ordinance – Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

8. **EASEMENT:** Ordinance No. 2022-05 - To Abandon a Portion of a Water Line Easement Located in Rushing Waters, Phase 4 Subdivision; Ordinance – First Reading

9. **STORMWATER:** Resolution No. 2022-11 – Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with SC North Augusta Buena Vista, LLC Related to the Construction of a Storm Water and Drainage Improvement Project Extending across the Area from Martintown Road to Buena Vista Avenue on a Parcel of Property Containing 50.86 Acres Currently under Contract to SC North Augusta Buena Vista, LLC
10. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2022-12 – A Resolution to Obligate \$11,871,089.22 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
11. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2022-13 – A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expense Request 1
12. **CITY PROPERTY:** Resolution No. 2022-14 – Accepting a Deed of Dedication for an Off-Site Sanitary Sewer Line from Havenwood Camelia, LP, along with a Maintenance Guarantee and Cash Deposit
13. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
14. **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 for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*
 - B. **Council Comments** –
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

DEPARTMENT DETAILS*for February 28, 2022*FINANCE:

- Utility Updates:
Cycle 2 Disconnect 3/2-3/3
Cycle 1 Due Date 3/3
- Annual financial audit is underway. Majority of on-site fieldwork will be completed this week.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Utilities- On February 24th, representatives of the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control conducted an annual sanitary survey of the City's water system that included:
 1. Audit of laboratory and distribution system records.
 2. Inspection of water treatment plant and off-site water storage facilities.
- Utilities & Sanitation - Seven Gables motel demolition work is scheduled to start Tuesday, March 1st.
- Property Maintenance - The City has been awarded a 2021 Tree City USA Tree Care award. The award is presented to cities that demonstrates high levels of tree care and community engagement.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- A Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- The preliminary plat for Forrest Bluff subdivision has been approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Fire Station 1: Deliveries of some materials were made last week. New steel should begin being installed today. Portion of the insulation was delivered and they will begin the installation this week.
- Dustin Beasley will be honored and entered in the SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:

- Our sports tourism season kicked off this past weekend with a regional volleyball tournament that was hosted in the Activities Center. The tournament hosted 150 teams representing multiple states across the Southeast.
- A three day travel basketball tournament will be hosted in the Activities Center this weekend starting on Friday, March 4th and concluding on Sunday, March 6th. This tournament is likely to occupy all six gyms.
- A two day travel baseball tournament is scheduled for this weekend in Riverview Park for Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 6th. Ages 7-14 will be participating and teams from across South Carolina & Georgia are anticipated.
- The Augusta Disc Golf Association will be hosting a tournament at Riverview Park on Saturday, March 5th starting at 7:00am and concluding at 5:30pm. So far, 72 participants have registered and more are expected to check in.
- The Spring sports registration period ended on February 22nd with 1,414 participants registering across youth baseball, softball & soccer. This participant number reflects a 4% increase from 2021 and will likely rise as we get closer to the season's start which is slated to open in less than a month.
- We will be submitting our application for the Land & Water Conservation Grant to the State of South Carolina later this week where the City of North Augusta will be applying for \$300,000 to go towards a new restroom and dressing room facility at the Sharon Jones Amphitheater.
- The Parks, Recreation, and Tourism department is excited to announce an inaugural River Event to be held the first weekend in June in partnership with the Augusta Rowing Club. More details are to come for this fun "kick off" of the Summer season.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Downtown LED Streetlight Conversion
- Downtown Amenities Installation
- Sidewalk Repair/Replacement in Arbor Place

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Animal Control Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 16
Salary/Pay Rate: \$22.03 - \$26.44/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Code Compliance Officer – Finance

Grade: 15
Salary/Pay Rate: \$22.65 - \$27.18/hour
Closing Date: 03/01/2022

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

Heavy Equipment Mechanic I – Sanitation

Grade: 9
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.27 - \$20.73/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Laborer – Streets and Drains

Grade: 4
Salary/Pay Rate: \$12.80 - \$15.35/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 15
Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.19 - \$25.43/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 I – Sanitation

Grade: 6
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.59 - \$17.50/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled