

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 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 March 14, 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 6:34 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, McCauley, McGhee, and Toole. Councilmember Presnell 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; 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 March 21, 2022 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council's discussion of items for the March 21, 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. Tom Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works, added the flag on the Municipal Center has become detached and the pole mechanism has failed. His department is seeking a contractor to restore the flag and pole as soon as possible.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for a copy of the "Department Details March 14, 2022."

ITEM 3. MAYOR'S MATTERS:

(A) FOCUS ITEM: Information Technology – Updates

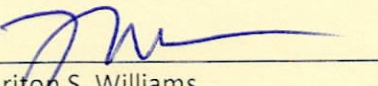
Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology, shared a PowerPoint presentation of the City's email and website conversion to a .gov domain.

Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of the PowerPoint.

(B) Mayor Williams shared the following reflections and announcements:


- There will be a ribbon cutting for the new Downtown amenities Thursday, March 17 at 6:15 pm in front of Shelia's Baking Company on Georgia Avenue.
- The first quarterly Community Trash Bash is planned for Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 am in the Hamburg-Carrsville African American Heritage District in partnership with the First Providence Foundation and the City's Earth Day celebration. Volunteers should plan to meet at the Society Building on Barton Road.
- The Miracle League Capital Campaign Kickoff will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the Palmetto Terrace Ballroom on the fourth floor of the Municipal Center.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF
March, 2022.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk



DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 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 March 7, 2022 and Study Session minutes of March 14, 2022
5. **PROCLAMATION:** Disabilities Awareness Month
6. **PERSONNEL:** Mike Strauss, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. **EASEMENT:** Ordinance No. 2022-05 - To Abandon a Portion of a Water Line Easement Located in Rushing Waters, Phase 2 Subdivision; Ordinance – Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS

8. **PUBLIC SERVICES:** Resolution No. 2022-15 – A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure from Insurance Proceeds to Initiate Electrical Repairs at the Materials Recovery Facility

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

10. **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 –

DEPARTMENT DETAILS*for March 14, 2022*FINANCE:

- Utilities Updates:
 - 3/16-3/17 Cycle 1 Disconnect
 - 3/21 Cycle 2 Due Date
- 2022/2023 Business License Due Date 4/30/2022 without penalty
- 2021 Tax Year Property Taxes Due Date 5/1/2022 without penalty

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Utilities - 2020 Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Water Fluoridation Quality Award
- Utilities - Willow Wick Lift Station Pump Replacement
- Sanitation - Commercial Dumpster Inspections & Maintenance

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming Study

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Public Safety will participate in the "All About Change Ministries" event at Riverview Park at noon on Saturday.
- There are several Public Safety Officers graduating from Criminal Justice Academy: 2 last week and 1 this Friday.
- With the pending retirement of Officer Mike Strauss, Public Safety is finalizing his replacement soon for Animal Control Officer position.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:

- The North Augusta Miracle League's Capital Campaign Kick-Off event is this Thursday, March 17 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the Palmetto Terrace ballroom. Richard Rogers will be the special guest MC for the evening.
- Travel basketball is scheduled again this Saturday and Sunday at the Riverview Park Activities Center.
- As of today there are 1548 participants signed up for spring sports. Games are scheduled to begin in baseball, softball, and soccer the week of March 28.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Northwoods Pipe Failures

JOB

Tuesday

9 am - 12 noon



On-site Interviews for:

- Grounds Worker
- Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Laborer
- Utility Worker
- Vehicle Operator

Competitive Pay & Excellent Benefits Provided

The City of North Augusta is an
Equal Opportunity Employer

Location

Operations Facility

61 Claypit Road
North Augusta, SC

For more information visit
www.northaugusta.net/jobs

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 – Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Grade: 6

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

Closing Date: 03/21/2022

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

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION / Q&A

How old is the www.northaugusta.net domain?

The city has been using the northaugusta.net domain for 23 years 8 months

- The internet as we know it was in it's infancy
- There was security, but far from today's standards

Why are we changing after 23 years?

SECURITY

- The city wants it's residents to feel confident that when they are conducting business through either our website or email correspondence, that they are actually talking with the city of North Augusta and not someone else pretending to be...
- The vetting process for a .gov domain is much more strict then that of a regular .com, .net or .org

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STANDARDS

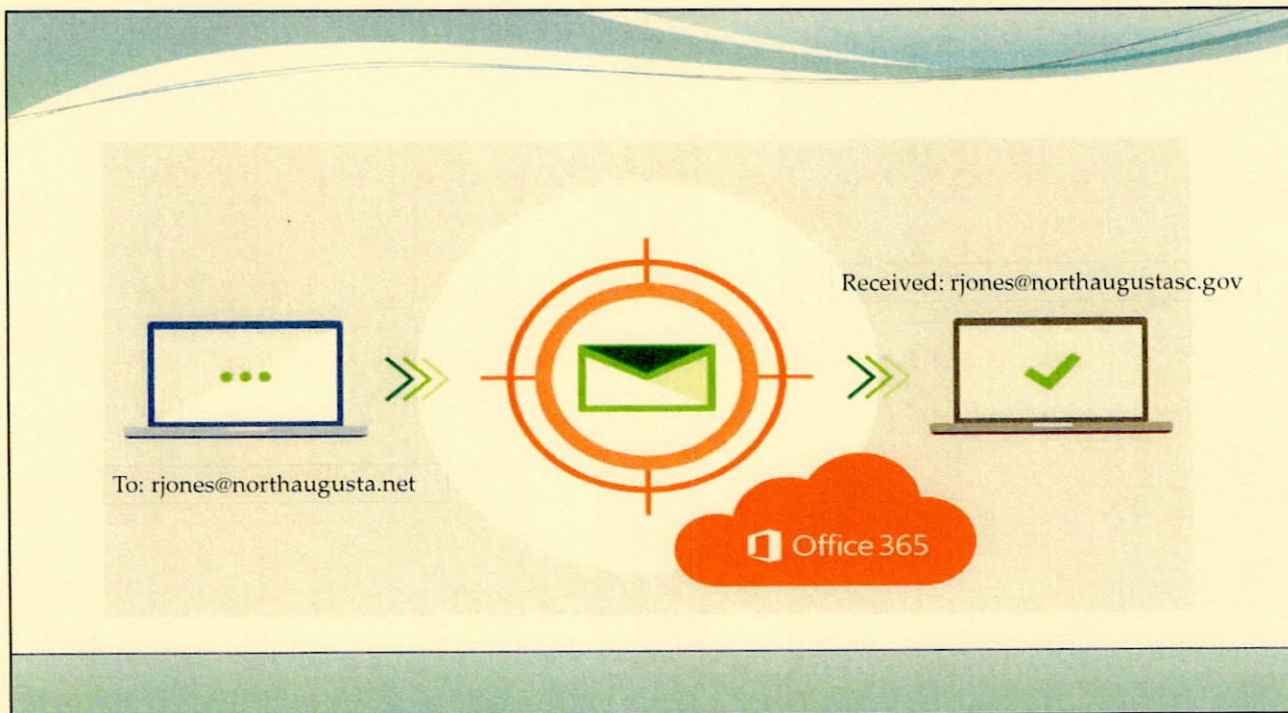
- As we look around our surrounding counties and other local governments, we find that a big percentage are already using .gov domains.
- Standard naming convention {City}{State}.gov
- Our new domain: northaugustasc.gov

Is northaugusta.net just going away?

No, our old domain will still be around in the background. After 23 years of doing business as .net, there is no way we could just start fresh with a new domain without retaining the old for a period of time. (Typically a few years)

What happens if someone emails me at my old northaugusta.net address?

If someone emails you on the .net address, it will be forwarded to your .gov address. This process will be transparent to the person sending as well as the person receiving



When I reply to an email, will it show my .net address?

No, all replies and any sent email will show your new .gov address. After cutover, it would be a good idea to include something in your signature or have something static to remind the recipient that your address has changed and they should update their contacts to reflect the change.

Is the website address changing as well?

Yes, the new URL for the website will be:

www.northaugustasc.gov

What happens if someone types in the old URL?

If a user types in the old url of www.northaugusta.net into their browser, they will simply be redirected to the new domain.

Project Completion Timeline

Migrate Users To O365

Convert To northaugustasc.gov (Email & Website)



Our plan is to complete the conversion within the next 30-60 days with our target being May 1, 2022 with council's approval to proceed.