

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF MAY 16, 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

The Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update was streamed for public viewing online at: "City of North Augusta – Public Information" on [www.Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and "City of North Augusta Public Information" on [www.YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

PUBLIC HEARING

The May 16, 2022 Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update began at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole. Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly Zier, City Attorney; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

Eric Carrier with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments explained the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan Update which included chapter drafts sent monthly to the Planning Commission for review along with bi-monthly meetings for discussion. Mayor and Council shared their thoughts and asked questions for clarification. There were no comments or questions from citizens.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of May 16, 2022 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00 p.m. and also streamed online for public viewing at "City of North Augusta – Public Information" on www.Facebook.com and on the City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information" then adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Per Section 30-4-80, (e) notice of the meeting by email was sent out to the current maintained "Agenda Mailout" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meeting 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.

Mayor Williams rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Ricky L. Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 2, 2022; and the Study Session of May 9, 2022 were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. PROCLAMATION: National Law Enforcement Week

Mayor Williams proclaimed May 15-21, 2022 as National Law Enforcement Week.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies in the City of North Augusta play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers, and that law enforcement officers recognize their duty to serve the people of this community, by protecting them against violence and disorder; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers of the City of North Augusta unceasingly provide a public service.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Briton S. Williams, Mayor of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2022 as

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

and call upon all citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the officers of the City by our thanking the men and women who make it possible for us to leave our homes safely each day and return knowing we are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2022.

ITEM 6. PROCLAMATION: Public Works Weeks

Mayor Williams proclaimed May 15-21, 2022 as Public Works Week.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of North Augusta; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our city's transportation, water supply, water treatment, sanitary and storm water sewerage, and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in North Augusta to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in this community; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62st annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Briton S. Williams, Mayor of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week May 15-21, 2022, as

Public Works Week

in the City of North Augusta and I urge all citizens to pay tribute to our public works professionals and to recognize the substantial contributions they make protecting our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2022.

ITEM 7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2022-06 – An Ordinance Adopting a 5-Year Update to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the City of North Augusta; Ordinance – First Reading

On the motion of Councilmember McCauley, second of Councilmember Presnell, Council agreed to consider an ordinance on first reading to adopt a 5-year update to the 2017 Comprehensive Plan for the City. There were no comments from citizens. Council voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A 5-YEAR UPDATE TO THE
2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of August, 2017, by Ordinance 2017-07, the North Augusta City Council adopted the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, a long range plan for guiding and managing the future development of the City of North Augusta over a ten (10) year period as required by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-29-510(e) of said act, the Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed, not less than every five (5) years, to determine whether changes in the amount, kind or direction of development of the area or other reasons make it desirable to make additions or amendments to the Plan. The Comprehensive Plan, including all elements of it, must be updated every ten (10) years; and,

WHEREAS, the City has previously, on or about the 1st day of March, 2021, contracted with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments, as authorized by Resolution 2021-06, for the purpose of reviewing and providing to the Planning Commission suggestions for updating the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the report from the consultant was received and forwarded to the Planning Commission to allow for the Planning Commission to review such report and make such recommendations as the Planning Commission deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public session on November 18, 2021 for the review of the draft Comprehensive Plan and to review and incorporate citizen comments; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021 the Planning Commission approved the Draft 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update and recommended its adoption by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 16th City Council held a public hearing to receive input on the revisions to the Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

1. The 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update prepared by the Lower Savannah Council of Government as reviewed, approved and recommended by the Planning Commission, is hereby adopted.
2. A copy of the adopted 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update is attached hereto.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second and final reading.
4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith or to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

ITEM 8. ZONING: Ordinance No. 2022-07 – To Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ±2.72 Acres of Land Owned by Barbara Andrews Ross, a Portion of Aiken County Tax Parcel #005-19-02-031 from CR, Critical Area to R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential; Ordinance – First Reading

On the motion of Councilmember Presnell, second of Councilmember Brooks, Council agreed to consider an ordinance on first reading to amend the zoning map of the City by rezoning ±2.72 acres of land owned by Barbara Andrews Ross, a portion of Aiken County Tax Parcel #005-19-02-031 from CR, Critical Area to R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential. Chad Blackston of Blackston Development provided Council a revised concept plan showing a reduced number of sixty-one proposed townhomes. Mr. Blackston shared the proposed development would be similar to "The Retreat at Walnut Village" which targets young professionals and older adults who want smaller homes with little to no maintenance. There was discussion among Council members to encourage the addition of sidewalks from the development to Mossy Creek Elementary. Council voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the ordinance on first reading.

Please see ATTACHMENT #8 for a copy of the revised concept plan.

Please see a copy of the proposed ordinance below.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07
TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA BY
REZONING ± 2.72 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY BARBARA ANDREWS ROSS,
A PORTION OF AIKEN COUNTY TAX PARCEL #005-19-02-031 FROM CR, CRITICAL AREAS TO R-7,
SMALL LOT, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2007, by Ordinance 2007-22, the North Augusta City Council adopted the North Augusta Development Code and a citywide Zoning Map which is consistent with the City's North Augusta 2017 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Barbara Andrews Ross, has requested the property be rezoned from CR, Critical Areas, to R-7, Small Lot Single-Family Residential; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Planning Commission, following an April 20, 2022 public hearing, reviewed and considered a request by Barbara Andrews Ross to amend the Official Zoning Map of North Augusta from CR, Critical Areas to R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential for an approximately ±2.72-acre portion of tax parcel #005-19-02-031 and has issued their recommendation. The staff reports and the recommendation of the Planning Commission have been provided to City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

- I. A parcel consisting of ±2.72 acres owned by Barbara Andrews Ross, is hereby rezoned from CR, Critical Areas to R-7, Small Lot, Single-Family Residential Said property is a portion of Aiken County tax map parcel #005-19-02-031 and specifically identified as Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

- II The Official Zoning Map for the City of North Augusta is hereby amended to reflect this rezoning.
- III. All ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- IV. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

ITEM 9. ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS: Resolution No. 2022-20 – Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Contract for the Pole Branch Watershed Remediation

On the motion of Councilmember Toole, second of Councilmember Carpenter, Council agreed to consider a resolution authorizing a professional engineering services contract for the Pole Branch Watershed remediation. There were no comments from citizens. Council voted unanimously 7-0 to adopt the resolution.

Please see a copy of the proposed resolution below.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE POLE BRANCH WATERSHED REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-02 authorized the City Administrator the execute an Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for a grant to remediate erosion in a portion of the Pole Branch Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the grant scope includes a Technical Assistance element for project design to prepare construction drawings and specifications, an operation and maintenance plan, a quality assurance/inspection plan, and an engineer’s estimate of the project construction cost; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget includes up to \$204,750.00, 100% reimbursable, for Technical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2022-03, authorized a professional engineering services contract with Cranston Engineering, P.C. (Cranston), for the amount of \$73,500.00, to perform surveying, conceptual design and construction cost estimating for the remediation project; and

WHEREAS, Cranston has satisfactorily completed and submitted the deliverables specified in the previously authorized services; and

WHEREAS, NRCS has reviewed the conceptual design documents and has given general concurrence with only minor technical review comments; and

WHEREAS, Cranston has submitted a Supplemental Scope of Services and Fee Proposal in the amount of \$99,825.00 to perform final engineering and related services; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Engineering & Public Works recommends that issuance of a Work Authorization to Cranston to be in the best interest of the City.

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, Cranston shall be authorized to perform Professional Engineering Services for the Pole Branch Watershed Remediation for the amount of \$99,825.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this Work Authorization shall be from the Stormwater Utility Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE City Administrator is authorized to execute any documents required for the entering into of this contract.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

None

ITEM 11. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

A. Citizen Comments:

None

B. Council Comments:


Mayor Williams announced -

- SnoCap Drive-in is sponsoring "Celebrity Waiter Night" tonight with proceeds benefiting Children's Place.
- Registration is available for participants in the "Rockin' and Raftin' River Event. Citizens who do not wish to participate in the water sports should plan to attend the June 4, 2022 day to enjoy the food, music, and vendors.
- NA Forward and the Downtown Merchants Alliance is holding a Spring Fest downtown on May 21, 2022 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
- A contribution of \$500.00 was made from the City Council Contingencies Fund to sponsor the Aiken County Public Schools 2022 graduation ceremonies.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT


The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF
June 2022.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk

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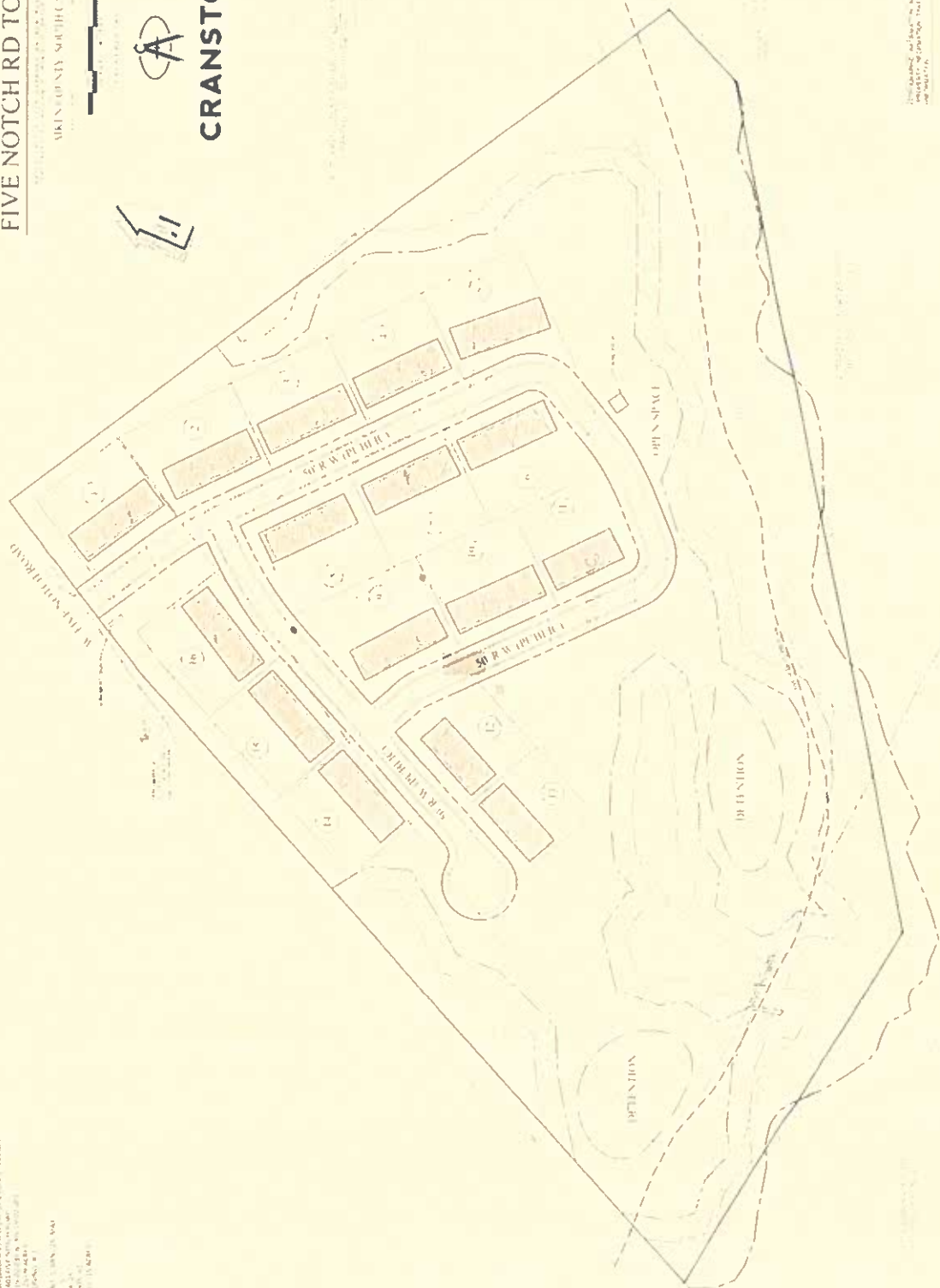
CONCEPT PLAN

ALLEN COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA



CRANSTON

PROJECT DATA
 OWNER: BARRINGER, SHERIDAN (SHERIDAN) ASSOCIATES
 1001 E. 10TH ST. SUITE 100
 COLUMBIA, SC 29201
 PROJECT NO. 1001
 DATE: 10/15/10
 SCALE: AS SHOWN
 DRAWN BY: J. W. WALKER
 CHECKED BY: J. W. WALKER
 APPROVED BY: J. W. WALKER



THIS PLAN IS A CONCEPT PLAN AND IS NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION. THE FINAL PLAN SHALL BE THE ONE APPROVED BY THE ALLEN COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING AND PLANNING.