

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 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 August 8, 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 8:14 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, Presnell, and Toole.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachelle Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; James E. Sutton, Director of Public Services; Thomas L. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Lynda Williamson, Interim Director of Finance; J.D. McCauley, Manager of human Resources; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology, and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk.

ITEM 1. MAYOR'S MATTERS

(Due to traffic issues causing the delayed arrival of one of the presenters traveling from out of town, Focus Item ii was discussed before Focus Item i.)

A) i. **FOCUS ITEM: PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM – Greenway Detours during Georgia Avenue Bridge Replacement**

Erin Murphy, Environmental Lead with VHB and Rajeev Shah, Design Project manager with Parsons, presented to Council an update on the Georgia Avenue Bridge replacement scheduled to begin 2025 along with possible necessary Greenway detours necessary during construction.

Please see ATTACHMENT #1Ai for a copy of the presentation and brochure.

ii. **FOCUS ITEM: ADMINISTRATION – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Update and Discussion– Council Update**

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, and Assistant City Administrator, Rachele Moody, updated Council on proposed SLFRF expenditures, funds, and projects.

Please see ATTACHMENT #1Aii for a copy of the presentation and an additional handout.

ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:

City department directors and managers shared departmental updates.

Please see ATTACHMENT #2 for a copy of the “Department Details August 8, 2022”.

ITEM 3. CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Items for August 15, 2022 Council Meeting- Council Discussion

City Administrator, Jim Clifford, led Council’s discussion of items for the August 15, 2022 regular meeting.

Please see ATTACHMENT #3 for a copy of the proposed agenda items and samples of the handout provided by the Bluegrass Place developer, Philip Wilson of RealtyLink LLC, for Item #8.


Mayor Williams commended administrators, directors, and managers for the quality and depth of discussion during Study Sessions.

He reminded citizens for the second annual “Trash Bash at the Border” to be Saturday, September 17th. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 9:00 a.m.

He also announced Ms. Joanne Hooper is hosting a Community Bash on Saturday, August 13 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at 586 Bradley Drive to include a Car Show and school supplies give away.


The Study Session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF
August, 2022.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk



State Route (SR) 4/US 25 BU/13th Street at Savannah River: Bridge Replacement
North Augusta City Council Meeting

August 8, 2022



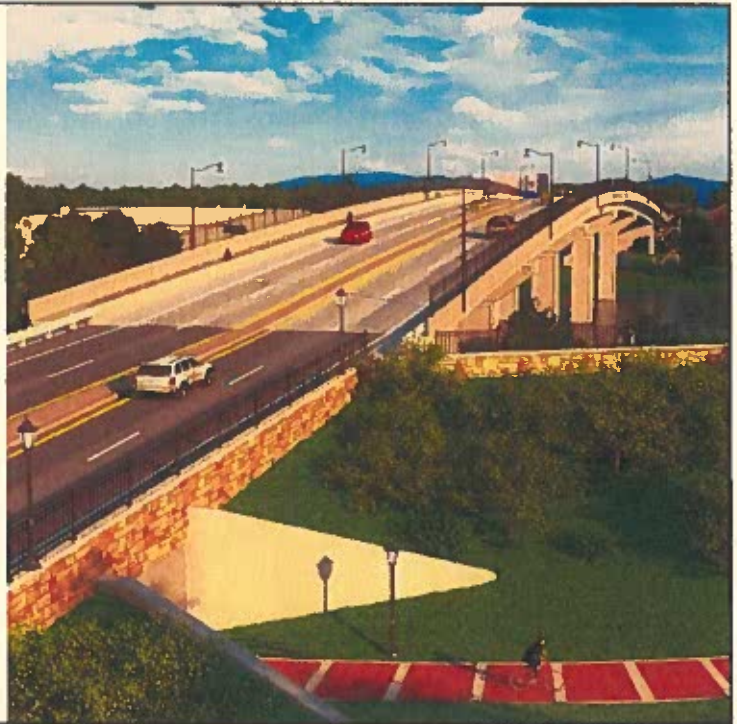
Introductions

- GDOT Project Manager- Norman Lopez
- Design Project Manager- Rajeev Shah, Parsons
- Environmental Lead- Erin Murphy, VHB



Why are we here?

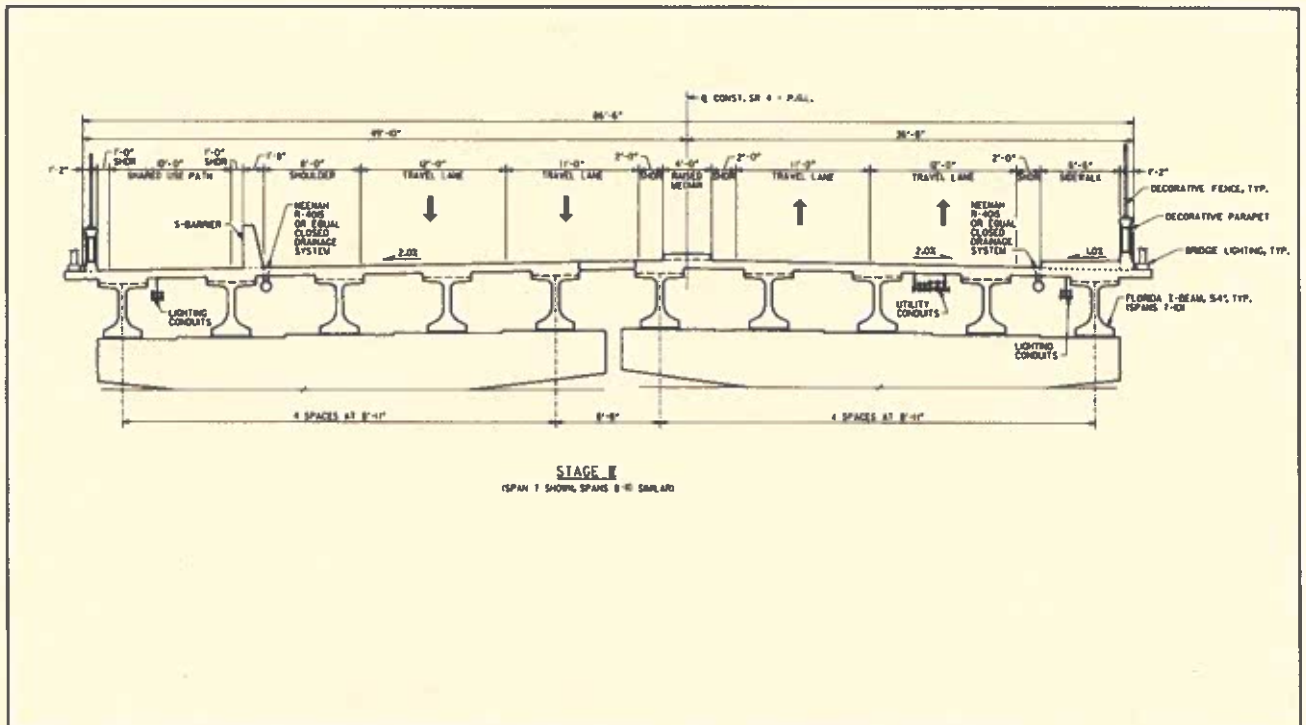
- Provide project updates
- Discuss project impacts to three North Augusta facilities:
 - North Augusta Greenway
 - Brick Pond Park
 - Water Works Park
- Discuss trail detours during construction
- Request concurrence for "no adverse effect" finding under Section 4(f)
- Discuss ongoing public notice



Proposed Bridge Replacement

- Georgia DOT, in coordination with City of Augusta, City of North Augusta, and FHWA, has proposed a replacement of the existing SR 4/US 25 Business (BU) over Savannah River between GA and SC
- Four travel lanes
 - 11-ft inside lane and a 12-ft outside lane in each direction
 - 8-ft wide median with a 4-ft raised island along the bridge
- Northbound side would have minimum 5-ft sidewalk with an urban shoulder and curb & gutter
- Southbound side would have a minimum 10-ft shared use path with an 8-ft shoulder and barrier separating the path from the roadway.
- New trail connection from Georgia Ave to existing N Augusta Greenway - see video
- Project length is 0.65 mile
- Construction would begin in 2025





What is Section 4(f)?

- Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act protects publicly owned parks and recreation areas
- It must be demonstrated that the use of the Section 4(f) land will not be adverse or no prudent & feasible alternative exists
 - Section 4(f) evaluations can be expensive and potentially result in delays
- No adverse impact finding is deemed *de minimis* under Section 4(f)
- Our purpose for today is to request your concurrence in the "no adverse effect" determination, allowing FHWA to make the *de minimis* impact finding and allow the project to proceed





Summary of Project Impacts



Construction requirements

0.33 acre of ROW

0.22 acre permanent easement

0.14 acre of temporary easement



Would Not: prevent North Augusta Greenway, Brick Pond Park or Waterworks Park from operating as a recreational facility

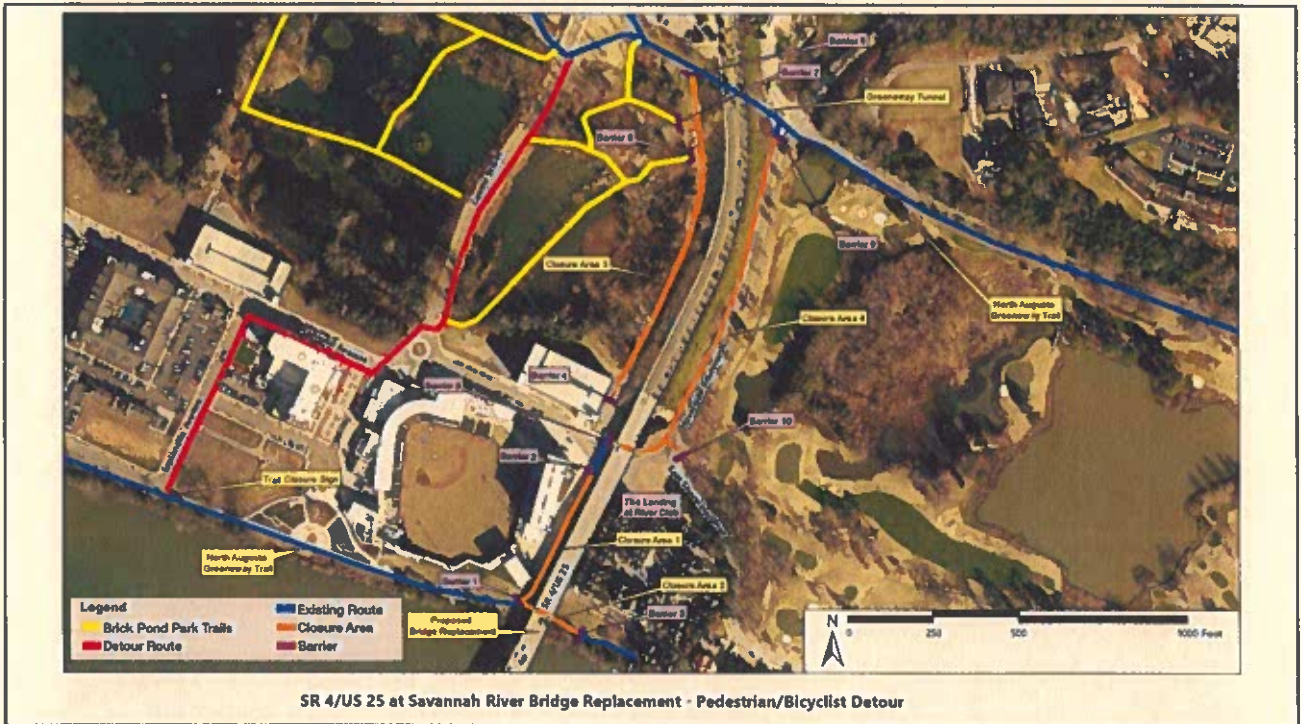


Would: enhance the use of North Augusta Greenway, Brick Pond Park and Waterworks Park by providing new connection to Georgia Avenue and improved access to the City of Augusta

Trail Detours

- Approximately four years
- Connection across Georgia Avenue maintained at existing tunnel, all other locations closed to pedestrians/bicyclists
- Access provided via Esplanade Avenue, Railroad Avenue, existing Brick Pond Park Trail and Center Street
- Detour routes will be shorter than existing routes, except when traveling to the Landing River Club





Public Notice

- Extensive stakeholder meetings from 2018-2022
- Public Information Open House in Summer 2021
- Flyer/Brochure- Inform public of trail detours
 - GDOT Website
 - Cities of North Augusta and Augusta websites
 - Emailed to PIOH commenters and key stakeholders
 - Kiosks at trail
- Updated GDOT Public Involvement website
- Public invited to contact local officials with concerns between 7/11/22 and 8/11/22

State Route 4/US 25 Business Bridge Replacement
 North Augusta and Augusta Trail/Park Impacts and Detour Information

GDOT

State Route 4/US 25 Business Bridge Replacement

About

- Georgia DOT, in coordination with City of Augusta, City of North Augusta, and FHWA, has proposed a replacement of the existing SR 4/US 25 Business (BU) over Savannah River between Augusta, GA and North Augusta, SC
- The proposed bridge replacement would result in a bridge for SR 4/US 25 BU with four lanes and an 8-ft median with a 4-ft raised island in the middle of the road along the bridge
- The northbound side would have a 5-ft sidewalk
- The southbound side would have a 10-ft shared use path with an 8-ft shoulder and barrier separating the path from the roadway
- Construction would begin in 2025

Impact to Trails/Parks

- Although permanent physical impacts would occur, these changes would not alter the existing recreational uses of the Bartram Trail, Augusta Canal Historic Trail, North Augusta Greenway, Brick Pond Park, and Waterworks Park

| Park | Physical Impact | Detour Impact |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| North Augusta Greenway | 0.09 acre of permanent use/ 0.14 acre of temporary easement | Approx. 4 years |
| Brick Pond Park | 0.23 acre of permanent use | Approx. 4 years |
| Water Works Park | 0.09 acre of permanent use | None |
| Augusta Canal Historic Trail | 0.22 acre of permanent use | Approx. 4 years |
| Bartram Trail | 0.55 acre of permanent use/ 0.38 acre of temporary easement | Approx. 4 years |

Benefits

- The North Augusta Greenway would be connected to the shared use path on the bridge with a new trail section
- Would add a 10-ft shared use path with protective shoulder and barrier
- Bartram Trail would become directly connected to the Augusta Canal Historic Trail through a concrete underpass
- Colorful LED lighting would be found on the railings, under the deck, and on the bridge piers – adding a signature gateway element to the Augusta and North Augusta area

Have comments?

Reach out to your local officials by August 11, 2022 to let them know your thoughts. Contact info:

Hameed Malik, Director
Augusta Engineering Department
HMalik@augustaga.gov
(706) 796-5040

Maurice McDowell, Director
City of Augusta Parks & Recreation
MMcDowell@augustaga.gov
(706) 796-5025

Dayton Sherrouse, Executive Director
Augusta Canal Authority
sherrouse@augustacanal.com
(706) 823-0440 Ext. 1

City of North Augusta
www.northaugusta.net



Want more information?

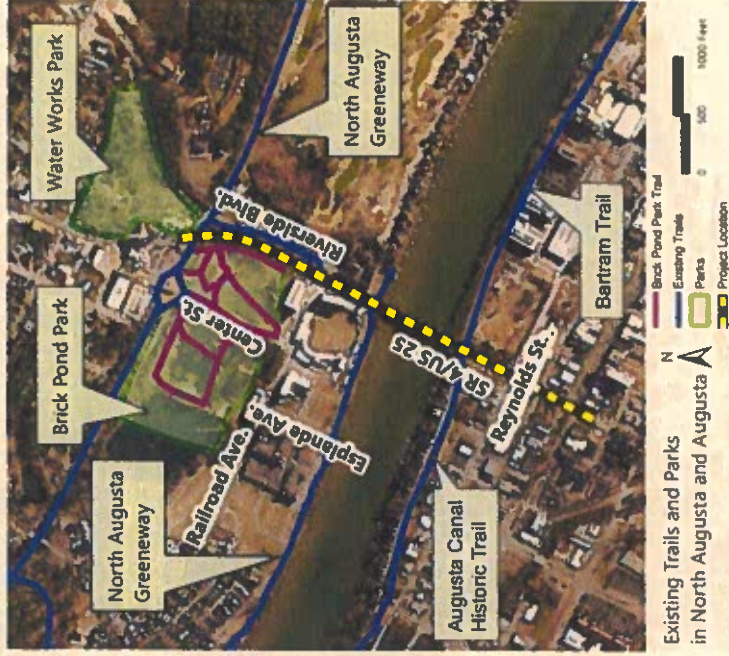
For additional information, more detailed maps, and detour routes please see our website:

<https://bridge-replacement-0013927-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>



State Route 4/US 25 Business Bridge Replacement

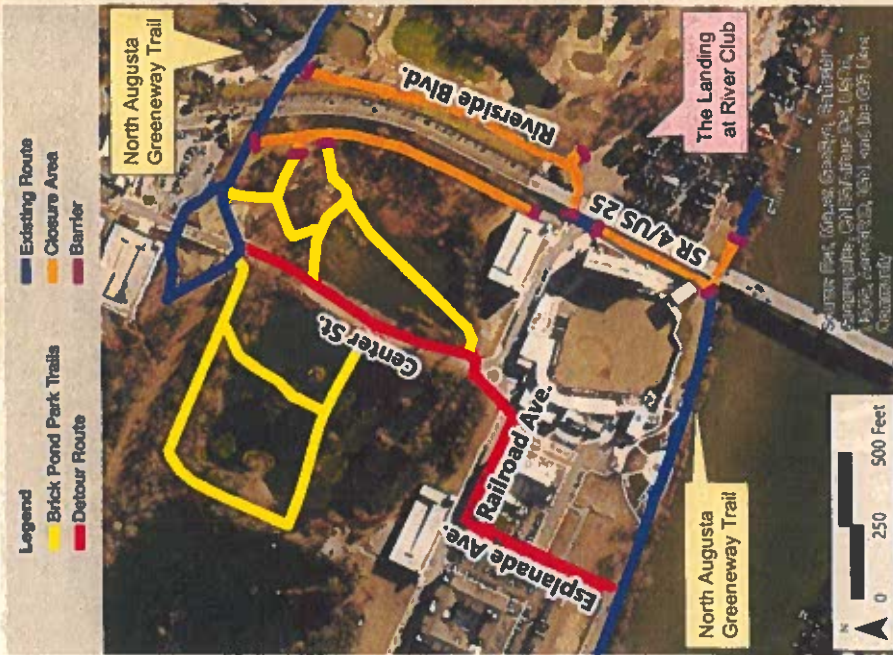
North Augusta and Augusta Trail/Park Impacts and Detour Information



North Augusta Pedestrian/Bicyclist Detour

North Augusta Greenway Detour

- Connection across Georgia Avenue maintained at existing tunnel, all other locations closed to pedestrians/bicyclists
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Augusta Pedestrian/Bicyclist Detour

Phase 1 Detour

Augusta Canal Historic Trail and Bartram Trail Access

- No direct access across 13th Street/SR 4/US 25 BU during detour
- Access provided via east sidewalk on 13th Street/SR 4/US 25 BU, 10th Street, and Reynolds Street
- Approximately two years
- 73 feet longer than existing route

Phase 2 Detour

Augusta Canal Historic Trail and Bartram Trail Access

- No direct access across 13th Street/SR 4/US 25 BU during detour
- Access provided via 14th Street, Reynolds Street, and 10th Street
- Alternate bicyclist route due to one-way streets (see below)
- Approximately two years
- 37 feet longer than existing route

Phase 2 Detour - Bicyclists only

Augusta Canal Historic Trail and Bartram Trail Access

- No direct access across 13th Street/SR 4/US 25 BU during detour
- Access provided via 14th Street, Jones Street, Reynolds Street, and 10th Street
- Approximately two years





North Augusta City Council

ARPA expenditure request #3

AUGUST 8, 2022

Background

- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocation of \$11,871,089.22
- Resolution 2022-13 (ARPA expenditure request #1)
 - Waste Water Interceptor Line
 - Façade Grant Replenishment
- Resolution 2022-28 (ARPA expenditure request #2)
 - Clay Street Pump Station

ARPA expenditure request #3

| Expenditure Request #3 | | | | | | |
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| Project | Amount | Fund | Expenditure Category | Description | Department | Beneficiary(ies) |
| Public Safety equipment | \$625,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Purchase of replacement and new equipment 1 Truck — air pack refill system 2 Drones 3 Speed trailer 4 9-1-1 dispatch consoles (2) | Public Safety | City employees, residents, businesses & visitors |
| Employee recruitment & retention Incentives | \$500,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Supplemental incentive payments to employees | Administration | City employees |
| Greenway bridge replacement | \$187,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Partial funding for purchase and installation of replacement bridge | Public Works | City residents & visitors |
| SmartCOP Computer Aided Dispatch system | \$50,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Partial funding for purchase and launch of new CAD system | Public Safety | City employees, residents, businesses & visitors |
| Trailer removal at Country Club property | \$20,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Hiring of contractor to remove and properly dispose of damaged trailer located on Country Club property | Parks, Recreation & Tourism | City residents & visitors |
| Quiet generators | \$5,000 | Capital Projects Fund | Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services | Purchase of new quiet generators for use at City events and for other City business | Parks, Recreation & Tourism | City employees, residents, businesses & visitors |
| Total | \$1,347,000 | | | | | |

Greenway Bridge

- Greenway Bridge in waterworks park irrevocably damaged o/a 6 April 2022
- City Council has provided guidance to replace with a 12' wide arch-truss steel bridge
- Total project cost not to exceed \$275,000
- Proposed funding from CPST I and SLFRF
- Closes out CPST I
- Resolution 2022-36

Parks, Recreation, Tourism

- Trailer Removal from Country Club Property (Asbestos in the trailer)
- Portable Quiet Generators

Public Safety Equipment

Air & Light Service Truck



911 Dispatch Radio Consoles (x2)



Drone



Speed / Display Trailer



Air & Light Service Truck

- Current Service truck is a 1992 model; no on-site capability for tank replenishment
- Public Safety reviewed three concepts:
 - TCOM trailer system (\$275k)
 - Pierce F-550 Light Rescue (\$350-\$400K)
 - Heavy Rescue Option \$850K<
- Research with Dalton, GA and Carroll County, GA Fire Departments
- HGACbuy Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- Helps move Fire Apparatus to pure-fleet with one vendor (Pierce)

SMARTCOP (Public Safety)

- Current 911 Computer Aided Dispatch software procured in September 2011
- Software lifespan typically 5-7 years; original manufacturer no longer fully supports maintenance
- SMARTCOP used by SC Highway Patrol, City of Cayce, City of Lexington
- HGACbuy Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- Proposed funding from CPST II and SLFRF
- CPST Approved Project list includes Public Safety Communications System Upgrade
- Closes out CPST II
- Resolution 2022-37

Supplemental Employee Compensation

- \$500,000 set aside; purpose is for retention and recruitment
- One-time distribution of \$1,750 per full-time employees (with exceptions)
- One-time distribution of \$250 per part-time employees
- One-time payments NLT 30 September 2022
- Remainder of fund used for recruitment/retention programs by the City Administrator
 - College tuition reimbursement, recruiting videos, recruiting materials, recruiting monetary incentives, TBD
- Resolution 2022-38

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| Total | \$1,367,000 | | | | | |

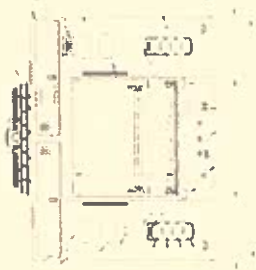
Total Allocations

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| SLFRF | \$11,871,089.22 |
| Request 1 | - \$3,965,004.22 |
| Request 2 | - \$3,123,632.00 |
| Request 3 | - \$1,367,000.00 |
| Remaining Funds | \$3,415,453.00 |



North Augusta City Council *ARPA expenditure request #3*

MAY 10, 2021



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DEPARTMENT DETAILS

for August 8, 2022



FINANCE:

- Cycle 1 Disconnect is Aug 17th-18th
- Cycle 2 Due Date is Aug 18th

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Materials Recovery Facility - Warehouse electrical service is restored. Removal of damaged equipment continues.
- Utilities - Clay Street Pump Station

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Development Code Rewrite Committee meets Thursday, August 11th.
- Kick-off meeting for Georgia Ave. Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Study is on Tuesday, August 16th.
- The next Planning Commission meeting is on Wednesday, August 17th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Citizen's Academy will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2022.
- The department is currently working on a revision to the wrecker policy.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM:

- Beam Contracting has begun paving the Riverview Park 1.2 mile trail today. Paving should be completed this week and the trail back open for use.
- Registration for fall sports, youth football, cheerleading, soccer, and volleyball is now underway and goes through August 20.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- The advertisement for the Knobcone Sidewalk project bids was posted Friday, August 5. Bids are due August 30, 2022.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Communications Technician – 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 and Tourism

Grade: 6
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.59 - \$17.50/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

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 15
Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.19 - \$25.43/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Sanitation Worker - Sanitation

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

Utility Worker I – Water/Wastewater

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



DRAFT: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 2022 – 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. 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 August 1, 2022
- Study Session minutes of August 8, 2022

5. PERSONNEL: Sharon Lamar, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

6. PERSONNEL: Kim Newcomb, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

NEW BUSINESS

7. CITY CODE: Ordinance No. 2022-13 – To Amend Section 2-36 - Regular Meeting Days of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Augusta to Provide for the Cancellation of the First Meeting in April in the Event Such Meeting Comes During the Week of the Masters Golf Tournament; Ordinance – First Reading

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2022-14 – To Approve the General Development Plan for the 51.85± Acre Bluegrass Place Planned Development on East Martintown Road and East Buena Vista; Ordinance – First Reading

9. COMMUNITY PROMOTION: Resolution No. 2022-32 – Authorizing the Removal of Artifacts from the Site of the Future Public Safety Headquarters on Georgia Avenue to the Arts and Heritage Center of North Augusta

10. PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM: Resolution No. 2022-33 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Mobile Stage

11. **PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM:** Resolution No. 2022-34 – Concurrence with No Adverse Effect Determination Related to the State Route 4/US Highway 25 Business at Savannah River at South Carolina State Line Bridge Replacement Project #0013927
12. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2022- 35 – A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 3
13. **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:** Resolution No. 2022-36 – Resolution Authorizing Funding for the Greenway Bridge at Waterworks
14. **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Resolution No. 2022-37 – Resolution Authorizing Funding for Public Safety 911 Dispatch Software
15. **HUMAN RESOURCES:** Resolution No. 2022-38 – A Resolution Authorizing Funding for Supplemental Employee Compensation through the Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
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 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** –
18. **ADJOURNMENT**





