

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 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 Proposed Consolidated Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 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**

Proposed Consolidated Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023

The Public Hearing for the Proposed Consolidated Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 began at 5:30 p.m. Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee and Toole. Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Lynda Williamson, Interim 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; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology, J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources.

Member absent was Councilmember Presnell.

Comments were made by the following citizen:

- Kenton Makin, regarding Public Safety allocation and transportation needs.

The Public Hearing concluded at 5:55pm.

## REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of October 17, 2022 having been duly publicized was called to order by Mayor Williams at 6:00pm and also streamed online for public viewing at "City of North Augusta – Public Information" on [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and on the City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information" then adjourned at 6:23pm 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, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember Presnell.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Lynda Williamson, Interim 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; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology, J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources.

### **ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting minutes of October 3, 2022, Joint City Council & Planning Commission minutes of October 6, 2022, and Study Session minutes of October 10, 2022 were approved by general consent.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 5. ELECTIONS: Ordinance No. 2022-16 Complying with Sections 10-1 and 10-2 of the Code of Laws of North Augusta, South Carolina, by Setting the Dates for Municipal Party Primaries, Conventions, and Partisan General Election, Times for Filing of Nominating Petitions, Certification of Candidates by Parties, and Certification of Candidates by Municipal Election Commission; Ordinance – Second Reading**

No public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember McCauley, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-16 Complying with Sections 10-1 and 10-2 of the Code of Laws of North Augusta, South Carolina, by Setting the Dates for Municipal Party Primaries, Conventions, and Partisan General Election, Times for Filing of Nominating Petitions, Certification of Candidates by Parties, and Certification of Candidates by Municipal Election Commission; Ordinance – Second Reading. Unanimously Approved.  
**(See Attachment #5)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 6. FINANCE: Ordinance No. 2022-17 - Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 Containing Estimates of Proposed Revenues and Expenditures by the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, for the Budget Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Declaring that Same Shall Constitute the Budget of the City of North Augusta for Such Budget Year; Ordinance – First Reading**

No public comment.

Assistant City Administrator Rachelle Moody summarized the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Councilmember Toole stated that he is in favor of the budget, however, struggles on the half millage increase to the Capital Improvement Projects Fund.

Discussion ensued relating to the Capital Improvement Projects Fund.

It was moved by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, to approve Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 Containing Estimates of Proposed Revenues and Expenditures by the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, for the Budget Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Declaring that Same Shall Constitute the Budget of the City of North Augusta for Such Budget Year; Ordinance – First Reading. Vote: 5 – 1 with a Nay from Councilmember Toole. Approved.

**(See Attachment #6)**

### **ITEM 7. FINANCE: Ordinance No. 2022-18 - Levying the Annual Tax on Property in the City of North Augusta, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023; Ordinance – First Reading**

No public comment.

Assistant City Administrator Rachelle Moody explained the Annual Tax on Property.

It was moved by Councilmember Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-18 - Levying the Annual Tax on Property in the City of North Augusta, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023; Ordinance – First Reading. Vote: 5 – 1 with a Nay from Councilmember Toole. Approved.

**(See Attachment #7)**

### **ITEM 8. FINANCE: Ordinance No. 2022-19 - Amending Article IV, Section 14-123 Titled “Sanitation Services Fees” of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; Ordinance – First Reading**

No public comment.

Assistant City Administrator Rachelle Moody explained the Sanitation Services Fees.

It was moved by Councilmember Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-19 - Amending Article IV, Section 14-123 Titled “Sanitation Services Fees” of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; Ordinance – First Reading. Unanimously Approved.

**(See Attachment #8)**

**ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Assistant City Administrator Rachelle Moody highlighted on the upcoming event:

- Jack O Lantern Jubilee, October 29, 2022 at 10:00am
  - Concerts beginning October 26, 2022

**ITEM 10. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

A. Citizen Comments:

Margaret McKibben-Key, City resident, spoke to Council related to her Director role at Aiken County's Substance Use Services and the opioid crisis and substance increase and ways to address the drug abuse. She added that they are looking to have a satellite office in the City of North Augusta.

B. Council Comments:

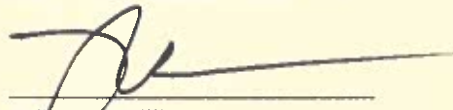
Mayor Williams highlighted on:

- Early Voting Center at Fire Station #2
  - October 24 – November 5 (Closed, October 30)
- Third Thursday – October 20 from 5-8pm

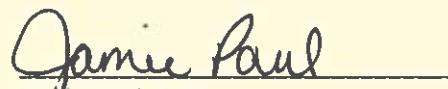
**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

APPROVED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
November 2022.

  
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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jamie Paul, CMC  
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-16  
COMPLYING WITH SECTIONS 10-1 AND 10-2 OF THE  
CODE OF LAWS OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
BY SETTING THE DATES FOR MUNICIPAL PARTY PRIMARIES, CONVENTIONS,  
AND PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION, TIMES FOR FILING OF NOMINATING  
PETITIONS, CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES BY PARTIES, AND  
CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES BY MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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. The 2023 Municipal General Election for Purposes of electing the three members of City Council for the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, with a run-off, if necessary, on May 9, 2023.
  
- II. The filing and certification dates are hereby set for the 2023 Municipal Party Primaries and General Election as follows:
  - A. The time for entry of candidates into party primaries or conventions shall commence at 9:00 a.m., December 12, 2022, and shall end at 12:00 Noon, December 19, 2022. Entries shall be made to the chairperson of the respective parties.
  - B. Primary elections, if selected by a party, shall be held on February 7, 2023, with a run-off, if necessary, on February 21, 2023.
  - C. Conventions, if selected by a party, shall be held not later than February 7, 2023.
  - D. The deadline for filing nominating petitions to the Municipal Clerk shall be 12:00 Noon, February 8, 2023 and the Clerk shall deliver the petition to the Municipal Election Commission. Candidates may file by petition with no less than 5% of qualified electors.
  - E. The deadline for parties to certify candidates selected by primary or convention to the Municipal Election Commission shall be 12:00 Noon, February 24, 2023.
  - F. In the event of receipt of a petition by a candidate, the Municipal Election Commission shall examine such petition and determine its validity not later than February 24, 2023.

- 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 reading.

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

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Paul, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-17  
ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023  
CONTAINING ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
BY THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
FOR THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023,  
AND DECLARING THAT SAME SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BUDGET  
OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA FOR SUCH BUDGET YEAR

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Laws of South Carolina, and the Ordinance of the City of North Augusta, the City Administrator must prepare and submit to the City Council a Balanced Budget for the next budget year to begin on January 1, 2023, and end on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on said budget, as required by law.

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:

- Section I.           The City Council hereby adopts the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget, incorporated by reference as though it were set out herein in its entirety, for the conduct of the business of the municipal government of North Augusta for the budget year, January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.
- Section II.           The transfer of budgeted amounts between functional areas of expenditures or expenses shall be approved by City Council; however, transfers of budgeted line items within the functional areas of expenditures or expenses not to exceed \$5,000, may be approved by the City Administrator as long as total expenditures or expenses do not exceed appropriations in the functional area. Management can also over expend appropriations, with the City Administrator's approval, at the line item and department level, as long as the total expenditures or expenses do not exceed appropriations of the functional area. Functional areas are: General Government; Public Safety; Public Works; Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; Sanitation Services; Stormwater Utility; and Water and Wastewater.
- Section III.          The Mayor or City Administrator may authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 at any one time from the Council Contingencies Account without prior approval of the City Council provided that any such expenditure is reported in the minutes of the next Council meeting.

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FOR THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

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- Section IV. The City Council must approve expenditures from the following funds: Sales Tax I, Sales Tax II, Sales Tax III, Sales Tax IV, Accommodation Tax Fund, Street Improvement Fund, Riverfront Central Core Redevelopment Fund, Tax Increment Financing Fund, Transportation Improvement Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and the North Augusta Public Facilities Corporation Fund unless otherwise previously budgeted.
- Section V. The City Administrator may execute all necessary documents relating to the lease purchase financing of equipment specifically authorized and identified in the 2023 Budget. The financial institution selected for 2023 lease purchase financing shall be selected based upon competitive bidding in conformance with the City's purchasing procedures.
- Section VI. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- Section VII. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on second reading.

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

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Briton Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Paul, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-18  
LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAX ON PROPERTY  
IN THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023,  
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

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:

- Section I. The annual tax for the fiscal year (budget year) 2023, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, is hereby imposed and levied for general corporate purposes upon all the taxable property of the City of North Augusta.
- Section II. The period for which the tax levy is due on all taxable property, except for motorized vehicles, shall be from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.
- Section III. The period for which the tax levy is due for all motorized vehicles which are required to be licensed by Section 53-3-110, Code of Laws of South Carolina, shall be from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.
- Section IV. The tax levy imposed upon all taxable property shall be 71.70 mills to the General Fund and 3.80 mills to the Capital Projects Fund for a total tax levy of 75.50 mills.
- Section V. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
- Section VI. This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2023.

ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL TAX  
ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

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

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Briton Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jamie Paul, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19  
AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-123  
TITLED "SANITATION SERVICES FEES"  
OF THE CITY CODE OF THE  
CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA

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. Article IV, Section 14-123, titled "Sanitation Fees" is hereby amended and when amended shall read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. SANITATION SERVICE**

Section 14-123. Sanitation Services fees.

A. Residential services:

There is hereby imposed upon each home, residence, apartment unit, or dwelling unit within the City, a charge for sanitation services to include garbage collection, trash collection, health services, and street sweeping. A sanitation services fee shall also be charged any residential customer located outside the City who receives sanitation services from the City.

For purposes of this section, each dwelling unit within a multi-family or apartment complex, duplex, etc. shall be considered a single customer and treated as a single-family dwelling without regard to the method of collection. The City reserves the right to determine the method of collection and type of containers to be used for residential customers.

(1) Fees - Residential Roll Carts:

Residential services where the principal use is for living, home, residence, apartment unit, dwelling unit and service is provided by roll carts:

Inside City limits, per month	\$21.44
Outside City limits, per month	\$30.18

For each additional roll cart provided by the City, there shall be a charge equal to 25% of the fee for a single cart.

(2) Fees - Removal of Roll Carts from Curb by City Personnel:

Notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein, if roll carts are left on the street in violation of this Code and City representatives remove the roll carts from the street to a location in compliance with City Code.

\$5.00 for each removal.

(3) Fees – Electronics Disposal Fee:

Fees for disposing of electronic waste shall be \$25 per item disposed.

B. Commercial services:

There is hereby imposed upon each place of business, industry, or other commercial premises within the City, a charge for sanitation services to include garbage collection, trash collection, animal control, health services, and street sweeping. A sanitation services fee shall also be charged any commercial customer located outside the City who receives sanitation services from the City.

For purposes of this section, a commercial customer is a business or industry having a separate business license and occupying separate spaces.

(1) Fees - Commercial service with residential roll carts.

Pickups under this subsection shall not exceed six (6) 100 gallon (or equivalent) residential roll carts per pickup and shall not exceed one (1) pickup per week.

	Per 100 Gal. <u>Roll Cart</u>
Inside City limits, per month	\$21.44
Outside City limits, per month	\$30.18

ORDINANCE REVISING ARTICLE IV. SANITATION SERVICE

- (2) Fees - Commercial service with City supplied front-end loading bulk containers containing non-compacted waste.

Pickups under this subsection may be scheduled for Monday through Saturday. The size of container, frequency, and schedule of pickups shall be subject to the approval of the City. Fees shall be based upon the size of containers and frequency of pickups as follows:

CONTAINER SIZE	BASE FEE	+	INSIDE CITY	or	OUTSIDE CITY
2 cu. yd.	\$51.64	+	2.86/cu. yd.	or	4.04/cu. yd.
3 cu. yd.	\$54.05	+	2.86/cu. yd.	or	4.04/cu. yd.
4 cu. yd.	\$56.44	+	2.86/cu. yd.	or	4.04/cu. yd.
6 cu. yd.	\$61.73	+	2.86/cu. yd.	or	4.04/cu. yd.
8 cu. yd.	\$67.54	+	2.86/cu. yd.	or	4.04/cu. yd.

- (3) Fees – Electronics Disposal Fee:

Fees for disposing of electronic waste shall be \$25 per item disposed.

- C. Special service for residential or commercial customers:

When special bulk or compacted wastes are collected by the City through a procedure or method not provided for above and out of the ordinary collection procedures, the City may charge rates commensurate with the work and equipment involved.

- D. Special landfill charges:

Fees for disposing of automobile, truck, or tractor tires and special handling/packaging waste shall be equal to the fees charged by Aiken County plus 15% for handling.

- II. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on third reading for all bills rendered on or after January 1, 2023.
- III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

ORDINANCE REVISING ARTICLE IV. SANITATION SERVICE

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

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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Brion S. Williams, Mayor

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
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Jamie Paul, City Clerk