

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 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

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of November 21, 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](https://www.facebook.com) and on the City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information" then adjourned at 6:19pm 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; Kevin Whaley, GIS Analyst; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 7, 2022 and Study Session of November 14, 2022, were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: George Williams, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta:

Mayor Williams recognized George Williams. He stated that Mr. Williams began his career with the City in the Public Utilities Department as a Utility Worker on September 23, 1991. He commented that Mr. Williams spent his entire career in the department where he had provided exemplary technical service and worked with multiple City divisions this time.

Mayor Williams congratulated Mr. Williams on his 31 years with the City and to being able to maintain a high level of performance. He added that he had dedicated his career to serving the City's citizens as a frontline maintenance and construction technician of essential City utility services.

Mayor Williams wished Mr. Williams and his family for happiness and good fortune as he enjoys his retirement.

ITEM 6. PROCLAMATIONS: Arbor Day – December 2, 2022

Mayor Williams recognized Arbor Day and read into the minutes the Proclamation and presented to Roy Kibler, Superintendent of Property Maintenance. **(See Attachment #6)**

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2022-53 a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 4

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford explained the breakdown the expenditure request 4.

It was moved by Councilmember Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember Presnell, to approve Resolution No. 2022-53 a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 4. Unanimously Approved.
(See Attachment #7)

ITEM 8. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2022-54 Authorizing a Construction Contract with Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. for the Pole Branch Watershed Remediation Project and Establishing the Funding Source for Related Construction Expenses

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford explained that with the approval of Item 7, the City is able to fund the stormwater for Rushing Waters.

It was moved by Councilmember McCauley, seconded by Councilmember Presnell, to approve Resolution No. 2022-54 Authorizing a Construction Contract with Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. for the Pole Branch Watershed Remediation Project and Establishing the Funding Source for Related Construction Expenses. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #8)

ITEM 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrator Clifford announced that interviews were conducted for the open Finance Director position and Mayor Williams selected Interim Finance Director Lynda Williamson as the Finance Director effective immediately.

ITEM 10. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

A. Citizen Comments:

Benjamin Mixon, a City of Aiken resident stated that he is a local agent and has a listing of a 35-acre parcel located off of Martintown Road and would like to suggest this property be turned into a tiny home community.

Mayor Williams stated they will provide information to him to contact the City's Planning and Development Department.


B. Council Comments:

- Councilmember Presnell
 - Appalachian State Mountaineers Football meet/greet at the Crown Plaza – November 25 between 2-3pm
- Councilmember McCauley
 - Palmetto Peach Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k; hosted by Fleet Fleet – November 26 at 8:00am
- Mayor Williams
 - Small Business Saturday – November 26
 - Christmas Tree Lighting at John C. Calhoun Park, November 29 starting at 5:00pm

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF
December 2022.



Britton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, CMC
City Clerk



ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Briton S. Williams, Mayor of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2022, as "***Arbor Day***" in North Augusta, South Carolina, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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 21st day of November, 2022.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor
City of North Augusta

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS – EXPENDITURE REQUEST 4

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 2021-30 authorizing receipt of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocation totaling \$11,871,089.22 from the State of South Carolina as appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-12, which obligated SLFRF funds for use between revenue loss replacement and investment in water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-13, which authorized Expenditure Request 1 totaling \$3,965,004 for two projects; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-28, which authorized Expenditure Request 2 totaling \$3,123,632 for one project; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-35, which authorized Expenditure Request 3 totaling \$1,367,000 for six projects; and

WHEREAS, expenditure of SLFRF funds are required to be approved by City Council via resolution; and

WHEREAS, four new projects have been identified and recommended for expenditure totaling \$1,600,000 as outlined in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, with these additional expenditures, \$1,815,452 remains of available SLFRF funds for future expenditures.

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

1. Expenditures of \$1,600,000 of SLFRF funds is approved for the projects listed in Appendix A.
2. The City will follow its adopted procurement ordinance as it relates to expenditure of SLFRF funds.
3. The City Administrator is authorized to execute such documents as necessary to enter into agreements and implement the projects as outlined in Appendix A.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

APPENDIX A

Expenditure Request #4

Project	Amount	Fund	Expenditure Category	Description	Department	Beneficiary(ies)
Stadium Improvement Fund	\$600,000	Capital Projects Fund	Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services	Funding three years of contractually-obligated annual Fund contributions: 2023 - \$200,000 (upcoming year) 2024 - \$200,000 (pre-fund) 2025 - \$200,000 (pre-fund) Per the terms set forth under City Council Resolution 2017-03	Administration	City residents & visitors
Mealing Tract Stormwater Improvements	\$600,000	Capital Projects Fund	Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services	Funding contractually-obligated stormwater improvements across multiple parcels known as the Mealing Tract, in partnership with its developer, per the terms set forth under City Council Resolution 2022-11	Public Works	City residents, businesses & visitors
Pole Branch Remediation	\$400,000	Capital Projects Fund	Revenue Replacement, Provision of Government Services	This is the City's 25% grant match for an emergency watershed - protection grant from the National Resources Conservation Service for channel restoration and future protection of the Pole Branch watershed.	Public Works	City residents
Total	\$1,600,000					

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54
AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SATTERFIELD
CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE POLE BRANCH WATERSHED REMEDIATION
PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR RELATED
CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2022-001, City Council accepted an Emergency Watershed Protection Program grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the Pole Branch Watershed Remediation; and

WHEREAS, the grant will reimburse 75% of eligible construction costs, up to a maximum of \$2,047,500.00.

WHEREAS, engineering design and permitting have been completed and the project has been approved for construction by the NRCS; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the best opportunity to construct this sewer extension is during construction of Rushing Waters, Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received from the on-site contractor, Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. (SCC) to perform the remediation work, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Cranston Engineering, for the amount of \$721,786.99; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to procure and furnish materials to SCC at an estimated cost of \$753,000.00; and

WHEREAS, other construction-related costs bring the total estimated project cost to \$1,560,000.

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 Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. shall be awarded the contract for the Pole Branch Remediation Project for the amount of \$721,786.99.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding source for the City's obligation for this project shall be from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) up to a maximum of \$400,000.00, in addition to any in-kind services that the City is able to provide.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk