

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2023

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 Power Hour was streamed for public viewing online at: "City of North Augusta – Public Information" on www.Facebook.com and "City of North Augusta Public Information" on www.YouTube.com.

PUBLIC POWER HOUR

The January 23, 2023 Public Power Hour began at 5:30pm Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Also, in attendance were Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; J.D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources, Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance, and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

1. Charity Hodges, spoke on safety concerns in Knollwood Subdivision.
2. Burns Newsome, spoke on his opposition to the safety concerns in Knollwood Subdivision.
3. Michele Douglas, spoke on litter around the City.
4. Steve Dubay, spoke on short term rentals.

The Public Power Hour concluded at 5:58 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

The Special Called meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of January 23, 2023 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". 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; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 9, 2022 and Study Session of January 9, 2023, were approved as submitted by general consent.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Leroy Kyler's, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta:

Mayor Williams recognized Leroy Kyler and stated the following:

On January 3, 2023, Leroy Kyler, Trades Worker in the Streets & Drains Department, retired from the City of North Augusta with over 26 years of dedicated employment. In addition to his responsibilities for constructing, installing and maintaining street signage, Leroy has been invaluable in the area of electrical maintenance and repair for streetlights and traffic signals. Leroy has also been the go-to man for anything that does not fit into the standard defined duties of Streets & Drains, often performing this work independently, with little oversight or direction. Once he understood what was needed, he could usually figure out how to get it done. Leroy was exemplary in keeping his workplace, vehicle and tools in a clean and organized condition – like they were his own. Leroy will be hard to replace. His service to the City and its residents is greatly appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 6. LAW & JUSTICE: 2023 Jury Box – Motion to Accept

It was moved by Councilmember Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Council agreed to accept the 2023 Municipal Jury List containing the names of all registered voters and the names of individuals with a South Carolina driver's license in the City of North Augusta jurisdiction. The 2023 Jury Box was accepted as required by State law with a unanimous 7-0 vote. Unanimously Approved.

ITEM 7. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Appointments – Recommendations by Mayor

Mayor Williams recommended the following appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals, Municipal Election Commission, and Planning Commission.

<u>Board/Commission/Committee</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>New/Reappointment</u>
Building Code Board of Appeals	Allan Coutts	1/31/2027	Reappointment
Building Code Board of Appeals	William Palladino	1/31/2027	Reappointment
Municipal Election Commission	Alpha Dunbar	1/31/2026	New Appointment
Planning Commission	Dr. Christine Crawford	1/31/2027	Reappointment
Planning Commission	Chelsea Waddell	1/31/2027	New Appointment

It was moved by Councilmember McCauley, seconded by Councilmember Presnell, to approve the Mayor’s recommendations of the above appointments. Unanimously Approved.

ITEM 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2023-01 – Accepting a Deed of Dedication for Open Space Located in Wando Woodlands

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford stated that the deed is a routine action for Wando Woodlands and is green space deeded to the City.

It was moved by Councilmember Toole, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 – Accepting a Deed of Dedication for Open Space Located in Wando Woodlands. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #8)

ITEM 9. PUBLIC SERVICES: Resolution No. 2023-02 – Authorizing a Purchasing Agreement with Blanchard Machinery to Purchase a 2023 Wheel Loader

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford reviewed the resolution and stated that the majority of cost will be covered by the insurance settlement received for the facility.

It was moved by Councilmember Carpenter, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, to approve Resolution No. 2023-02 – Authorizing a Purchasing Agreement with Blanchard Machinery to Purchase a 2023 Wheel Loader. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #9)

ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

No reports.

ITEM 11. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

A. Citizen Comments:

No public comments.

B. Council Comments:

No Council comments.

The Special Called City Council meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

ITEM 12. LEGAL: Executive Session – Request of the Administrator

At 6:14 p.m. on the motion of Councilmember Toole, second by Councilmember McGhee, Council agreed to enter into an executive session in compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) the City Administrator requests an executive session for the purpose of:

(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body

Discussion is specifically related to the Master Development Agreement for Riverside Village.

Also, in attendance were Jim Clifford, City Administrator; Rachelle Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly Zier, City Attorney; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance; Chris Schoen, Greenstone Properties; Joe Lucas, Managing Member of Pope Flynn Group; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

Council concurred to take a five-minute recess at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

Council did not take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

ITEM 13. LEGAL: Executive Session – Request of the Attorney

At 6:14 p.m. on the motion of Councilmember Carpenter, second of Councilmember Brooks, Council agreed to enter into an executive session in compliance with Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) the City Attorney requests an executive session for the purpose of:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim

Discussion is specifically related to the Master Development Agreement for Riverside Village.

Also, in attendance were Jim Clifford, City Administrator; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Kelly Zier, City Attorney; Lynda Williamson, Interim Director of Finance; Joe Lucas, Managing Member of Pope Flynn Group; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.


At 8:23 p.m. Council adjourned the executive session.

Council did not take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Called City Council meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2023.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, CMC
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01
ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION FOR OPEN SPACE LOCATED IN
WANDO WOODLANDS

WHEREAS, Wando Partners, L.P. developed Wando Woodlands according to the requirements of the North Augusta Planning Commission, and the City and owns the streets, utilities and easements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5.8.4.3 of the North Augusta Development Code, the Director of Planning and Development and the City Engineer approved the final subdivision plat for recording on September 15, 2022 and

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

ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of North Augusta, County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Tract 2 containing 12.37 acres, more or less, on a plat prepared for Wando Partners, LP by Southern Partners, Inc. dated August 17, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Plat Book 64, at Page 539. Reference is made to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference, for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds and location of said property.

TOGETHER WITH ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of North Augusta, County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 6.90 acres, more or less, on a plat prepared for Wando Partners, LP by Southern Partners, Inc. dated August 17, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina in Plat Book 64, and Page 538. Reference is made to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference, for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds, and location of said property.

TOGETHER WITH ALL that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City of North Augusta, County of Aiken, State of South Carolina, containing 0.34 acre, more or less, on a plat prepared for Wando Partners, LP by Southern Partners, Inc. dated August 17, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 64, Page 537. Reference is made to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference, for a more complete and accurate description as to the metes, bounds and location of said property.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to Wando Partners, L.P. by Title to Real Estate from Gustav Schickendanz, Trustee, dated January 4, 2006 and recorded in Record Book 4039, at Page 1283 in the Office of the RMC for Aiken County, South Carolina.

Tax Map & Parcel: Portion of 001-16-01-002
001-12-13-001
001-12-04-026

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS
_____ DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02
AUTHORIZING A PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH BLANCHARD
MACHINERY TO PURCHASE A 2023 WHEEL LOADER

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2021 a fire at the City's Materials recovery Facility damaged the electrical system, recycling processing equipment and a portion the buildings structure; and

WHEREAS, the City received partial payment totaling \$1,736,552 from the South Carolina Insurance and Risk Fund to initiate replacement of the recycling equipment and other damaged assets; and

WHEREAS, the City received a quote from Blanchard Machinery an authorized Sourcewell Government Procurement dealer to purchase a 2023 Wheel Loader totaling \$340,256.87; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City that the City move forward to purchase 2023 Wheel Loader from Blanchard Machinery; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a contractual arrangement with Blanchard Machinery to purchase equipment as described; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding source shall be from partial payment proceeds received from the South Carolina Insurance and Risk Fund, not to exceed the total amount of \$340,256.87.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk