

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 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

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The Public Power Hour 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 POWER HOUR

The December 5, 2022 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, and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

No speakers.

The Public Power Hour concluded at 5:45pm.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of North Augusta of December 5, 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 and on the City YouTube page: "City of North Augusta Public Information" then adjourned at 6:25pm 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; Rachele Moody, Assistant City Administrator; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 21, 2022 and Study Session of November 28, 2022, were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – October, November, and December 2022 – Brendan Martin:

Mayor Williams recognized Brendan Martin and stated the following:

PSO Martin has worked with Public Safety since February 2021. PSO Martin came from the Aiken County Sheriff's Office as an experienced officer. Since PSO Martin has been with this agency and assigned to B-Shift he has become a leader on the shift. PSO Martin has become a member of the department's SWAT Team and even attended the state's week-long SWAT Summit in Columbia, SC this year. He obtained Fire Fighter 2 certification this year. He has embraced the role of Field Training Officer on the shift and he has willingly taken on the FTO tasks in great numbers. PSO Martin is always willing to train new officers and does a thorough job in doing so, greatly benefiting the agency as a whole. PSO Martin comes to work every day with a great but humble attitude and completes all tasks that he is assigned with no complaints. PSO Martin handles his job with professionalism and efficiency on a daily basis.

PSO Martin was involved in a near critical incident on 6/27/2022 that was close to becoming critical; however, due to his professionalism and quick reaction to the danger he was faced with it was averted. PSO Martin responded to O'Reillys Auto Parts on Knox Avenue for a suspicious person that was asleep in a vehicle. PSO Martin made contact with the subject from the passenger side of the vehicle, where he approached to gain a tactical advantage. This would prove to be a lifesaving decision for the suspect and possibly PSO Martin in the next few minutes. PSO Martin ordered the subject to exit the vehicle due to his gross intoxication and as the suspect exited the vehicle, PSO Martin used his training and re-positioned himself again to gain the tactical advantage. In doing so PSO Martin was able to observe that the subject had retrieved a handgun and was turning towards PSO Martin with it. PSO Martin drew his weapon and ordered the subject to drop his weapon. The subject, realizing that PSO

Martin had out maneuvered him, dropped the gun and was taken into custody without further incident. This incident resulted in the recovery of three firearms, one which was a stolen AR-15 style rifle out of Richmond County. This incident also removed 149 grams of marijuana, 105 clonazepam pills, 581 oxycodone pills, 134 grams of ecstasy and 8 grams of methamphetamine from the streets of North Augusta. All of these drugs were possessed illegally. This incident also occurred during business hours in the parking lot of a business.

It is with great pride that we nominate PSO Martin for Employee of the 4th Quarter 2022 for these reasons. PSO Martin is a great asset to the Department. PSO Martin completes the tasks assigned to him and always has a positive and professional demeanor about him. This daily display coupled with the extreme amount of control and professionalism exhibited in the incident listed above resolved what could have been a deadly incident without so much as a use of force. PSO Martin should be recognized for all of the reasons listed within this nomination.

Mayor Williams congratulated Mr. Martin and thanked him for protecting the City.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2022-55 – Authorizing Receipt of Funding from the Savannah River Site Litigation Settlement Fund

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford explained the funding from the Savannah River Site Litigation Settlement fund.

It was moved by Councilmember Toole, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter, to approve Resolution No. 2022-55 – Authorizing Receipt of Funding from the Savannah River Site Litigation Settlement Fund. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #6)

ITEM 7. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2022-56 – Authorizing Funding of City Facility Improvements Through the use of Fiscal Year 2022 Funds

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. 2022-56 – Authorizing Funding of City Facility Improvements Through the use of Fiscal Year 2022 Funds. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #7)

ITEM 8. PARKS, RECREATION, & TOURISM: Resolution No. 2022-57 – Authorizing a Grant Application to the State of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department for Funding Assistance to Support a Project Submitted Under the Undiscovered South Carolina Grant Program

No public comment.

Assistant Administrator Moody highlighted on what the grant may cover and that it is a one to one matching grant.

It was moved by Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember McCauley, to approve Resolution No. 2022-57 – Authorizing a Grant Application to the State of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department for Funding Assistance to Support a Project Submitted Under the Undiscovered South Carolina Grant Program. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #8)

ITEM 9. ELECTIONS: Ordinance No. 2022-20 - An Ordinance to Partner with the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections to Conduct a Portion of the 2023 City of North Augusta Municipal General Election; Ordinance – First Reading

No public comment.

Administrator Clifford explained the ordinance where Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections works with the Municipal Elections Commission to conduct a portion of the general election.

Discussion ensued related to the primary and general election details.

Clerk Paul clarified that the ordinance is for the general election only and that if there is a primary election the parties are to conduct that election.

It was moved by Councilmember McGhee, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter, to approve Ordinance No. 2022-20 - An Ordinance to Partner with the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections to Conduct a Portion of the 2023 City of North Augusta Municipal General Election; Ordinance – First Reading. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #9)

ITEM 10. CITY COUNCIL: City of North Augusta City Council Meeting Schedule and Notice for January 2023 through December 2023

No public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember McCauley, seconded by Councilmember McGhee, to approve the City of North Augusta City Council Meeting Schedule and Notice for January 2023 through December 2023. Unanimously Approved.

(See Attachment #10)

ITEM 11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

No reports.

ITEM 12. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

A. Citizen Comments:

No public comments.


B. Council Comments:

- Mayor Williams highlighted on the Public Safety's Christmas Award Banquet and wanted to recognize all of the officers for what they do for protecting our citizens. He pointed out two officers that received prestigious awards:
 - Lieutenant Aaron Fittery – Recipient of the Purple Heart
 - Mayor Williams stated this was the third recipient of this award
 - Corporal Christopher Emenecker – Recipient of Medal of Valor
 - Mayor Williams stated this was the first recipient of this award
- Mayor Williams stated that the North Augusta Lions Club Christmas Parade is on December 11 starting at 3:00pm
- Councilmember Carpenter commented that a resident stated that the Annual Tree Lighting felt like a Hallmark movie. She added that sound system should be improved for the event.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT

The regular City Council meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF
December 2022.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, CMC
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE
LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the State of South Carolina received a \$600 million settlement as result of litigation against the U.S. Department of Energy related to plutonium located at the Savannah River Site (SRS); and

WHEREAS, in July 2022, the State FY 2022-23 Appropriations Act, proviso 118.19 (72) appropriated the litigation settlement funds to various projects and entities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta was allocated funding for the following projects: 1) Regional Solid Waste Transfer Station – \$2,000,000; 2) Cyber Initiative Infrastructure Investment to Complement Fort Gordon Army Cyber Command and Georgia Cyber Command - \$15,000,000; 3) New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam Redevelopment - \$20,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the State Executive Budget Office is responsible for the disbursement of the litigation settlement funds; and

WHEREAS, prior to the disbursal of funds, counties in which the projects are located must submit written requests for funds, which are reviewed and approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) and the legislative delegation representing that county; and

WHEREAS, in October 2022, the City submitted to Aiken County its written requests for funds for all three projects and awaits review and approval by the JBRC; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates funding will be disbursed for all three projects in the coming months.

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 allocations from litigation settlement funds will be designated to Fund 36- Savannah River Settlement Appropriations Act until such time expenditures are made in accordance with State guidance and Council approval.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-56
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF CITY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
THROUGH THE USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 FUNDS

WHEREAS, The City has an approved 2022 annual municipal budget which is in effect from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

WHEREAS, City staff have identified a number of needed City facility improvements to include, but not limited to:

1. The addition of flagpoles at the municipal center
2. The repair or replacement of municipal center elevator flooring
3. Audio/Visual repairs to the Palmetto Terrace and Council Conference Room
4. Flooring repairs in the municipal center
5. Fire Station 2 furniture and flooring replacement
6. Activities Center improvements

WHEREAS, the City would receive pricing through the approved procurement code for such improvements.

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. The City Administrator is hereby directed to take all steps necessary to implement as many facility improvements at his discretion as is provided for in this resolution
2. Expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 of Fiscal Year 2022 General Funds from the Administration Contingency Fund are approved for the purpose of city facility improvements.
3. Any unspent funds as of December 31, 2022 shall be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund and reserved for the uses stated above.

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

Britton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57
AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO
SUPPORT A PROJECT SUBMITTED UNDER THE UNDISCOVERED SOUTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Undiscovered South Carolina Grant Program, funding assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of the Sharon Jones Amphitheater Expansion Project; and

WHEREAS, Parks, Recreation & Tourism believes that this project meets the stated criteria for grant funding under the terms established by the State of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department (SCPRT), and any funding received from SCPRT will be used for the implementation of the referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta acknowledges that SCPRT grants, if approved, will be paid on a reimbursement basis, meaning that the City may request payment only after eligible and allowable costs have already been paid and remitted to vendors; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the site and intends to improve the project area for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, any funds received from the SCPRT will be used for the sole purpose stated in the City's grant applications to SCPRT; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution becomes a part of a formal application to SCPRT,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, that:

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism or his designee, is hereby authorized to submit applications for and on behalf of the City of North Augusta, in such counterparts as are necessary, to the State of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department, for financial assistance in the amount set forth in the "Grant Request" column below:

Proposed Projects	SCPRT Program Category	Grant Request	Match	Total
Sharon Jones Amphitheater Expansion	Undiscovered SC	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000

The \$150,000 of SCPRT Undiscovered Grant requires a dollar for dollar match.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20
AN ORDINANCE TO PARTNER WITH THE AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF
REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT A PORTION OF THE
2023 CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Laws of South Carolina, and Ordinance No. 2022-16 adopted October 17, 2022, the City of North Augusta will hold an election on April 25, 2023 to elect three City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to partner with the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections to conduct a portion of the election; and

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. The City Administrator is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections. Under the terms of the agreement, the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections will provide:
 - a. Staffing of polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, April 25, 2023
 - b. Delivery, set-up, maintenance, and removal of voting machines
 - c. Absentee and provisional ballots; seals, forms, and supplies
 - d. Poll workers and support staff
- II. The Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections has estimated the election costs and expenses to be \$9424.69, see Exhibit A.
- III. The Council approves payment of this amount from the City Council Professional Services account.
- 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 DECEMBER, 2022.

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
City Of North Augusta General Election April 25, 2023

Estimated Cost	Cost	Quantity	Total
8 Polling Locations			
Absentee Ballot Mail Out	\$1.75	42	73.50
Emergency /Provisional/Failsafe	30	760	228.00
Test Ballots	40	40	16.00
Tax		19.52	19.52
		337.02	337.02
Pull Tite Seals	0.1995	150	29.93
Tamper evident labels	0.3495	50	17.47
Subtotal		47.40	47.4
1 Polling Location Technician	\$150.00	1	150.00
Mileage for Polling Location Technician	0.625	50	31.25
Mileage for 1 Commissioner	0.625	50	31.25
Clerks Election Day	75	8	600.00
Clerk Drop Pickup and Dropoff Equipment	60	8	480.00
Election Day Poll Workers	75	40	3,000.00
Election Day Training Poll Clerks and Workers	60	48	2,880.00
Subtotal		7,172.50	7,172.5
Election Day Base	6:30 AM	until 8:00pm	
Excutive Director	\$33.19	13hr	431.47
Assistant Director	\$25.05	13hr	325.65
Election Tech	\$15.50	13hr	201.50
Clerk III	\$16.56	13hr	215.28
		1,173.90	1,173.90
26" Uhaul rental,delivery , pickup mileage and fees, tax		278.29	278.29
2 Drivers Dropoff Tuesday Pickup Wednesday	\$100	4	400.00
2 Loaders	\$100.00	4	400.00
Subtotal		800	800
Total			\$ 9,424.69

City of North Augusta City Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting Schedule and Notice

January 2023 through December 2023



Pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws §30-4-80(a), notice is hereby given to the members of the North Augusta City Council and to the general public that the North Augusta City Council will hold meetings open to the public on the following dates and times. A copy of the agenda for each meeting will be available at least 24 hours in advance in the City Clerk's Office, at 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina. A notice of each meeting will be sent by email to the current maintained "Agenda Mail Out" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meetings will also be posted by the outside doors of the Municipal Center, on the main bulletin board located on the first floor of the Municipal Center, and on the website at www.northaugusta.net/government/council-meetings-agendas. For questions or further information, please contact the City Clerk at (803) 441-4202 or email to jpaul@northaugustasc.gov.

Unless otherwise noted, regular City Council meetings listed below are to be held the first and third Mondays of each month on the third floor of the Municipal Center at 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina.

January 2023

- 02 (No meeting will be held in observance of New Year's Day)
- 09 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 16 (No meeting will be held in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 23 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Special Called Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 30 Study Session at 6:00 pm

February 2023

- 06 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 20 (No meeting will be held in observance of Presidents' Day)
- 27 Study Session at 6:00 pm

March 2023

- 06 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 13 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 20 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

April 2023

- 03 (No meeting will be held due to Masters Golf Tournament)
- 10 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 17 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 24 Study Session at 6:00 pm

May 2023

- 01 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 08 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 15 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 22 Study Session at 6:00 pm

June 2023

- 05 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 12 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 19 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

July 2023

- 03 (No meeting will be held in observance of Independence Day Holiday)
- 10 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 17 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 31 Study Session at 6:00 pm

August 2023

- 07 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 14 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 21 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

September 2023

- 04 (No meeting will be held in observance of the Labor Day Holiday)
- 11 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 18 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 25 Study Session at 6:00 pm

October 2023

- 02 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 09 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 16 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 30 Study Session at 6:00 pm

November 2023

- 06 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 13 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 20 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 27 Study Session at 6:00 pm

December 2023

- 04 Public Power Hour at 5:30 pm and Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- 11 Study Session at 6:00 pm
- 18 Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

Please note: Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Special Called Meeting notices will be given in the same manner as regular meetings. To verify meeting dates and times, contact the City Clerk's Office at (803) 441-4202 or visit www.northaugusta.net/government/council-meetings-agendas.