



DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR JULY 17, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jim Clifford, City Administrator
DATE: July 14, 2023
SUBJECT: Regular City Council Meeting of July 17, 2023

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM 5. PROCLAMATIONS:

a. Parks and Recreation Month – July 2023

Mayor Williams will recognize the above proclamation.

Please see ATTACHMENT #'s 5a for a copy of the proclamation.

ITEM 6. PERSONNEL: Captain Joseph Anthony Count, Jr., Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

Mayor Williams will recognize the retirement of Captain Joseph Anthony Count, Jr. and his service to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2023-14 to Approve the General Development Plan for the 44.52+ Acre River Commons Planned Development on the West Side of Knox Avenue Between Martintown Road and Lecompte Avenue – First Reading

An ordinance has been prepared for Council's consideration to approve the General Development Plan for the 44.52+ Acre River Commons Planned Development on the West Side of Knox Avenue Between Martintown Road and Lecompte Avenue.

Please see ATTACHMENT #7 for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

ITEM 8. PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM: Resolution No. 2023-22 Authorizing Proceeds from the 2023 North Augusta vs. Harlem Baseball Game at SRP Park to be Used to Purchase New Portable Pitching Mounds at Riverview Park

An ordinance has been prepared for Council's consideration to approve Authorizing Proceeds from the 2023 North Augusta vs. Harlem Baseball Game at SRP Park to be Used to Purchase New Portable Pitching Mounds at Riverview Park.

Please see ATTACHMENT #8 for a copy of the proposed resolution.

ITEM 9. PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution No. 2023-23 Accepting a School Resource Officer Program Grant from the State of South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs and Authorizing Advancement of Funds for Reimbursable Expenditures Related Thereto

A resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration to approve Accepting a School Resource Officer Program Grant from the State of South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs and Authorizing Advancement of Funds for Reimbursable Expenditures Related Thereto.

Please see ATTACHMENT #9 for a copy of the proposed resolution.

ITEM 10. PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM: Resolution No. 2023-24 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Capital Project Funds for Calhoun Park Improvements

A resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration to approve Authorizing Expenditure of Capital Project Funds for Calhoun Park Improvements.

Please see ATTACHMENT #10 for a copy of the proposed resolution.

ITEM 11. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2023-25 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 6

A resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration to approve Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 6.

Please see ATTACHMENT #11 for a copy of the proposed resolution.



PROCLAMATION

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including North Augusta, South Carolina; and*

***WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and*

***WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of North Augusta Parks and Recreation Department laid the foundation of fundamentals and sportsmanship in our youth who joined seven North Augusta High School Varsity sports teams- Boys Football, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Boys Baseball, Boys Soccer, Boys Golf, Girls Softball, and 3 members of the Boys Track and Field team- to compete in 2023 Class 4A State Playoffs with the Girls Basketball team and the Boys Golf team bringing home State Championships; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of North Augusta recognizes the many benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina that July 2023 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the city of North Augusta.*

***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 17th day of July, 2023.*

*Briton S. Williams, Mayor
City of North Augusta*

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-14
TO APPROVE THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
FOR THE 44.52+ ACRE RIVER COMMONS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
ON THE WEST SIDE OF KNOX AVENUE BETWEEN MARTINTOWN ROAD
AND LECOMPTE AVENUE

WHEREAS, within the guidelines of the North Augusta Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance, a General Development Plan for property within a designated Planned Development zone (PD) requires Planning Commission review and subsequent recommendation to City Council for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, an application has been received from Hull Storey Retail Group, LLC. requesting approval for a General Development Plan for a tract of land zoned Planned Development (PD) containing 44.52± acres located on the west side of Knox Avenue between Martintown Road and LeCompte Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the developer, Hull Storey Retail Group, LLC, of Augusta, Georgia proposes a retail shopping development on nine parcels in two phases; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Planning Commission, at its November 18 2004, regular meetings, reviewed the subject application and voted to recommend that City Council approve the General Development Plan for the 44.52± acre River Commons Planned Development formerly referred to as the Knox Avenue Planned Development; and

WHEREAS, an application has been received from H/S Nauglo, LLC requesting approval for a major modification to the River Commons General Development Plan to allow automobile service and repair uses; and

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Planning Commission, at its June 21, 2023 regular meeting reviewed the subject application and voted to recommend that City Council approve the General Development Plan modification for the 44.52± acre River Commons Planned Development; 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 General Development Plan for the 44.52± acre River Commons Planned Development is hereby approved as outlined below and as shown on the attached plan map and identified as "Exhibit A" as prepared by Freeland & Kauffman Inc., dated October 12, 2004. The General Development Plan Narrative for the Knox Avenue Planned Development as prepared by Hull Storey Retail Group, LLC and dated October 13, 2004 is also attached hereto as "Exhibit B". "Exhibit B" represents the intent of Hull Storey Retail Group, LLC and addresses the requirements of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance for a Planned Development.

A. Scope of Development: The scope of development described in the General Development Plan for the River Commons Planned Development and described herein shall be the maximum level of development allowed. The land uses permitted in the River Commons Planned Development shall be limited to those described in this ordinance.

1. Minor Modifications: Minor modifications to the development plan and program for valid land use planning and reasonable development reasons, i.e. mix of uses, number and location of buildings, development schedule, setbacks, parking, and landscaping, etc., may be approved by the Planning Commission at the time of subdivision approval for any portion of a phase or site plan approval for an individual parcel.
2. Flex Intensity: Up to five (5%) percent of the total commercial square footage allocated to a parcel may be deducted from the total permitted for that parcel and redistributed to one or more other parcels. Additionally, any portion of the flexible intensity identified below may be distributed to any parcel. Provided, however, that the total intensity of a recipient parcel as described below may not be increased by more than twenty (20%) percent.

B. Development Program:

Parcel	Permitted Uses	Area in Acres	Maximum Intensity (Building Area in sq. ft.)
1	Home Improvement	18.04	157,000
2	Retail, Financial, Restaurant	2.23	15,000
3	Restaurant, Retail, Office	0.96	3,600
4	Retail, Financial, Restaurant, Office	1.23	8,000
5	Restaurant, Office	1.90	7,000
6	Retail, Financial, Office	0.96	3,600
7	Retail, Financial, Office	0.99	4,000
8	Retail, Financial, Office, Restaurant	5.09	35,000
9	Retail, Automobile Repair and Service	10.03	97,000
	Flexible Intensity	NA	33,300
10	Roadway to be dedicated to the city	<u>2.25</u>	<u>NA</u>
	Totals	44.52	366,500

C. Parking Requirements: The minimum parking ratio shall be 3.33 spaces per 1,000 gross square feet of building for all uses except restaurants which require 4.0 spaces per 1,000 gross square feet. Shared parking calculations within and between parcels will be considered and are encouraged.

D. Development Standards: Development standards applicable to individual parcel site plans shall be as specified in the C-3, General Commercial, District, except as provided for in this section and in other sections of this ordinance:

1. All setback lines shall be measured from the property line, buffer line or parcel line, whichever provides for the greater setback.
 2. The impervious surface area for any one parcel shall not exceed 80%. The overall impervious surface area for the project is limited to 60%.
 3. The maximum height shall be 50 feet.
- E. Plan Approval Process: Subsequent to the adoption of this ordinance the following plan approval steps shall be required in the order listed prior to the issuance of any building permits.
1. Preliminary Plat - Preliminary plats for each phase will be processed and reviewed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance.
 2. Final Plat - Final plats including minor plats for sections for each phase will be processed and reviewed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance and the approved preliminary plat.
 3. Site Plan - Site Plans for individual parcels delineated in a final plat for any portion of a tract will be processed and reviewed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance and this ordinance.
- F. Utilities: Water and sewer tap fees for each parcel shall be determined in accordance with the City Code provisions related to utility extensions.
- G. Land Dedication: Land dedicated to the City in conjunction with the development will include road rights-of-way and utility easements in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance.
- H. Vehicular Access and Circulation: Primary access to the Knox Planned Development shall be via Knox Avenue. Secondary access points will be located on Knox Avenue and Martintown Road.
- I. Buffers and Landscaping: Landscaped buffers, site landscaping and parking lot landscaping shall be provided in the development as described herein. Landscaping and buffer requirements and standards applicable to each Phase and parcel in the development and not otherwise prescribed in this ordinance shall be as provided for in the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance. All buffers shall be landscaped with existing natural vegetation or new plant material or both to create a visually impenetrable screen. Title to the required buffers shall be retained by a property owners association or deed-restricted to prevent a change of use. Minimum buffer

requirements between tracts and uses are shown on the general development plan and described herein.

J. Applicable Standards for Review: The information contained in the General Development Plan shall supplement the provisions of this ordinance and shall be used in the review of subdivision and site plans for projects within The River Commons. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and the content of the General Development Plan, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail. General design criteria and development standards (parking, landscaping, etc.) applicable to each phase of the development and not otherwise prescribed in the General Development Plan or this ordinance shall be as provided for in the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance.

K. Additional Provisions: Additional conditions applicable to the development are:

1. Prior to or in conjunction with the approval of the site plan for parcel 1, phase 1 (Lowe's), a minor plat shall be processed to subdivide phase 1 from the parent tract.
2. The ±0.49 acre residual tract located on the southwest corner of the parent parcel (fronting on Martintown Road) is not a part of the general development plan and shall be subdivided from the parent parcel in the phase 1 minor plat. The portion of the internal access road to be dedicated to the city upon completion and connected to Knox Avenue in two locations and providing required access to Phase 1 shall be included in the minor subdivision plat.
3. The Thurmond parcel on Martintown Road, TPN 10-038-0-01-003, is not a part of the general development plan. However, the access provided to phase 1 across the property is a required element of the general development plan and shall be shown on the plan.
4. The access to Martintown Road at the Jersey Avenue location, a required element of the general development plan, shall be installed in conjunction with phase 1. The developer shall be responsible for the cost of the improvements associated with the Martintown Road/Jersey Avenue intersection. A signalized, full turning movement intersection at that location will be pursued and supported by the city in cooperation with the developer and Lowe's. Traffic circulation through parcel 1 shall be provided to provide adequate circulation from Martintown Road to parcels 2 through 9.
5. The internal access road to be dedicated to the city and connected to Knox Avenue in two locations shall be identified on the minor subdivision plat as providing access to phase 1 and as a future road dedication to the city upon completion of phase 2.

6. A cross access easement across the Thurmond parcel and parcel 1 from Martintown Road to the internal access road shall be provided as part of the covenants and restrictions on the development and shall apply to all nine parcels planned in the project and the Thurmond parcel. Such cross access shall be approved by the city prior to execution of documents related to the covenants and restrictions and prior to the sale of any parcel to an end user. Traffic circulation through parcel 1 shall be designed to provide adequate circulation from Martintown Road to parcels 2 through 9. It is the intent of the city that the Martintown Road access to the development remains open and accessible to all of the parcels in the project at all times. Such cross access agreement may be terminated at such time that the 45-acre project is redeveloped in its entirety or the city agrees to the termination of the cross access agreement.
7. Access to the cross access easement on the Thurmond parcel from any parcel other than the development across parcel 1 and Martintown Road shall be at the discretion of the developer/owner of the Thurmond parcel. However, if any additional access is approved by the owner, the location and design of such access shall be subject to approval by the city.
8. It is possible that parcels 2 through 9 will be developed in more than one phase. Phases consisting of less than the remaining 8 parcels may be developed pursuant to properly designed and approved preliminary plats. Phases subsequent to phase 1 shall conform to the general development plan, however, individual parcel sizes and proposed lot lines may be changed to reflect the needs of ultimate users, existing terrain and grading requirements. Segments or all of the remainder of the access road to be dedicated to the city shall be improved as necessary to provide access to parcels developed in each phase.
9. Proposed or anticipated covenants and deed restrictions on the parcels to be sold, property management arrangements for leased areas and the management of common areas shall be described in accordance with the approved conditions on the General Development Plan and provided in conjunction with the plat submission for each phase.
10. The number and location of exterior access points, full turning intersections, right-in/right-out access points or other limited movement access points, and internal access points to individual parcels from the internal access road to be dedicated to the city shall be reviewed by the city's traffic engineer, SRS Engineering. Exterior access points shall be developed generally as shown. Preliminary interior locations of the access points are shown on the general development plan. Necessary modifications to the location of access points to individual parcels shall be made at the time of site plan

consideration for each parcel. Shared access points shall be encouraged and expected wherever possible and practicable.

11. Off site traffic improvements including the modifications to the primary access intersection on Knox Avenue, modifications to the medians in Knox Avenue, construction of the signalized intersection on Martintown Road at Jersey Avenue, installation of deceleration lanes and others shall be the responsibility of the developer. Implementation of required off site traffic improvements may coincide with the construction of the phase or parcel generating the need for the off site improvement.
12. Signal and intersection improvements at the existing Wal-Mart entrance and on Martintown Road and Jersey Avenue will be the responsibility of the developer to meet the traffic requirements identified by SRS Engineering and required by SCDOT. Signal standards at both locations including poles and mast arms shall be in the style utilized at the Knox Avenue access to Wal-Mart in accordance with city policy.
13. The internal access road to be dedicated to the city will not be considered for acceptance by the city council until both phases 1 and 2 have been fully subdivided as shown on the general development plan and the Planning Commission has approved final plats. Final plat and deed of dedication procedures shall be as provided for in the Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance.
14. The fifty (50) foot buffer shown adjacent to the Ridgecrest Avenue and Martintown Road residences and the west side of the Woodvale condominiums and Plaza Terrace apartments shall be retained in an undisturbed state with existing vegetation to the extent possible. Any existing vegetation removed shall be replaced with appropriate plant material that will provide a visual barrier within a period of three years. Twenty-five (25) feet of the buffer adjacent to Ridgecrest Avenue and Martintown Road residences can not be sloped and all existing vegetation will be undisturbed to the extent possible.
15. The twenty-five (25) foot buffer on the balance of the perimeter of the site, with the exception of the Knox Avenue frontage, shall be retained in an undisturbed state with existing vegetation to the extent possible. Any existing vegetation removed shall be replaced with appropriate plant material that will provide a visual barrier within a period of three years.
16. The twenty-five (25) foot landscaped buffer required in the Highway Corridor Overlay District, the Knox Avenue frontage, shall be measured from the curb line in the final build-out scenario. Where off-site deceleration lanes or other road improvements are required

that may modify the existing curblines, the buffer shall be measured from the back of the new curblines. Existing trees in excess of eight (8") inches in diameter shall be identified, and where appropriate and feasible, retained. Additional vegetation in accordance with an approved landscape plan pursuant to the Highway Corridor Overlay District requirements shall be installed.

17. Individual buffer specific landscape plans shall be developed and submitted with the applicable parcel site plan that shows the location of the retaining wall and new slopes within the buffer details how the buffer and retaining wall will be treated. Such landscape plans shall include any necessary or proposed fencing as well as landscape material.
18. Fencing shall be provided within the buffers located on or near the property lines between the commercial and residential uses where applicable as determined by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall approve the height and style of the fence at the site plan stage. The fence shall be no less than five (5) feet in height. Fencing may be vinyl coated black chain link, which shall be planted at the base with a climbing vine or jasmine to provide a vegetated fence. Alternatively, a solid fence made of wood, vinyl, metal, or masonry may be constructed.
19. Landscaping and irrigation within the Knox Avenue median shall be repaired and replaced within the reconfigured medians after the reconstruction of the median to provide for necessary turn lanes.
20. Any new sidewalk necessary along the Knox Avenue right-of-way must be six (6) feet in width shall be installed no closer than six (6) feet from the back of the relocated curb. The sidewalk may meander through the length of the buffer strip between existing and newly installed trees and landscaping. The buffer shall be planted with an appropriate species of street tree with a minimum caliper of three (3) inches on no more than forty (40) foot centers. It is understood that segments of the Knox Avenue buffer will include retaining walls running generally parallel to Knox Avenue. The design of the buffer shall consider the relationship and location of the trees, sidewalk and retaining wall in order to maintain a consistent and continuous tree line and sidewalk.
21. The access roadway connecting Martintown Road across the Thurmond parcel and Parcel I shall include a five (5) foot sidewalk on at least one side and street trees on one side on the Thurmond parcel and both sides on parcel 1. The street tree planting strip shall be no less than five feet in width.

22. Vehicular cross-access shall be provided between all parcels, where possible and permitted by differences in grade.
23. The interior access road shall include a six (6) foot sidewalk and five (5) foot planting strip between the back of the curb and the sidewalk on both sides for the entire length of the road. An appropriate species of street tree shall be planted on no more than forty (40) foot centers in the planting strip.
24. Pedestrian walkways consisting of five (5) foot sidewalks shall be provided between all adjacent parcels. Where grade differences require, stairs or steps shall be installed.
25. Pedestrian connections (five foot sidewalks) linking the project to Knox Avenue at the primary two right-in, right-out access drives and Summerhill Road shall be provided.
26. Cross access sidewalks between all structures and parcels within the development shall provide internal pedestrian circulation.
27. Pedestrian crossings of all roads, driveways, and internal circulation ways, both public and private, shall be treated with a differentiating pavement treatment.
28. Parking ratios for each parcel in the project shall be no less than 3.33 per thousand square feet. The maximum parking ratio permitted for all uses except restaurant shall be 4.0 per thousand square feet. The maximum parking ratio for restaurants shall not exceed 6.0 per thousand square feet.
29. Shared parking within and between parcels will be considered and is encouraged.
30. Any parking provided in excess of the maximum ratios shall be on an impervious surface approved by the Planning Commission at the site plan stage. Loose gravel and compacted crusher run will not be approved. Appropriate sod over a stabilized surface will be approved.
31. It is recognized that the structure to be developed on Parcel 1 will be approximately 150,000 square feet and will be located in the center of the parcel with a large area of parking between the structure and the Knox Avenue frontage. The front elevation of the structure shall be designed, to the extent possible, as a series of storefronts, or other facade modifications to reduce the big box look. Architectural treatments may include variations in the vertical plane, variations in the roofline, varying locations of windows and doors, installation of different awnings or canopies, and the use of arcades.

32. The structures to be developed on parcels 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Phase 2 shall be oriented toward Knox Avenue and shall be located as close as possible to the twenty five (25) foot landscape buffer. All of the buildings shall be designed to the same front setback; however, a drive aisle and one row of parking will be permitted between any building and the twenty five (25) foot landscape buffer.
33. The structures to be developed on parcels 6, 7, and 8 in Phase 2 shall be oriented toward the internal access road and developed with the same front setback to the extent possible.
34. The structure or structures developed on Parcel 9 may be oriented to Knox Avenue or to the interior access road. If the primary orientation of the development on Parcel 9 is toward the interior access road then the Knox Avenue frontage shall be aligned with the front setbacks of the structures on Parcels 2, 3, 4 and 5 and shall be designed with variations in the elevation to appear as series of storefronts rather than a blank wall. Architectural treatments may include variations in the vertical plane, variations in the roofline, varying locations of windows and doors, installation of different awnings or canopies, and the use of arcades.
35. The side setbacks on the parcels in phase 2 may be zero on lot lines interior to the project where the structures on two or more parcels are constructed immediately adjacent to each other (with a common wall).
36. The impervious surface area for any one parcel shall not exceed eighty (80%) percent. The overall impervious surface area for the project shall not exceed sixty (60%) percent.
37. The detention area shall be fenced for safety and landscaped to shield the fencing, rip rap, and drainage structures. Black vinyl clad chain link fence shall be installed below the upper edge of each detention area in a manner as to be obscured by the landscaping on top of the detention area or both.
38. Parking lot landscaping shall be designed to maximize the impervious surface area within the parking area and provide for no less than one tree for every ten spaces. Additionally, the parking lot shall be landscaped to provide that no parking space shall be located more than sixty (60) feet from a landscaped island measured from the closet point on the parking space. No landscaped island shall be less than three hundred (300) square feet in size.
39. Each structure developed shall be provided with foundation/perimeter landscaping between the structure and access drives and sidewalks (excluding loading areas). Landscaping material installed along walls that include fenestration shall be maintained at a height below

windows. Landscaping along walls with no fenestration shall be selected and maintained to screen large expanses of blank wall.

40. Mechanical equipment located adjacent to buildings shall be screened from public view.
41. Area and parking lot lighting shall be kept to as low a height as possible and screened or shielded from adjacent residential areas to avoid illumination of and glare onto residential property. Exterior lighting details shall be included with each site plan application, including a description of the lighting levels during business versus non-business hours.
42. Outdoor display and sale of merchandise is prohibited on any parcel within the development. However, an outdoor merchandise display and sales area associated with retail or any other use may be approved by the Planning Commission as part of a site plan.
43. Overnight or extended parking of tractors, trailers, or railroad/truck shipping containers shall be confined to areas behind buildings and designated on approved site plans. No tractor, trailer, container, or recreational vehicle parking shall be permitted on or in any parking area, circulation corridor or outdoor sales and display area.
44. Excessive noise associated with any use in the development including, loading, unloading, trash compaction, building maintenance, parking lot or landscaping maintenance or any other activity shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
45. The architectural design of structures shall be improved to provide finish masonry walls and traditional masonry detailing on all elevations unless waived by the Planning Commission at the site plan stage. Waivers may be approved for loading, maintenance, screened storage and other areas shielded from public view.
46. One freestanding sign shall be permitted for Phase 1 on parcel 1. It shall be located on the Knox Avenue frontage near the main entrance and shall advertise the center and the major tenants located on parcels 1, 6 & 7. The total size of the sign shall not exceed 100 square feet on each of two parallel sides. The overall height shall not exceed 25 feet. It may include interior lighting. The sign panels shall be darker in color than the lettering and graphics.
47. One freestanding sign shall be permitted on the Martintown Road frontage near the secondary entrance to parcel 1 and shall advertise the center and the major tenants. The total size of the sign shall not exceed 80 square feet on each of two parallel sides. The overall height

shall not exceed 15 feet. It may include interior lighting. The sign panels shall be darker in color than the lettering and graphics.

48. One freestanding sign shall be permitted for Phase 2 on parcel 9. It shall be located on the Knox Avenue frontage between the proposed right-in/right-out access and the access road full access non-signalized intersection. It shall advertise the center and the major tenants located on parcels 8 and 9. The total size of the sign shall not exceed 100 square feet on each of two parallel sides. The overall height shall not exceed 20 feet. It may include interior lighting. The sign panels shall be darker in color than the lettering and graphics.
 49. Wall signage shall be permitted as provided for in the ZDSO.
 50. One freestanding monument sign located on the Knox Avenue frontage shall be permitted for each of the four parcels in Phase 2 that front on Knox Avenue. Monument signs shall not exceed 100 square feet in size or 10 feet in height and may advertise only the business or businesses located on the parcel.
 51. One freestanding monument sign located on the frontage of the interior access road shall be permitted for each of the three parcels in Phase 2 that front on the interior access road. Monument signs shall not exceed 100 square feet in size or 10 feet in height and may advertise only the business or businesses located on the parcel.
 52. The developer of each parcel shall provide a maintenance guarantee supported by a letter of credit for the site landscaping on the subject parcel after the landscaping is complete but prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Such maintenance guarantee and letter of credit shall be valid for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date of the final certificate of occupancy and shall equal 20% of the cost of the installed landscaping as determined by the city.
- ii. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
 - iii. 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
AUGUST, 2023.

First Reading_____

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

Second Reading_____

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22
AUTHORIZING PROCEEDS FROM THE 2023 NORTH AUGUSTA VS. HARLEM
BASEBALL GAME AT SRP PARK TO BE USED TO PURCHASE
NEW PORTABLE PITCHING MOUNDS AT RIVERVIEW PARK

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, the City of North Augusta used one of its five dates at SRP Park to host the North Augusta High School vs. Harlem High School baseball game; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta received a check from GreenJackets Baseball for net proceeds from the game totaling \$6,388.68 with funds deposited to the Capital Projects Fund; and

WHEREAS, Riverview Park is utilized by North Augusta High School for baseball and softball as well as the City's recreational programs and are in need of new portable pitching mounds to continue appropriate safety measures at the park; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta and North Augusta High School are in agreement to use the net proceeds of \$6,388.68 for the purchase of new portable pitching mounds at Riverview Park and these funds will come from the Capital Projects Account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of North Augusta in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the City of North Augusta will purchase new portable pitching mounds at a price not to exceed \$6,388.68 for Riverview Park.

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

Briton Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23
ACCEPTING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE STATE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE
OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING
ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES
RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is authorized by the South Carolina Appropriation Act (Act) which provides that state funds appropriated for SROs in the Act shall be utilized for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a SRO for school districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta (City) applied for and was awarded a State SRO Program Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) to provide for continued funding for one existing SRO. Funding is also being provided for four new SROs. This funding will allow public middle schools and elementary schools within the City to have one full time SRO each; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget for 07/01/2023-6/30/2024 includes reimbursement for personnel salaries, travel, vehicle and related equipment, uniforms, and other related accessories totaling \$779,984; and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement from the City for this program and it is anticipated that the City will continue to apply on an annual basis for the SRO program grant for the fiscal year periods July 1st through June 30th to maintain a full time SRO at each middle and elementary school in the City.

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 the City Administrator and Chief for the Department of Public Safety are authorized to execute any and all documents required by OHSJP for the purpose of accepting such grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reimbursable expenditures as identified in the grant budget are authorized to be advanced from the Department of Public Safety's operating budget in the General Fund with grant proceeds to be deposited into the General Fund grant revenue account.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR
CALHOUN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 2019-10 appointing members of a committee to evaluate options for an additional display in John C. Calhoun park; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020 the Calhoun Park Committee presented their recommendations to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the FY 2021 Annual Municipal Budget which included \$20,000 for Calhoun Park Improvements in the Capital Projects Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Park Committee has agreed upon language for educational panels in John C. Calhoun Park;

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 \$20,000 of Capital Project funds is approved for the procurement and installation of three interpretive educational panels in John C. Calhoun Park with the approved language listed in Appendix A.
2. Any funds not spent on the panels will be made available for improvements to John C. Calhoun Park.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk

APPENDIX A

Language for three interpretive historical panels

Panel 1:

After the Civil War, the nearby Town of Hamburg, SC became a town where free blacks and freed slaves settled. Important local government positions were held by African-American leaders from the Town of Hamburg. The most notable were Prince Rivers, Samuel Lee, and John Gardner.

The 1868 South Carolina elections produced the first majority black state legislature in U.S. history. A new South Carolina constitution was drafted. Aiken County was formed from parts of Edgefield, Lexington, Barnwell, and Orangeburg counties. It was the only county formed in South Carolina during the Reconstruction Era (1865- 1877). March 10, 1871 is celebrated as Founders Day in Aiken County.

Panel 2:

The Hamburg Massacre occurred nearby on July 8, 1876. A gun battle occurred between about 200 men from local rifle clubs and African-Americans serving in Company A, Ninth Regiment of the South Carolina National Guard and others barricaded in a warehouse. Seven African-Americans were killed, four of whom were executed. The Black casualties were First Lieutenant Allen Attaway, Corporal Nelder John Parker, James Cook, David Phillips, Albert Myniart, Moses Parks, and Hampton Stephens. The sole white casualty was Thomas McKie Meriwether.

The Hamburg Massacre was a historic event in our Nation' s history. It became a key issue in the disputed presidential election of 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J Tilden. The Electoral College votes from South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana were contested, and ultimately a special Congressional committee awarded all the contested votes to Hayes, enough to swing the Electoral College to him.

Known as the Compromise of 1877, this agreement led to the removal of Northern soldiers from the South, allowing white Southerners to successfully deny African-Americans their rights. This bargain between Southern Democrats and the Republicans brought Reconstruction to an end by ending The Northern occupation of the South.

Panel 3:

In 1914, the S. C. Legislature passed a bill authorizing \$400 for a headstone on the grave of Thomas McKie Meriwether. A 1915 amendment authorized placing the monument within the town of North Augusta. Local leaders chose this prominent location as the site for the monument. Private funds supplemented the funds authorized by the S.C. Legislature. The monument was dedicated February 16, 1916.

Inscriptions on the monument reflect attitudes of people during that period. Those words do not represent the attitudes of the people of North Augusta today. We are a community of people of different races and ethnic backgrounds, bonded together by unity and common rights of citizenship. We choose to learn from our past and ensure that North Augusta's future reflects a high standard for all of its citizens. The events and legacy of Hamburg do not define us.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL
FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS – EXPENDITURE REQUEST 6

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, City Council adopted Resolution 2022-53, which authorized Expenditure Request 4 totaling \$1,600,000 for several projects; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution 2023-17, which authorized Expenditure Request 5 totaling \$89,800 for one project; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Department has identified a need to replace the existing 1998 tanker truck and recommend a replacement tanker truck and equipment totaling \$450,000; and

WHEREAS, with this expenditure, \$1,275,652 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 \$450,000 of SLFRF funds is approved for procurement of a new tanker truck and associated firefighting equipment.
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 to procure the tanker truck and associated equipment.
4. Any monies not spent on this tanker truck and equipment will be made available in SLRF funds for future expenditures.

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

Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk