

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2023

*Briton S. Williams, Mayor*

*Jenafer F. McCauley, Councilmember – Mayor Pro Tem*

*David B. Buck, Councilmember*

*Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember*

*David W. McGhee, Councilmember*

*Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember*

*Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **STUDY SESSION**

The Study Session of August 14, 2023 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Briton S. Williams at 6:00 p.m. and also streamed online for public viewing at the City Facebook page: “City of North Augusta – Public Information” and City YouTube page: “City of North Augusta Public Information.”

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meetings was sent out by email to the current maintained “Agenda Mailout” list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meetings 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.

Members present were Mayor Williams, Councilmembers Buck, McCauley, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember Carpenter.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; James Sutton, Director of Public Services; Chief John Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Rick Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Thomas L. Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance, Kayla Ferguson, Manager of Human Resources; Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology; and Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

**ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Administrator Clifford led Council’s discussion of items for the August 21, 2023 regular meeting. **(See Attachment #1)**

Mr. Clifford stated that items number 5 & 6 on the Draft agenda will be removed and that a Deed of Dedication from the Planning & Development Department may be added to the agenda.

**ITEM 2. DEPARTMENT DETAILS:**

City department directors and managers provided departmental updates. **(See Attachment #2)**

**ITEM 3. MAYOR’S MATTERS:**

(A) FOCUS ITEM(S):

i. Draft Development Code Review – Second Review

Planning & Development Director Paradise updated Council on an updated path forward and section clarifications. **(See Attachment #3Ai)**

Discussion ensued relating to the draft development code on the following items:

- Section 3.4.2.2 on limitation on reconstruction of a nonconforming building and possibly adding an amount/percentage to trigger the limitation
- Section 4.12.1 Residential R-14 Large Lot Single Family District to possibly add acreage in parenthesis
- Pawnshops under the DTMU1 to possibly be prohibited
- Table 5.1 to possibly add food trucks as a conditional use in residential districts
- Section 6.3.5.2 to possibly allow chain link fencing that are not black vinyl clad

The development code and map can be downloaded through the following links:

Link to Proposed Development Code:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/0yau2re5kzfw0019qhpyf/North-Augusta-Development-Code-Final-Review-Draft-6.26.23.pdf?dl=0&rlkey=mtq9g5lc4kwjnbgmrfzbxg57q>

Link to Proposed Zoning Map:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6txk786vkq997xx/North%20Augusta%20Proposed%20Zoning%20Map%20.pdf?dl=0>

(B) Mayor Williams will share reflections and announcements related to current City events and opportunities

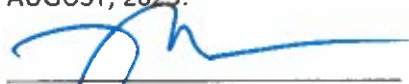
Administrator Clifford requested for direction on the boat dock potential re-bid and to strike the current bids. He clarified that the new bid would include the boat dock with the additions of the amphitheater additional seating, and bathrooms. He added that if the Council would like staff to do a new bid it would be sent out as a Request for Qualification (RFQ) versus a Request for Proposals (RFP). He noted that staff would come back to Council for funding and explained the RFQ process.

It was the consensus of the board to have staff proceed with an RFQ.

Mr. Clifford stated that the flags in front of the Municipal Building will be officially displayed on Thursday, September 17 at 5:00pm with a Flag Ceremony.

The Study Session adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
AUGUST, 2023.



Briton S. Williams  
Mayer

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul  
City Clerk



**DRAFT AGENDA: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers**

The Regular City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

*CITIZEN COMMENTS: Citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council on each item listed on this agenda. The Mayor will call for comments prior to Council’s discussion. Speakers shall give their name and address in an audible tone of voice. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza at the entrance for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

*CITIZEN ASSISTANCE: Individuals needing special assistance or sign interpreter to participate in the meeting, please notify the Administration Department 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**3. ROLL CALL:**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- City Council Meeting minutes of August 7, 2023
- Study Session minutes of August 14, 2023

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2023-15 Adopting the North Augusta Development Code, Chapter 18 of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances, Providing for New Zoning and Land Development Regulations and Updating the City-Wide Zoning Map Accordingly – First Reading**

**6. ADMINISTRATION: Resolution No. 2023-32 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 8**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**8. PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

**A. Citizen Comments:** *At this time, citizens may speak to Mayor and City Council regarding matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers shall give their name and address for the records. Speaker Forms are provided on the credenza for speakers desiring that the minutes indicate that they addressed Council on a specific topic. The form will be included as part of the minutes of the meeting. Citizen comments are limited to five minutes.*

**B. Council Comments:**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

*for August 14, 2023*



### **FINANCE:**

- Cycle 1 Disconnect Dates – August 16th and August 17th
- Cycle 2 Due Date – August 18th

### **PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- Arbor Place & Various Areas Tree Limb Pruning
- Meriwether Drive Road Closure Wastewater Main Repair 08/21/2023
- Blue Bin Recycling

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- No Planning Commission Meeting

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Smart cop software data conversion in process. Go live date will be August 30th.
- Recent promotions: Jason Fox, Sergeant in Investigations and Melanie Chavous, School Resource Sergeant.

### **PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM:**

- Creighton Park grill
- Waters Edge Aluminum out of Plum Branch, SC has been contracted to fabricate and install a new bridge to the Villages at Riverview. Streets & Drains crew will install the footings for the bridge. Project timeline is approximately 6 weeks.
- Streets & Drains Crew took care of the demolition of existing concrete block dugouts at Riverview Park Fields 1 & 2 last week. PRT will be working on bids to secure a contractor to install new open-air dugouts.

### **ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Woodlawn Avenue Slope Failure
- Lake/W. Pine Grove Sinkhole
- 1711 Plank Road Demolition

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list
- SC Works Job Fair – Thursday, August 24 from 10am-1pm @ North Augusta Community Center  
(See Attachment #1)



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Center Program Coordinator – PRT**

Grade: 10

Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.90 - \$22.68

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Engineering Inspector – Engineering**

Grade: 13

Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.69 - \$26.03

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Firefighter – Public Safety**

Grade: 4

Salary/Pay Rate: \$13.31 - \$15.97/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Foreman – Sanitation**

Grade: 13

Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.69 - \$26.03

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Grounds Worker II – Property Maintenance**

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.17 - \$18.20/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Heavy Equipment Mechanic – Sanitation**

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.96 - \$21.56/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Laborer – Streets and Drains**

Grade: 4

Salary/Pay Rate: \$13.31 - \$15.97/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Public Safety Officer – Public Safety**

Grade: 15

Salary/Pay Rate: \$22.04 - \$26.45/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Trades Worker – Streets & Drains**

Grade: 8

Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.03 - \$20.44/hour

### **Vehicle Operator I – Sanitation**

Grade: 6

Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.17 - \$18.20/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

To apply and to see full job descriptions please visit [www.northaugustasc.gov/jobs](http://www.northaugustasc.gov/jobs). You may also contact Human Resources for more information at 803-442-5710 or [kferguson@northaugustasc.gov](mailto:kferguson@northaugustasc.gov).

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For program funding details in compliance with the Stevens Amendment, please visit [www.dew.sc.gov/funding](http://www.dew.sc.gov/funding)

ATTACHMENT #1  
**SC WORKS**

ATTACHMENT #2 Sign up for  
Page 3 of 3 SC Works

Online Services  
TODAY!

# JOB FAIR

*North Augusta*

**2023**

**Thursday, August 24th**

**10 am - 1 pm**

**North Augusta Community Center**

**495 Brookside Ave.**

**North Augusta, SC 29841**

Please Dress Professionally

Bring Resumes

Prepare to be Interviewed



Please use QR Code to register for Virtual Event.

**Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center, Right At Home, Manpower, SCDC, Eckerd Connects, Central States Manufacturing, BTD, Sam's Club, Rural Health Services, North Augusta Department of Public Safety, Aiken Department of Public Safety, DayBreak Adult Services, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Dominion Energy, Advanced Auto Parts, Aiken Regional Medical Centers, Shaw Industries, Compa Logistics, Cumbee Center, Kemper Life, Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, Zeus, Aiken Staffing/Job Shop and many more**

**SC WORKS CAREER COACH**  
Will Be Onsite!



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# **Development Code Update**

**August 14, 2023**

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**City Council Meeting**





## **Path Forward**

- **August 14<sup>th</sup> Second Study Session for Council Review and Discussion**
- **September 11<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing & Possible First Reading of Proposed Ordinance**
- **September 18<sup>th</sup> First or Second Reading of Ordinance**
- **October 2<sup>nd</sup> Second Reading of Ordinance.**

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## **City Council Meeting**



## Section 6-29-760

**No change in or departure from the text or maps as recommended by the local planning commission may be made pursuant to the hearing unless the change or departure be first submitted to the planning commission for review and recommendation.**

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## City Council Meeting



**Staff would recommend revising Section 18.8.5 to include the following sentence:**

**The BZA is authorized to grant a major waiver from the standards of this Article for provisions contained in Chapters 1,2,7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 19 only. Any deviation from chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 15,18 shall conform to the variance procedure.**

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**City Council Meeting**



# Questions

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**City Council Meeting**