

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

are held every first & third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 400 East Buena Vista Avenue. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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South Carolina's Riverfront

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CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX

Round 2

When Aiken County voters go to the polls this November they will have an opportunity to extend the Aiken County Capital Projects Sales Tax for another seven years. Passed for the first time in November 2000, the one-cent tax has funded an extensive list of improvement projects in North Augusta, the City of Aiken and Aiken County. North Augusta projects funded with the sales tax have included improvements at Summerfield Park, Walnut Lane Park and Riverview Park. Seventeen miles of city streets were repaved and one and a half miles of the Greenway along the riverfront will be completed this summer. Additionally, the successful street-scaping on Georgia Avenue will be extended to Buena Vista, Pine Grove, Spring Grove,

Jackson and West Avenues later this year.

Originally anticipated to extend the full five years, the Capital Projects Sales Tax will generate all of the revenues anticipated in less than five years. Accordingly, the Aiken County Council and the city councils of each municipality will offer voters the opportunity at the November general election to extend the tax and continue to implement public improvement projects. North Augusta projects proposed to be funded with the second round of Capital Projects Tax proceeds total \$19,350,000. The projects approved by the City Council for funding under round two of the one-cent Capital Projects Sales Tax are:

Priority	Project	Amount
1	Public Safety Fire Truck and Equipment	\$ 925,000
2	Public Safety Communications System Upgrade	550,000
3	Street Resurfacing Program (estimate – 2 miles per year)	1,120,000
4	Riverview Park Additions – Spraypool, Playground with Canopy, Scoring Tower 2, Restrooms, Meeting Rooms, Dressing Rooms and Main Concession Stands	2,570,000
5	Riverview Park Renovations – Upgrade Baseball and Softball Fields, Towers 1 and 3	1,550,000
6	Riverview Park Improvements – Traffic Circulation, Maintenance Facilities and Entrance Ways	690,000
7	Parks, Greenways and Open Space Land Purchase and Development	3,140,000
8	Public Safety Fire/Police Substation 3	750,000
9	Municipal Office Complex	5,000,000
10	Road Intersection Improvements – Five Notch Road at Pisgah, Celeste, Heil and Georgia Avenues	1,500,000
11	Cultural Arts and Historical Display Facility	500,000
12	Community Center Renovations	500,000
13	Road Intersection Improvement – Walnut Lane at US 25	75,000
14	Sidewalk Construction Program (estimate – 2 miles)	480,000
Total		\$19,350,000

PLANS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, TOWN CENTER, AND RIVERFRONT ROAD EXTENSIONS

Proceed Together

At its annual planning retreat, North Augusta Forward, held in May, the City Council and Planning Commission spent two days discussing a variety of issues related to the growth and development of North Augusta. The proposed new municipal complex and its role in the future development of the town center area of the downtown were topics of considerable interest and discussion.

The town center area is roughly centered on the 100 block of Bluff Avenue and is generally described as the area that extends from the Greenway on the south to Clifton Avenue on the north and from Georgia Avenue on the east to West Avenue on the west. Not all of the properties within that area are included in the redevelopment planning for the town center but many will be affected by the plans to create new street connections to the riverfront through the town center.

The riverfront road extensions project is currently under design by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). An extension of Georgia Avenue, preliminarily referred to as "Center Street", will be constructed to connect Bluff Avenue with the new Hammond's Ferry development. Secondary access roads into Hammond's Ferry include the extensions of West Avenue and Crystal Lake Drive. Construction is expected to commence in 2005. Crystal Lake Drive and the Georgia Avenue extension will be constructed first. West Avenue will be done later and will depend on the availability of construction funding.

The triangular parcel of land created by the new "Center Street," Georgia Avenue and the Greenway has been identified as a potential site for the new municipal complex. (Businesses that were formerly located on the triangular parcel include the Downtown Motel, Savannah River Art Glass and Wine World.)

A majority of the City Council believes that the triangular parcel may be an excellent location for the new city facility because of its visibility and accessibility. The council has requested the city's architects, The Boudreaux Group of Columbia, to continue the design process and to develop a "test fit" of a new building on the downtown site. The results of the work of The Boudreaux Group will be reviewed by the City Council later in the year.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY	911
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Non Emergency	279-2121
Administration	441-4251
Records/Court Services	441-4271
Investigations	441-4274
PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES	
Riverview Park Activities Center	441-4300
Activities Coordinator	441-4311
Community Center	441-4290
GENERAL SERVICES & FINANCE	
Taxes	441-4215
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing Services	441-4212
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor)	441-4214
Human Resources	441-4205
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS	
After-Hours Emergencies	279-2121
Engineering	441-4223
Building Standards	441-4227
Permits	441-4227
Business Licenses (Contractors)	441-4227
Animal Control	441-4227
Sanitation Services	441-4223
Sanitation - New Service	441-4219
Stormwater Management	441-4246
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
After-Hours Emergencies	279-2121
Utility - New Service/Disconnects	441-4219
Utility Billing	441-4212
Water and Sewer Repairs	441-4240
Streets and Drains Repairs	441-4240
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Economic Development	441-4221
Planning	441-4221
Zoning	441-4221
Code Compliance	441-4258
ADMINISTRATION	
Mayor	441-4202
City Administrator	441-4202
OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS	
North Augusta Chamber of Commerce	279-2323
Nancy Carson Library	279-5767
North Augusta Health Center	278-3621
Comcast (cable)	706-733-7712
S. C. Electric & Gas	442-2000
BellSouth	780-2355
S. C. Department of Transportation	1-800-442-1368
Magistrate	202-3580

PALMETTO PARKWAY

Opens



On June 22, 2004 Mayor Lark Jones presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first phase of the Palmetto Parkway, I-520 in South Carolina. More than one hundred people, including state and local elected officials from both South Carolina and Georgia, attended the ceremony to officially open the new interstate link between South Carolina and Georgia.

Interstate 520, known as the Bobby Jones Expressway on the Georgia side of the Savannah River, was completed to Laney-Walker Boulevard in August 1998. The newest section required two years to build and continues the road another three miles across the Savannah River to US 1/Aiken-Augusta Highway in North Augusta. The final phase of the project will carry the Palmetto Parkway another six miles from the US 1 interchange to I-20 near Exit 5, the US 25 interchange. When the project is completed the large truck traffic through North Augusta on Martintown Road, Knox Avenue and Edgefield Road will be dramatically reduced.