

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 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, Carpenter, McCauley, and McGhee (arrived at 6:05pm).

Members absent were Councilmembers Presnell and Toole.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Chief John Thomas, Director of Public Safety; 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 November 20, 2023 regular meeting. **(See Attachment #1)**

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. Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and Boat Dock Presentation

Administrator Clifford reviewed the background on the disbursements of SLFRF funds, current situation, Clay Street Pump Station, funding strategy, opportunity costs, and recommendations. **(See Attachment #3Ai)**

Discussion ensued relating to the Clay Street Pump Station and Boat Dock & Overlook projects and funding.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff move forward on the recommendation to fund the Clay Street Pump Station and Boat Dock & Overlook projects.

Administrator Clifford clarified that staff will bring back to Council resolutions regarding how the projects will be funded.

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

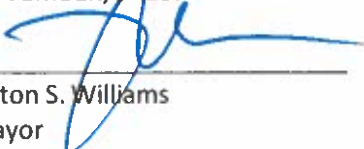
- Councilmember McCauley highlighted on the following:
 - Palmetto Peach Half Marathon, November 25 at SRP Park from 8:00am – 1:00pm

- Mayor Williams highlighted on the following:
 - Third Thursday Downtown – November 16 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
 - North Augusta Tree Lighting on November 28 from 5:00 – 7:00pm at John C. Calhoun Park
 - North Augusta Forward, Downtown Cocoa and Cookie Crawl on November 28 from 5:00 – 7:00pm
 - North Augusta Arbor Day tree planting on December 1 at 1:30pm at Hammond Ferry Dr
 - Tinseltown Forest, Downtown on December 2 from 11:00am – 8:00pm
 - North Augusta Christmas Parade by the Lion’s Club, Downtown on December 3 starting at 3:00pm

Mayor Williams announced that with the retiring of Chief John Thomas at the end of the year and that the City went through an extensive search for the Public Safety Director position. He stated that the new Public Safety Director will be Captain Junior Johnson who will start the first of the new year.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2023.



Briton S. Williams
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul
City Clerk



DRAFT AGENDA: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The Public Power Hour and Regular City Council meeting will be streamed for public viewing online at:

- “City of North Augusta – Public Information” on www.Facebook.com
- “City of North Augusta Public Information” on 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 November 6, 2023
 - Study Session minutes of November 13, 2023
5. **PROCLAMATIONS:**
 - a. Arbor Day, December 1, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

6. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-26 Authorizing and Implementing the Name Change for the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism to the Department of Parks and Recreation by Amending Article X of the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-230 – 2-236 – Second Reading
7. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-27 Establishing the Department of Human Resources – Second Reading
8. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-28 Establishing the Department of Information Technology – Second Reading
9. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-29 Establishing the Department of Tourism – Second Reading
10. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-30 Establishing the Office of Assistant City Administrator – Second Reading

11. **ADMINISTRATION:** Ordinance No. 2023-31 Establishing the Department of Public Services –
Second Reading
12. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
13. **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:**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

DEPARTMENT DETAILS*for November 13, 2023***FINANCE:**

- Cycle 1 Disconnect Dates – November 15 and 16
- Cycle 2 Due Date – November 17

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- Wando Woodlands Declined Tree Replacement
- Clay Street Pump Station Project

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- Planning Commission Meeting on November 15

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- The Response to Resistance Simulator, which is on loan to us from the SC Municipal center, will be at Station 2 until November 22.
- The 6th session of the Citizens Academy will have 10 graduate's tomorrow evening.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM:

- The Rotary Bowl football competition was rained out on Saturday and has been rescheduled for Monday-Thursday at Lions Field. The 2nd Annual Gridiron Classic will take place on Saturday at North Augusta High School Stadium. This event features the champions of 9-12-year-old leagues from North Augusta vs. the champions from Columbia County. Game times are 12pm for the 9-10-year-old and 2pm for the 11-12-year-old.
- Bridge to the Villages at Riverview
- Youth Basketball registration: November 1-20
- Christmas Tree lighting event: Tuesday, November 28, 5pm-6:30pm

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- Bluff Avenue Streetscape
- Neighborhood Detention Pond Maintenance
- River Falls/Martintown Road Utility Construction

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Communications Technician I – Public Safety

Grade: 9
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.96 - \$21.56
Closing Date: Until Filled

Firefighter – Public Safety

Grade: 4
Salary/Pay Rate: \$13.31 - \$15.97/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker II – PRT

Grade: 6
Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.17 - \$18.20/hour
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 Operator I – Streets & Drains

Grade: 9
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.96 - \$21.56
Closing Date: Until Filled

Meter Reader/Service Technician – Utilities

Grade: 9
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.96 - \$21.56
Closing Date: Until Filled

PT Center Coordinator – PRT

Grade: UN
Salary/Pay Rate: \$14.06/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
Closing Date: Until Filled

Utility Technician – Utilities

Grade: 9
Salary/Pay Rate: \$17.96 - \$21.56
Closing Date: Until Filled

Vehicle Operator I – Stormwater

Grade: 6
Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.17 - \$18.20/hour
Closing Date: Until Filled



North Augusta City Council *American Rescue Plan Information Brief*

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Background

- Council has approved the following disbursements:
 1. \$3,965,004 Waste Water Interceptors & Downtown Façade Grant
 2. \$3,123,632 Clay Street Pump Station
 3. \$1,367,000 Air & Light Truck, Employee Incentives, Greeneway Bridge, SMARTCOP, Trailer removal
 4. \$1,600,000 Stadium Improvement Fund, Mealing Tract SW, Pole Branch SW
 5. \$89,800 Athletic Field Lighting
 6. \$450,000 Public Safety Tanker Truck & Equipment
 7. \$50,000 Greeneway Improvements
 8. \$770,000 Finance Software

Current Situation:

- The City has outside funding which will require matches or City funding to complete the following projects:
 - Clay Street Pump Station RIA Grant \$500K
 - Waste Water Interceptors RIA Grant \$7,656,789
 - Boat Dock SC Water Craft fun \$350K
 - Amphitheater Seating SC PRT Grant \$150K
 - Amphitheater Bathroom SC PRT Grant \$265K

Remaining unobligated ARPA funds: \$2,519,568

Clay Street Pump Station

- City has received reporting from AECOM of three bids, lowest is \$4,677,770 – significantly higher than estimated
- This is not a project that can be phased – the City either chooses to move forward or decline the project
- Lead time for equipment is up to 1 year
- Staff will look at other funding options internally
- **Council needs to be prepared to absorb the total cost via ARPA**

Funding Strategy

- ARPA Request #9
 - Additional \$1.58M for Clay Street Pump Station
 - 1st phase of amphitheater project (boat dock & overlook) = \$600K
- ARPA Request #10
 - 2nd phase of amphitheater project = TBD (min cost = \$415K based on match requirements)
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) = TBD (RFP closes 1 Dec)
 - PRT Riverview Activities Center Chillers = TBD

Opportunity Costs

- Greenway Stormwater Project
- City Camera System
- Downtown – (potentially mitigated with other funding source)

City Staff Recommendations

- Request Council Guidance to fully fund Clay Street Pump Station along with Boat Dock & Overlook for an ARPA request not to exceed 2,180,000

(leaves minimum of \$339,568 unobligated)



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Discussion

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