

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2024

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 January 8, 2024 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, McGhee, Presnell, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember McCauley.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Chief Junior Johnson, Director of Public Safety; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning and Development; Rick Meyer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Karl Waldhauer, Manager of Tourism; 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 January 22, 2024 regular meeting. (See Attachment #1)

Attorney Zier suggested that item #6 be a withdrawal letter from the applicant versus a removal from the table. Planning & Development Director Paradise stated he will reach out to the applicant.

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. Swearing in of Chief Junior Johnson

Mayor Williams swore in Chief Junior Johnson as the Director of Public Safety. Chief Johnson stated he is looking forward to the opportunity in Public Safety and thanked everyone who came out to support him.

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

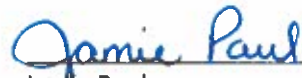
No announcements.

The Study Session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF
JANUARY, 2024.


Britton S. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Jenifer F. McCauley

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Paul
City Clerk



PUBLIC POWER HOUR

January 22, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

DRAFT AGENDA: CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

The Public Power Hour and Special Called 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:

- Regular City Council Meeting minutes of December 18, 2023
- Study Session minutes of January 8, 2024
- Special Called City Council Meeting minutes of January 8, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2024-01 to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina by Rezoning ±.05 Acres of Land Owned by Riverside Village H Owner LLC, Aiken County Tax Parcel No. 007-17-02-009, 007-17-02-010, 007-17-02-011, 007-17-02-012, and 007-17-02-013 from PD, Planned Development to DTMU2, Downtown Mixed Use 2 – Second Reading

6. ADMINISTRATION: Ordinance No. 2022-14 – To Approve the General Development Plan for the 51.85 Acre Bluegrass Place Planned Development on East Martintown Road and East Buena Vista- Remove from Table; First Reading

7. ADMINISTRATION: 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- Remove from Table; First Reading

NEW BUSINESS

8. **LAW & JUSTICE:** 2024 Jury Box – Motion to Accept

9. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** – Ordinance No. 2024-02 – To Abandon a Portion of a Storm Sewer Easement Located in Green Forest Commons Subdivision– First Reading

10. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2024-04 – Approving the Annual Assessment Report and Amendment of the Assessment Roll for the Ballpark Village Municipal Improvement District and Confirming the Collection of Annual Assessments therein for the 2023-2024 Assessment Year

11. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2024-05 – Authorizing Extensions of Awarded Allocation of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the Disbursement of Revenues from the Accommodations Tax Year 2021-2022

12. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2024-06 – Appoint Hearing officer – Business Licenses

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

14. **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:**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

DEPARTMENT DETAILS

for January 8, 2024



FINANCE:

- Cycle 1 Disconnect – January 17 & 18
- Cycle 2 Due Date – January 19
- Online Payments are currently unavailable during year end close
- The City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- 2024 Sanitation & Recycling Calendar
- Christmas Tree Recycling
- Wastewater Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- ARTS TCC meeting on Wednesday
- Planning Commission meeting on January 17

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Promotion boards for Lieutenant and Sergeants will be held on Wednesday 1/10
- Chief Johnson and Captain Sherman will be meeting with the Aiken Center on Thursday
- The representative from Aiken/Barnwell Mental health will be on site this Wednesday.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Removal of Christmas Decorations & Banners
- North Augusta Miracle League Field update
- Youth Basketball Program- Feb. 10 / Pickleball indoor play

TOURISM:

- The Tru Hotel, located in Walnut Village, is open for visitors and staff has been in contact with their representatives.
- An audio-visual upgrade has been scheduled for the Community Center's Banquet Room for February 1st and 2nd. The project is supported through the Accommodations Tax program.
- Eight events and one trolley rental are scheduled for our rental facilities over the next two weeks.

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:

- I-520 Welcome Sign
- Woodlawn Slope Failure
- Bluff Avenue Streetscape Lighting

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Communications Technician I – Public Safety

Grade: 10

Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.65 - \$23.58

Closing Date: Until Filled

Firefighter – Public Safety

Grade: 4

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

Closing Date: Until Filled

Grounds Worker III – Property Maintenance

Grade: 7

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.75 – \$20.10/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Heavy Equipment Operator I – Streets & Drains

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.68 - \$22.42

Closing Date: Until Filled

Maintenance Supervisor – Parks

Grade: 18

Salary/Pay Rate: \$2,192.36 - \$2,630.83/biweekly

Closing Date: 01/10/2024

Meter Reader/Service Technician – Public Utilities

Grade: 9

Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.68 - \$22.42

Closing Date: Until Filled

Public Safety Officer – Public Safety

Grade: 16

Salary/Pay Rate: \$23.83 - \$28.59/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

Trades Worker – Streets & Drains

Grade: 8

Salary/Pay Rate: \$16.58 - \$19.89/hour

Closing Date: Until Filled

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

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