

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 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 April 29, 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 6:00pm 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, McGhee, and Toole.

Member absent was Councilmember Presnell.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Chief Junior Johnson, Director of Public Safety; Kuleigh Baker, Planner; James Sutton, Director of Public Services; 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 May 6, 2024 regular meeting. (See Attachment #1)

Mr. Clifford explained that two additional resolutions may be added to the May 6 agenda specifically with the U.S. Department of Energy interest to purchase a boom truck for the Sanitation Department. He clarified that one resolution will be for the contract and the other will be for the expenditure of funds.

**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. City Attorney – Overview of State Supreme Court Order from Holcomb vs City of North Augusta Case

Attorney Zier explained the letter received from the Supreme Court of South Carolina to Council on the outcome of the Holcomb vs City of North Augusta petition from Mr. Holcomb to the Supreme Court which was denied. (See Attachment #3Ai)

- ii. Economic Development - Riverside Village at Hammond's Ferry - Council Update

Finance Director Lynda Williamson presented a financial update on the Riverside Village at Hammond's Ferry. (See Attachment #3Aii)

- iii. Public Safety – Community Action Team (CAT) Overview

Chief Johnson highlighted on the Community Action Team. (See Attachment #3Aiii)

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

Councilmember Carpenter requested that signs be placed at the Miracle Field for no metal cleats and no scooters/skateboards.

Mayor Williams highlighted on the following:


- National Day of Prayer – May 2 from 8:00am – 9:30am at Second Providence Baptist Church
  - Prayer Walk from 6pm – 8pm - information on WAFJ website

The Study Session adjourned at 7:02pm

APPROVED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
MAY, 2024.

  
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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jamie Paul  
City Clerk



**PUBLIC POWER HOUR**

May 6, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. - Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers

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

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

The Public Power Hour and 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:**

- Regular City Council Meeting minutes of April 15, 2024
- Study Session minutes of April 29, 2024

5. **RECOGNITION: Garden Club Presentation**

6. **PROCLAMATIONS:**

- a. 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 5 – May 11, 2024
- b. National Travel and Tourism Week, May 19 – May 25, 2024

7. **PERSONNEL: Employee of the Quarter – January, February, and March 2024 – TBD**

8. **YOUTH APPRECIATION: Recognition of North Augusta High School Participants – Sponsored by the Optimist Club of North Augusta**

**NEW BUSINESS**

9. **PARKS & RECREATION:** Receipt of Information – Parks Master Plan
10. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2022-43 A Resolution Authorizing Funding for Removal of City Bald Cypress Trees Through the Use of Fiscal Year 2022 Funds – Remove from Table
11. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2024-16 A Resolution Authorizing Funding for Removal of City Bald Cypress Trees Through the Use of Fiscal Year 2024 Funds
12. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2024-17 A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Expenditure Request 12
13. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2024-18 Authorizing Funding for the Beautification Foundation
14. **FINANCE:** Resolution No. 2024-19 Authorizing Funding for the Public Safety Foundation
15. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** Resolution No. 2024-20 Accepting a Deed of Dedication for the Streets, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater Collection and Fire Suppression Systems, and Associated Easements and Rights of Way, Along with a Maintenance Guarantee and Letter of Credit, or Butler Pond Townhomes
16. **ENGINEERING:** Resolution No. 2024-21 Authorizing the City of North Augusta to Enter into a Contract with John M. Bailey & Associates, P.C. to Perform Land Surveying Services
17. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
18. **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:**
19. **ADJOURNMENT**

## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

*for April 29, 2024*



### **FINANCE:**

- Business License Renewal Due Date – April 30
- City Property Taxes Due Date – May 1
  - Penalties will be assessed on May 2
- Cycle 2 Disconnect Dates – May 1 & 2
- Cycle 1 Due Date – May 6

### **PUBLIC SERVICES:**

- Clay Street Pump Station Project
- Solid Waste Transfer Station Project
- Wastewater Interceptor Project

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 7
- Code Enforcement Update

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Public Safety held promotions last week and Matt Mealing is now the D shift Sergeant, Dillon Givens is now the A shift Corporal, and Andi Hogg is the newest investigator.
- Public Safety has established the Community Action Team.
- Public Safety has responded to four structure fires in the last week and half. We encourage all citizens to practice fire safety.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

- North Augusta Miracle League Field update
- Riverview Park Splash Pad & Summerfield Park Splash Pad
- Travel Basketball & USSSA Travel Baseball this weekend at Riverview Park

### **TOURISM:**

- North Augusta was a hub of community centered activity this past Saturday with Spring Fest, Summer Fest, Craft Beer Festival, Hammond Hill Elementary Walkathon, and CityServe Day.
- The Palmetto Terrace will host the South Carolina Economic Development Institute on Thursday & Friday. Approximately sixty participants from around the state will be in attendance.
- Social media, website reconstruction, and branding evaluation have been at the forefront of the Tourism Department's efforts through April.

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

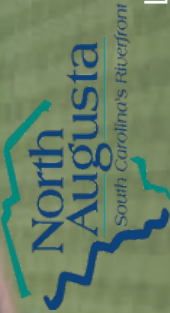
- 1910 Bolin Road Storm Repair
- Municipal Center Exterior Painting

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Employee Appreciation Event – April 30 (See Attachment #1)
- Employment Opportunities list (See Attachment #2)

# EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT

Augusta GreenJackets vs. Charleston RiverDogs



SRP Park  
Tuesday, April 30

Lunch Starts at 11:00 am

Game Starts at 11:05 am

QUESTIONS? CALL KAYLA @ 803.442.5710





## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Building Standards Inspector II – Building Standards**

Grade: 15

Salary/pay Rate: \$24.50 - \$29.40

Closing Date: Until Filled (**July 1, 2024 Start**)

### **Communications Technician I – Public Safety**

Grade: 10

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

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Corporal Traffic Division – Public Safety**

Grade: 17

Salary/Pay Rate: \$24.74 - \$29.68/hour

Closing Date: May 1, 2024

### **Engineering Inspector II – Engineering**

Grade: 15

Salary/pay Rate: \$24.50 - \$29.40

Closing Date: Until Filled (**July 1, 2024 Start**)

### **Firefighter – Public Safety**

Grade: 4

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

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Grounds Worker III – Parks and Recreation**

Grade: 7

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

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Grounds Worker III – Property Maintenance**

Grade: 7

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

Closing Date: Until Filled

### **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

### **School Resource 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](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).

The City of North Augusta is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** APRIL 18, 2024

**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY, KELLY F. ZIER

**TO:** MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATORS

**RE:** HERMAN PERRY HOLCOMB VS CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA AND  
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH AUGUSTA  
AIKEN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CASE No.: 2018-CP-02-02705

The State Supreme Court filed an Order this week denying the Petition by Herman Perry Holcomb requesting that the State Supreme Court grant certiorari in this case. Mr. Holcomb had filed a Petition requesting that the Court consider this case, following the reversal of the Lower Courts decision by the Court of Appeals. This effectively concludes this matter.

The ruling by the Court of Appeals is now the law in this case. This ruling essentially makes a finding that the actions by the Mayor and City Council at the May 7, 2018, meeting of City Council did not violate the Freedom of Information Act. The Amendment, adding funding related to the Lock and Dam to Resolution No.: 2018-11 a Resolution Identifying North Augusta Projects for the Aiken County Capital Property Sales Tax IV, was done properly. Such Order also voided the award of attorney's fees to Mr. Holcomb.

Appellant Court Rules provide for a prevailing party to collect certain costs as well as a nominal payment (\$2,500.00) towards attorney's fees related to the appeal. Obviously, we are not going to be receiving total reimbursement for the attorney's fees that we have incurred related to this matter. However, we will be able to be compensated for the costs related to the appeal. This would include some fees for transcription of Court proceedings as well as copying, printing, etc. of the various briefs filed.



I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Order by the Court of Appeals that, as stated previously, is now the law in this case. I think that the Order provides a good overview of the ultimate decision in this case.

Following the filing of the opinion by the Court of Appeals, that took place on April 19, 2023, Mr. Holcomb submitted a Petition for rehearing on May 4, 2023. That Petition was denied on June 1, 2023, by the Court of Appeals. Thereafter Mr. Holcomb submitted his Petition to the Supreme Court which was denied by the Order of April 16, 2024.

In the event that any of you have questions related to any of this I would be glad to discuss that with you at your convenience.

**THIS OPINION HAS NO PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IT SHOULD NOT BE  
CITED OR RELIED ON AS PRECEDENT IN ANY PROCEEDING  
EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY RULE 268(d)(2), SCACR.**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals**

Herman Holcomb, Respondent,

v.

City of North Augusta and Mayor and City Council of  
North Augusta, Appellants.

Appellate Case No. 2020-000080

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Appeal From Aiken County  
Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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Unpublished Opinion No. 2023-UP-158  
Submitted February 1, 2023 – Filed April 19, 2023

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**REVERSED**

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Danny Calvert Crowe, of Crowe LaFave, LLC, of  
Columbia, for Appellants.

Dione Cherie Carroll, of Carroll Law Offices, PA, of  
Aiken, for Respondent.

B. Eric Shytle, of Columbia, for Amicus Curiae  
Municipal Association of South Carolina.

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**PER CURIAM:** The City of North Augusta (the City) appeals a circuit court order holding the City violated a provision of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) restricting public bodies from adding to a meeting's "agenda."<sup>1</sup> The circuit court enjoined the City from future similar violations and required the City to pay attorney's fees. We reverse.

We agree with the City's argument that the circuit court misinterpreted the word "agenda" and failed to apply its plain and ordinary meaning. *See Worthington v. Belcher*, 274 S.C. 366, 368, 264 S.E.2d 148, 149 (1980). ("Words used in a statute are to be given their plain and ordinary meaning."). The common understanding of the term "agenda" is a list of items to be considered. *See Agenda, Black's Law Dictionary* (11th ed. 2019) (defining agenda as, "A list of things to be done, as items to be considered at a meeting, usu[ally] arranged in order of consideration"); *Lee v. Thermal Eng'g Corp.*, 352 S.C. 81, 91-92, 572 S.E.2d 298, 303 (Ct. App. 2002) ("Where a word is not defined in a statute, our appellate courts have looked to the usual dictionary meaning to supply its meaning."). As applied here, that definition dictates that the "agenda" for the meeting in question was the single page linked to the City's website entitled "Agenda 050718" containing a short list of items the City planned to consider at the meeting.

The respondent argues, and the circuit court found, that the City violated FOIA by considering a project that was not mentioned in a different document; a longer document named "Agenda 050718 Complete" and posted on the City's website. We disagree. The one-page agenda posted on the website and physically posted (as is required by section 30-4-80(A)) conspicuously included "Resolution No. 2018-11 – A Resolution Identifying North Augusta Projects for the Aiken County Capital Projects Sales Tax IV." The larger document contained supplementary information and background for different items on the agenda, including a list of proposed projects related to the sales tax resolution. It is of course true that the City discussed a project for inclusion in the sales tax that was not listed in the longer document. Still, this was not a change to the meeting's "agenda." The agenda advertised that the City would consider projects related to the sales tax. The discussion of this project was in precisely that context.

The respondent urges us to uphold the circuit court's order, but we think the respondent's interpretation of the term "agenda" and of section 30-4-80(A) fails for a few reasons. First, if we were to adopt the respondent's position, we would be effectively holding that the City was required to pin all thirty-six pages of the longer

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<sup>1</sup> S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-80(A) (Supp. 2022).

document—with all of the supplemental information—to its bulletin board. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-80(A) (stating FOIA requires posting the agenda on a public bulletin board). The City did not do this (as we already noted), and the respondent has never argued it should have done so.

Second, we are convinced that liability cannot attach based simply on the fact that the larger document was named "Agenda Complete." The record contains various representations by the respondent that the City could have avoided liability by specifying that the shorter agenda was the true agenda and that the longer document was background information. We are not aware of a common understanding of agenda that hinges on something's title, and we doubt the statute was meant to control how public bodies name documents (as opposed to relying on the common meaning of agenda). As outlined above, we understand the term "agenda" to describe a list of things to be done such as items to be considered at a meeting. We also understand agenda to not include background material, however it is labeled.

Third, we are concerned that after-the-fact evaluations such as the one conducted here would discourage public bodies from providing supplemental information. Much of the argument below concerned whether this particular project was so significant that adding it to the discussion under an agenda item constituted a FOIA violation. It can be difficult to predict "importance" beforehand, and the public often has varying opinions about what is important. A prudent public body would no doubt err on the side of not providing background information before meetings so it could avoid any threat of litigation, but that would thwart rather than forward, FOIA's purpose. *See* S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-15 (2007) (explaining FOIA is intended to increase the transparency of public bodies); *Charleston Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. State Budget & Control Bd.*, 313 S.C. 1, 5, 437 S.E.2d 6, 8 (1993) ("The cardinal rule of statutory construction is to ascertain and effectuate the intent of the legislature.").

This holding dictates that we also reverse the circuit court's injunction prohibiting future similar violations and its award of attorney's fees. For these reasons, the circuit court's order is

**REVERSED.**<sup>2</sup>

**THOMAS, MCDONALD, and, HEWITT, JJ., concur.**

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<sup>2</sup> We decide this case without oral argument pursuant to Rule 215, SCACR.

# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

Herman Holcomb, Petitioner,

v.

City of North Augusta and Mayor and City Council of  
North Augusta, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2023-001060

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## ORDER

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Based on the vote of the Court,<sup>1</sup> the petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

FOR THE COURT

BY Patricia A. Howard  
THE CLERK

Columbia, South Carolina  
April 16, 2024

cc: Danny Calvert Crowe  
Dione Cherie Carroll  
Bryan Eric Shytle  
The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings

**CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSION  
OF  
April 29, 2024**

**Voluntary Continuing Disclosure**  
**North Augusta Public Facilities Corporation/City of North Augusta Series 2017B**  
**Voluntary Filing for the Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2024**

*The following information is being provided by the City of North Augusta, South Carolina (the “City”) as a voluntary disclosure and not as a disclosure required by any continuing disclosure undertaking made pursuant to the obligations of SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”). Furthermore, this filing is not made in connection with a purchase or sale of securities and accordingly is not intended to contain all information material to a decision to purchase or sell obligations of the City or the North Augusta Public Facilities Corporation (the “Corporation”). In providing this notice, neither the City nor the Corporation makes any representation with respect to the materiality of the information herein to any investor. This filing speaks only as of its date and neither the City nor the Corporation is under any obligation to update or provide future voluntary filings except to the extent the information contained herein is also provided in accordance with a disclosure undertaking pursuant to the Rule.*

**\*This slide continues to be the same for all updates\***

**Assessed Value of Taxable Property**

The assessed value of all taxable real and personal property in the City for each of the last five years available is set forth in the following table:

Assessed Value of Taxable Property					
Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Tax Year	Real Property	Personal Property <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	
2022	2021	\$ 128,916,969	\$ 47,567,398	\$ 176,484,367	
2021	2020	114,076,665	40,594,219	154,670,884	
2020	2019	111,102,458	33,204,209	144,306,667	
2019	2018	83,448,499	31,654,277	115,102,776	
2018	2017	82,341,248	27,375,296	109,716,544	

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to a law passed in 1980 by the S. C. General Assembly that provided for the billing and collection of personal property taxes on motor vehicles on a staggered basis according to expiration of the license tag, the City uses different tax years for real and personal property taxes.

\*This table remains unchanged since the previous update\*



**Tax Rates**

The millage imposed in the City in each of the last five tax years is set forth below:

<b>Tax Rates</b>					
Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Tax Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Operating Millage	Debt Service Millage	Total City Millage	
2024	2023	77.50	-	77.50	
2023	2022	75.50	-	75.50	
2022	2021	73.50	-	73.50	
2021	2020	73.50	-	73.50	
2020	2019	73.50	-	73.50	

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to a law passed in 1980 by the S.C. General Assembly that provided for the billing and collection of personal property taxes on motor vehicles on a staggered basis according to expiration of the license tag, the City uses different tax years for real and personal property taxes.

**City General Fund Budget**

The original General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 was adopted on November 6, 2023 by City Council and is shown in the following table:

<b>Annual General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/24</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	
Ad valorem property taxes	\$ 10,683,548
Licenses and Permits	7,639,000
Fines and forfeitures	889,761
Charges for services	1,447,140
Intergovernmental	1,520,849
Miscellaneous	1,024,929
Transfers	1,426,143
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 24,631,370</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
General Government	\$ 7,462,268
Public Safety	11,740,489
Public Works	2,002,054
Parks, Recreation and Tourism	3,426,559
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 24,631,370</b>

### Ten Largest Taxpayers in the City

The ten largest taxpayers in the City, the assessed value for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 of the taxable property of each located within the City, and the amount of 2021 taxes paid to the City are as follows:

Ten Largest Taxpayers in the City 12/31/2022		
Taxpayer	Assessed Value	Taxes Paid
S.C. Electric & Gas Co.	\$ 3,422,270	\$ 251,537
Graybul Ironwood LLC	2,700,450	198,483
Wal-Mart, Inc.	2,651,680	194,898
Allnex Industries, Inc.	2,366,530	173,940
Ackerman Greenstone North Augusta	2,212,620	162,628
Halocarbon Chemicals, Inc.	1,455,610	106,987
SUSO 3 Augusta, LP	1,181,730	86,857
SRP Federal Credit Union	980,390	72,059
CVS SC Distribution, Inc.	978,570	71,925
Next Chapter Sweetwater LLC	837,530	61,558

\*This table remains unchanged since the previous update\*

**Tax Collection Record of the City**

The following table shows the amount of taxes levied for City purposes, including additions and abatements, taxes collected as of December 31 of the year following the year in which the levy was made, and the amount of delinquent taxes collected in the City for the fiscal years shown:

Tax Collection Record of the City							
Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Tax Year <sup>(1)</sup>	Taxes Levied for Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
			Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2022	2021	\$ 12,971,601	\$ 12,883,770	99.32%	\$ -	\$ 12,883,770	99.32%
2021	2020	11,368,310	11,326,981	99.64%	12,761	11,339,742	99.75%
2020	2019	10,606,540	9,655,624	91.03%	904,305	10,559,929	99.56%
2019	2018	8,460,054	8,404,331	99.34%	19,870	8,424,201	99.58%
2018	2017	8,064,166	8,018,222	99.43%	18,865	8,037,087	99.66%

<sup>(1)</sup> Due to a law passed in 1980 by the S.C. General Assembly that provided for the billing and collection of personal property taxes on motor vehicles on a staggered basis according to expiration of the license tag, the City uses different tax years for real and personal property taxes.

\*This table remains unchanged since the previous update\*

**Outstanding Indebtedness**

<b>Outstanding Indebtedness 12/31/2022</b>	
General Obligation Debt	\$ 8,592,000
Tax Increment Debt	42,693,000 Includes Series 2017A Bonds *see note below
Outstanding Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds	67,375,000 Series 2017B Bonds *see note below
Outstanding Lease Purchase Obligations	
2023	1,373,925
2024	1,115,456
2025	801,025
2026	383,304
Subtotal	3,673,710
Interest	(103,004)
Present Value of minimum lease payments	3,570,706
Revenue Debt	
Waterworks and Sewer System Refunding Revenue, Series 2021	16,033,000 Matures May 1, 2036 **see note below

\*This table remains unchanged since the previous update\*

**General Obligation Bonds** The City is authorized by the State Constitution to incur general obligation indebtedness without voter approval in an amount not exceeding eight percent of the assessed value of all taxable property in the City for any corporate purpose of the municipality. As of 9/30/2023 the City's entire eight percent capacity is available.

On November 6, 2018, a favorable bond referendum was held in the City of North Augusta authorizing the City to issue not exceeding \$10,250,000 of general obligation bonds as part of a favorable Capital Projects Sales Tax referendum. These bonds were issued in 2020 to construct and equip a public safety headquarters and bond payments will be made from revenues collected from the capital projects sales tax.

<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 5,216,000
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,914,000
2022	8,592,000
2021	10,250,000
2020	10,250,000
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED	

**Local Hospitality Taxes** City Council, pursuant to the Local Hospitality Tax Act and the Hospitality Tax Ordinance, established a uniform hospitality tax, which imposed, effective December 1, 1998, a one percent (1%) tax on the sales of prepared meals and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, beer and wine, at businesses within the City. Effective December 1, 2017, the hospitality tax rate was raised to the maximum of two percent (2%) with collections beginning in January 2018. The reduced collections in 2020 are related to the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”).

Local Hospitality Taxes		
Fiscal Year	City Hospitality Taxes	Increase in Collections over Prior Fiscal Year
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 649,724	N/A
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,566,211	9.06%
2022	2,353,058	10.20%
2021	2,135,168	26.13
2020	1,692,819	(5.33)
2019	1,788,174	11.13
2018	1,609,103	118.67
2017	735,845	3.18
2016	713,152	7.27
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED		

**Local Accommodations Taxes** City Council, pursuant to the Local Accommodations Tax Act and the Accommodations Tax Ordinance established a local accommodations tax, which imposed, effective December 1, 1998, a three percent (3%) tax on furnishing of accommodations to transients within the City. The reduced collections in 2020 are related to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Local Accommodations Taxes		
Fiscal Year	City Accommodations Taxes	Increase (Decrease) in Collections over Prior Fiscal Year
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 66,155	N/A
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	367,252	17.73%
2022	311,939	24.75
2021	250,050	81.52
2020	137,752	(39.86)
2019	229,047	109.96
2018	109,092	98.70
2017	54,904	7.86
2016	50,904	3.68
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED		



**Tax Increment Revenues** The TIF Act authorizes municipalities to incur indebtedness for the purpose of redevelopment in areas which are or which are threatened to become blighted and to fund the debt service of such indebtedness from the additional tax revenues which result from such redevelopment. Under the TIF Act, all property taxes of all taxing jurisdictions imposed and collected within the Redevelopment Project Area in excess of the amount attributable to the “total initial equalized assessed value” of all taxable real property in the Redevelopment Project Area shall be paid to the municipality which shall deposit the taxes into a special tax allocation fund for the purpose of paying redevelopment project costs and discharging the obligations incurred in the payment of such costs. Certain portions of the taxes deposited to or otherwise subject to deposit to the special tax allocation fund are disbursed to overlapping taxing entities in accordance with agreements between the City and political subdivisions pursuant to which they agreed to participate in the TIF on a modified basis. As of 03/31/2024, \$10,838.62 has been disbursed to overlapping taxing entities. The Tax Increment Revenues table below includes special assessments billed and collected on the City’s property tax bills. The special assessments are further defined in the MID Assessments section following.

Tax Increment Revenues		
Fiscal Year	City TIF Revenues	% Growth
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,233,195	N/A
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	3,428,984	3%
2022	3,318,251	-14
2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,878,726	126
2020	1,716,832	113
2019	804,992	7
2018	751,052	22
2017	613,831	19
2016	516,829	14
2015	453,883	9
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED		
<sup>(2)</sup> A delay in payment for some 2019 taxes expected to be received in FY 2020 were received in FY 2021.		

**MID Assessments** The municipal improvement district (MID District) consists of certain parcels owned by the private developers within the TIF District where private improvements will be constructed. The City has imposed a special assessment on the parcels in the MID District owned by the private developers. The special assessment has been set on an annual basis at an amount equal to an estimate of the TIF revenues that will result from the private improvement specified in the Master Development Agreement. 2020 was the first year the special assessments were billed and payable. These assessments are due to the City no later than May 1 in the year the special assessments are billed to avoid penalty.

MID Assessments			
Fiscal Year Ended	Tax Year	MID Assessments	MID Receipts
December 31			
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	2023	\$ 737,361	\$ -
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	2022	744,282	744,282
2022	2021	771,758	771,758
2021	2020	777,779	1,547,627
2020	2019	1,183,327	413,479
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED			

**Parking Revenues** Parking revenues are received from certain parking facilities owned or operated by the City including the Medac Deck, Hotel Deck and various lots owned by the City. Revenues received are netted against expenditures incurred for operations and maintenance of the parking facilities. The reduced collections in 2020 are related to the outbreak of COVID-19. The City is currently working with the hotel developer and hotel management to reconcile: 1) amounts due to the City for the City’s pro rata share of parking revenues collected by the hotel and 2) amounts due from the City for reimbursement of agreed upon operating expenses of the hotel deck and agreed upon management fee. Total net parking revenues will be updated upon reconciliation.

Parking Revenues		
Fiscal Year	Net Amount	% Growth
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (6,809)	N/A
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	4,159	112
2022	(34,456)	(135)
2021	99,689	147
2020	40,380	(69)
2019	128,499	18
2018	108,885	N/A
<sup>(1)</sup> UNAUDITED		

**Stadium Revenues** Stadium revenues are received from GreenJackets Baseball for performance license fees, retail space rent, corporate naming rights, and stadium rent. The GreenJackets Baseball 2020 season was canceled on June 30, 2020 along with all Minor League Baseball teams related to the outbreak of COVID-19. Admissions tax payments are received from the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR).

Stadium Revenues						
Fiscal Year	Admissions Tax <sup>(5)</sup>	Performance License Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Retail Space Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	Corporate Naming Rights <sup>(4)</sup>	Rent <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
2024 1st Qtr <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	35,640	54,970	100,000	100,000	250,000	540,610
2022	38,265	52,206	100,000	100,000	250,000	540,471
2021	32,167	4,286	100,000	100,000	250,000	486,453
2020	12,696	74,894	100,000	100,000	250,000	537,590
2019	71,244	64,884	100,000	100,000	250,000	586,128
(1) UNAUDITED						
(2) Revenue stream due 1/31/xx of each year for the prior calendar year						
(3) Revenue stream due 4/1/xx of each year						
(4) Revenue stream due 12/31/xx of each year						
(5) Payments received throughout the year from SCDOR						



# Community Action Team

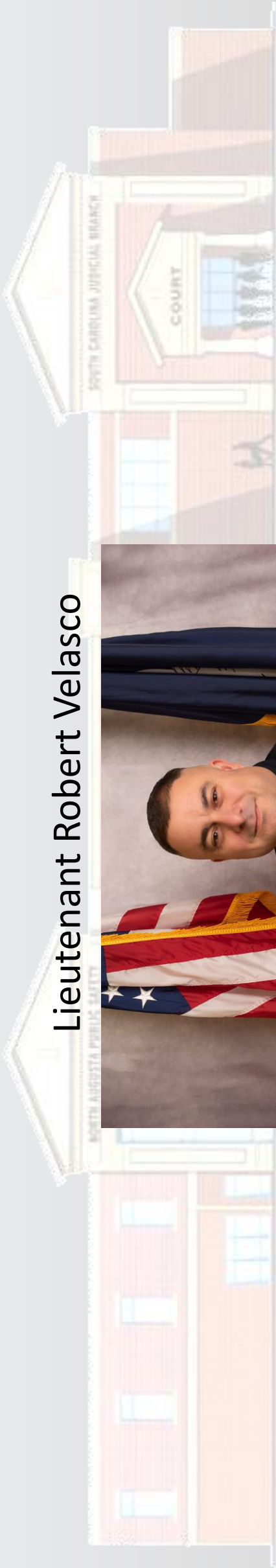
“Being intentional in building relationships and providing support to both the Citizens and the

Agency through community engagement activities and departmental goals”



# Meet The Team

Lieutenant Robert Velasco





# Meet The Team

Officer Thomas Vine

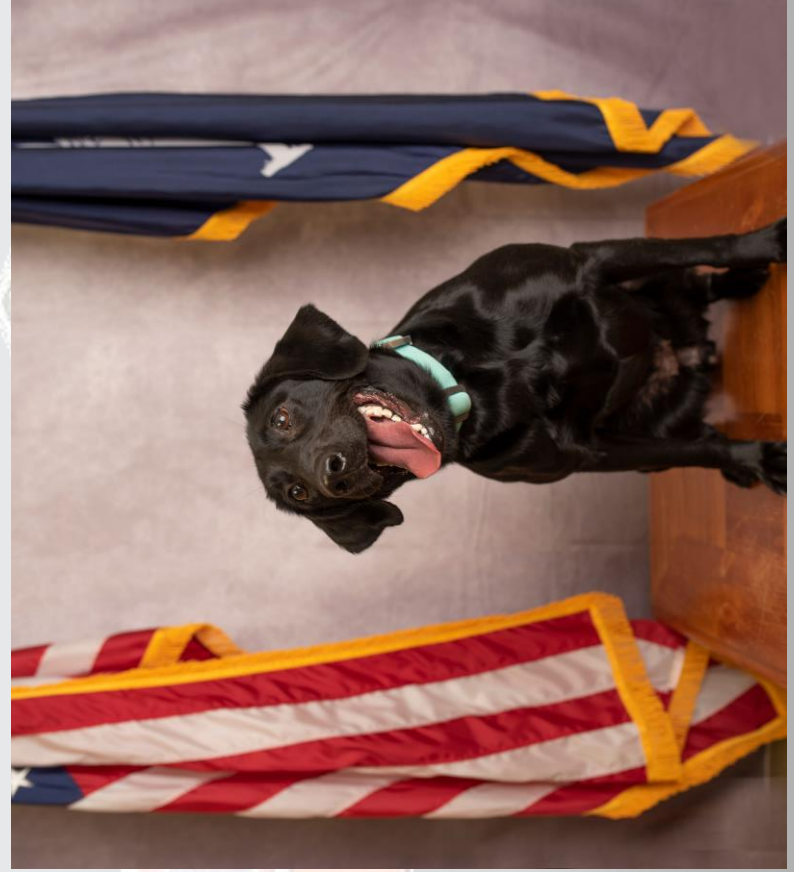
K-9 Officer Mitch McBride

Officer Justin Rousseau





# Meet The Team







# CAT TEAM EVENTS

- Springfest
- Career Fairs
- Jack-O-Latern Jubilee
- Christmas Parade
- Third Thursday
- Special Events at SRP Park
- Citizens Academy
- Enforcement of Problem Areas
- Greenway Patrol
- Events at Amphitheater
- Boys and Girls Club
- REcIng Crew
- Community Outreach
- HOA Meetings





**Do you have an interesting job?**  
Interested in speaking to students about your career?

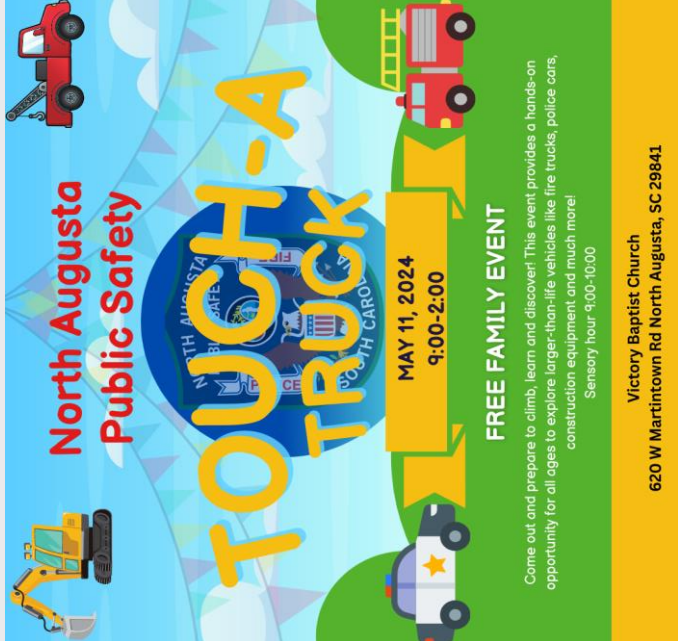
Students will rotate through stations and have the opportunity to informally ask questions from participants!

**NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL'S  
CAREER FAIR**

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024  
725 Old Edgefield Rd  
North Augusta, SC, 29841

**If you are interested in participating, please scan the QR code for the interest form!**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Ms. Calloway (mccalloway@acpsd.net) or  
Ms. Barge (sbarge@acpsd.net).



**North Augusta  
Public Safety**

**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

MAY 11, 2024  
9:00-2:00

**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

Come out and prepare to climb, learn and discover! This event provides a hands-on opportunity for all ages to explore larger-than-life vehicles like fire trucks, police cars, construction equipment and much more!  
Sensory hour 9:00-10:00

Victory Baptist Church  
620 W Martintown Rd North Augusta, SC 29841



**Charity Softball Tournament**

**VS**

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024  
5PM

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO  
THE RECING CREW**

RIVERVIEW PARK  
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC

**FREE ADMISSION  
CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED**

AUGUSTA METRO SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

NORTH AUGUSTA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Recing Crew



# GOALS

- Consistent participation in community activities
- Rapport with community leaders, civic and religious groups, and other neighborhood organizations
- Advocate for our community and agency



