

# North Augusta



*South Carolina's Riverfront*

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 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 October 14, 2024 for the City Council of the City of North Augusta, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem McCauley 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 Pro Tem McCauley, Buck, Carpenter, McGhee, and Toole.

Members absent were Mayor Williams and Councilmember Presnell.

Also in attendance were James S. Clifford, City Administrator; J.D. McCauley, Assistant Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Chief Junior Johnson, Director of Public Safety; Tommy Paradise, Director of Planning & Development; Jason Sikes, Sanitation Superintendent; Rick Meyer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Karl Waldhauer, Manager of Tourism; Lynda Williamson, Director of Finance; Jamie Paul, City Clerk; and Ricky Jones, Manager of Information Technology.

**ITEM 1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

Administrator Clifford led Council's discussion of items for the October 21, 2024 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. Aiken County Public School District – Presentation on Capital Project Sales Tax V (CPST V)

Tray Traxler, CFP for Aiken County School District, presented on the CPST V relative to the City of North Augusta Schools. **(See Attachment #3Ai)**

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

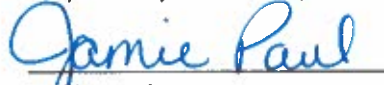
Administrator Clifford updated Council on the Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. **(See Attachment #3B)**

The Study Session adjourned at 7:25pm.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2024.

  
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Briton S. Williams  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Paul  
City Clerk



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

**October 21, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Center – 100 Georgia Avenue, 3rd Floor - Council Chambers**

The 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 September 16, 2024
- Regular City Council Meeting minutes of October 7, 2024
- Study Session minutes of October 14, 2024

**5. PERSONNEL:**

- a. Employee of the Quarter – July, August, and September 2024 – TBD
- b. Mamie Anderson, Retirement – Recognition of Service to the City of North Augusta

**OLD BUSINESS**

**6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2024-22 To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and Annexing ±36.053 Acres of Property Located at 381 Laurel Lake Drive and Owned by Barinowski Investment Company LLC – Second Reading**

**7. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Ordinance No. 2024-23 To Change the Corporate Limits of the City of North Augusta by Accepting the Petition Requesting Annexation by the Landowners and Annexing ±2.44 Acres of Property Located at 210 Twin Hills Road and Owned by Wesley E. Doolittle – Second Reading**

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. **ENGINEERING:** Resolution No. 2024-45 Authorizing a Request to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for Removal of a Portion of E. Pine Grove Avenue (S-190) from the State Highway System and the Acceptance of Ownership and Maintenance Responsibility of Said Road by the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; and Authorizing the Execution and Recordation of Certain Documents in Connection Therewith
9. **PARKS & RECREATION:** Resolution No. 2024-46 Authorizing the City of North Augusta to Enter into a Contract with Kenrick’s Construction for the Riverview Park Dugout Replacements, Field 3
10. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** Resolution No. 2024-47 Accepting a Deed of Dedication for the Streets, Sanitary Sewer, Stormwater Collection and Fire Suppression Systems, Detention Pond, and Associated Easements and Rights of Way, along with a Maintenance Guarantee and Letter of Credit, for Rushing Waters, Phase III
11. **PUBLIC SERVICES:** Resolution No. 2024-48 Approving the Greenway Landscape Enhancement Hardscape Project
12. **ADMINISTRATION:** Resolution No. 2024-49 Approving a Contract for the City of North Augusta to Partner with Aiken County for Hurricane Helene Debris Removal
13. **ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS:** Resolution No. 2024-50 Authorizing a Permit for Construction Work
14. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
15. **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**
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

## DEPARTMENT DETAILS

for October 14, 2024



### **FINANCE:**

- Cycle 2 Due Date October 21
- There are no disconnections scheduled for the month of October
- Late fees will be waived during the month of October
- Utility Billing will be live October 21
- New Customer portal will be live once we have completed the first billing
- Tax sale is November 4
- Notices will be in the Augusta Chronicle October 19, 26, and November 2

### **PUBLIC SERVICES:**

#### Public Utilities

- Tree planting at the SRP Park Batting Cages was completed today.
- Property Maintenance will be working in the Calhoun Park and Georgia Ave area doing storm cleanup this week.

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- Planning Commission scheduled for Wednesday, October 16
- BZA meeting scheduled for November 12 will include October 1 meeting item
- Code enforcement is not taking action regarding staying in RV's where the house is damaged or without power

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Citizens should remember that the City has an ordinance that the burning of yard debris in the City is not permitted. (per Chapter 11, article I, section 5). It will be picked up.
- Public Safety has been awarded grants of \$40,000.00 for body worn cameras and \$31,000 for in-car cameras from the SC Dept. of Highway Safety.
- Public Safety has received \$312,000 in SC Opioid Recovery Funds.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

- Riverview Park Activities Center re-opened this morning at 6am
- Fall Sports
- Greenway update
- Jack-O-Lantern Jubilee

### **TOURISM:**

- Ironman canceled until September 2025
- Early Voting at the Community Center (Oct 21-Nov 2)
- Third Thursday - October 17
- Dave Matthews Tribute Band - Saturday, November 9
- North Augusta Beautification Foundation hosting the "Jessamine Music Festival" - Saturday, November 16

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

- SCDOT Road Resurfacing
- Georgia Avenue Speed Limit Signs
- West Avenue Crosswalks

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Employee Health Fair – October 22, Palmetto Terrace, 10:00am-2:00pm (Details Attached)
- See the following page for the Employment Opportunities list



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Center Program Coordinator – Parks and Recreation**

Grade: 10  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$19.65 - \$23.58  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **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 – 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

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

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.68 - \$22.42/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Maintenance Technician – Parks and Recreation**

Grade: 12  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$21.59 - \$25.91/hour  
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: \$17.71 - \$21.26/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### **Utility Technician – Public Utilities**

Grade: 9  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$18.68 - \$22.42/hour  
Closing Date: Until Filled

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

Grade: 6  
Salary/Pay Rate: \$15.78 - \$18.93/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

CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

*Employee*

# HEALTH FAIR

Tuesday, October 22

North Augusta  
Municipal Building -  
Palmetto Terrace  
10:00am - 2:00pm

Get free screening and information  
on cholesterol, blood pressure, heart  
attack and stroke, diabetes, and  
behavioral health

*On-Site blood draws, and  
vaccinations*



For more information:  
803.442.5710 or [kferguson@northaugustasc.gov](mailto:kferguson@northaugustasc.gov)

**\*\*Active City of North Augusta Employees Only Please\*\***



**NINE**  
EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
SALES & USE TAX

2024 YOUR PENNY YOUR SCHOOLS





# "LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY" of MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION

South Carolina Public School Districts receive no (state/federal) funding for the upkeep, maintenance and construction of schools.

**Aiken Standard**  
Aiken, South Carolina, Wednesday, September 21, 1978  
By: P. W. SINGH COPY TELEPHONE: 488-2111

## Two-Pronged Referendum School Board To Seek 30 Mills

The Aiken school board will ask voters to vote on two referendums on school taxes in the next few weeks. The referendums will appear on two separate ballots. One will be a bonding referendum to raise \$10 million for the construction of a new high school in the town of Aiken. The other will be a millage referendum to raise \$10 million for the construction of a new high school in the town of Aiken.

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THE COLUMBIA COUNTY  
**News.Times**

Aiken County voters pass penny tax



Aiken County voters passed a penny tax on Nov. 4, but she c...  
little more...  
School districts...  
to renovate, add on to and build schools.

# 2014

News Channel 6  
NEWS - TRAFFIC WEATHER - SPORTS - COMMUNITY - LIFESTYLE - FEATURED - HD

## \$90 million bond referendum passes for Aiken schools

By: Samantha Williams  
Posted: May 02, 2018 10:02 AM EDT  
Updated: May 02, 2018 10:04 AM EDT

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# 2018



## 2024 YOUR PENNY YOUR SCHOOLS



# 2014 PENNY TAX FACTS



Tax & Bond Vote      Tax Began      Monies Limited to  
November 4, 2014      March 2015      Voter-Approved Projects



Revenue Exceeded Projected      **Cumulative Property Tax Relief**  
\$188M by Year 9      \$114/\$100K (4%), \$172/\$100K (6%)

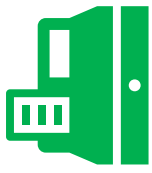


**Sunsets after 10 years (does not auto-renew);**  
without renewal, expires February 2025





# 2024 RENEWAL CONSIDERATIONS



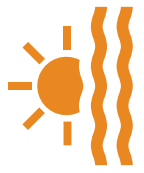
**\$398M Projected/10 Years: 90% to projects, 10% to Property Tax Relief. \$285M bond to advance projects**



**Estimated that 1/3 of the tax collected is generated from those residing outside of the county**



**Unprepared food, gas, & most medications are exempt (SC Code Section 12-36-2120)**



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**If not renewed in November 2024, November 2026 is the next time the tax could be back on the ballot**





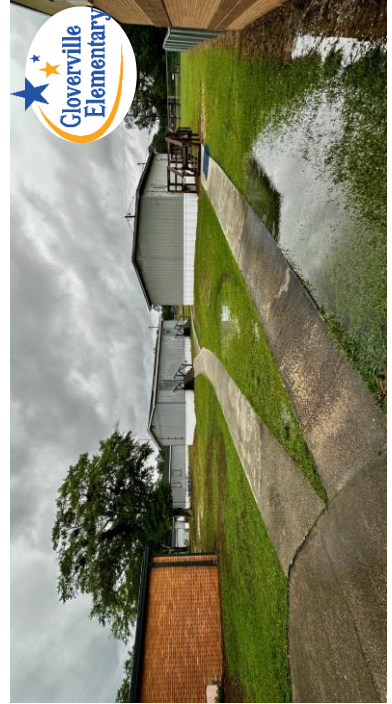
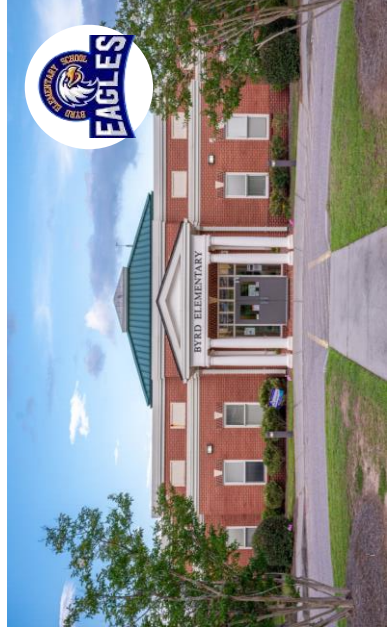
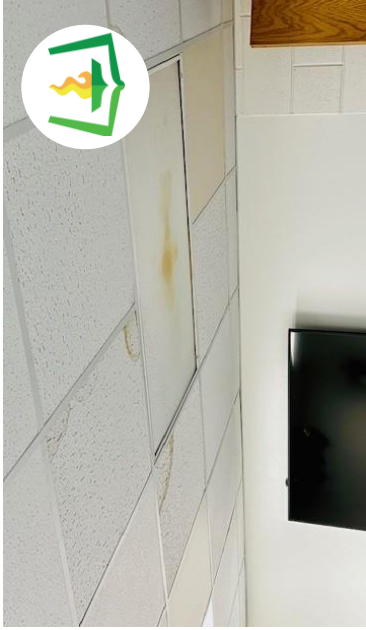
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+ "CONTINGENCY" PROJECTS  
AS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE

# "CONTINGENCY" PROJECTS

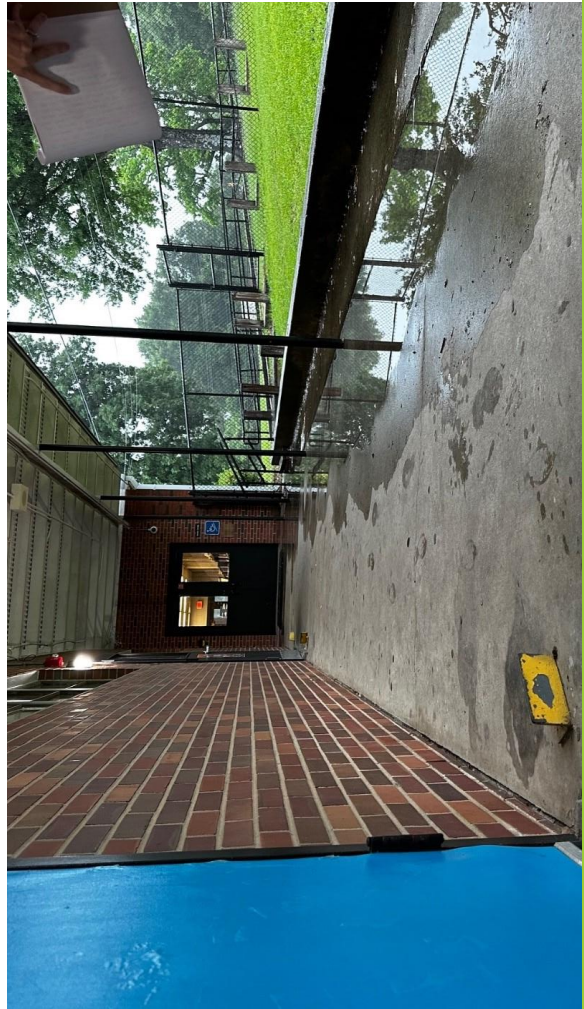
(c) If all of the Projects have been completed or if all funding necessary for completion of the Projects has been provided, and if additional Tax revenue is available, any one or more of the following projects may be undertaken: repair or replacement of roofing at various facilities in the School District; construction of security vestibule and door lock upgrades at various facilities in the School District; classroom additions at Byrd Elementary School; replacement of Greendale Elementary School; and classroom additions at Gloverville Elementary School?





# NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

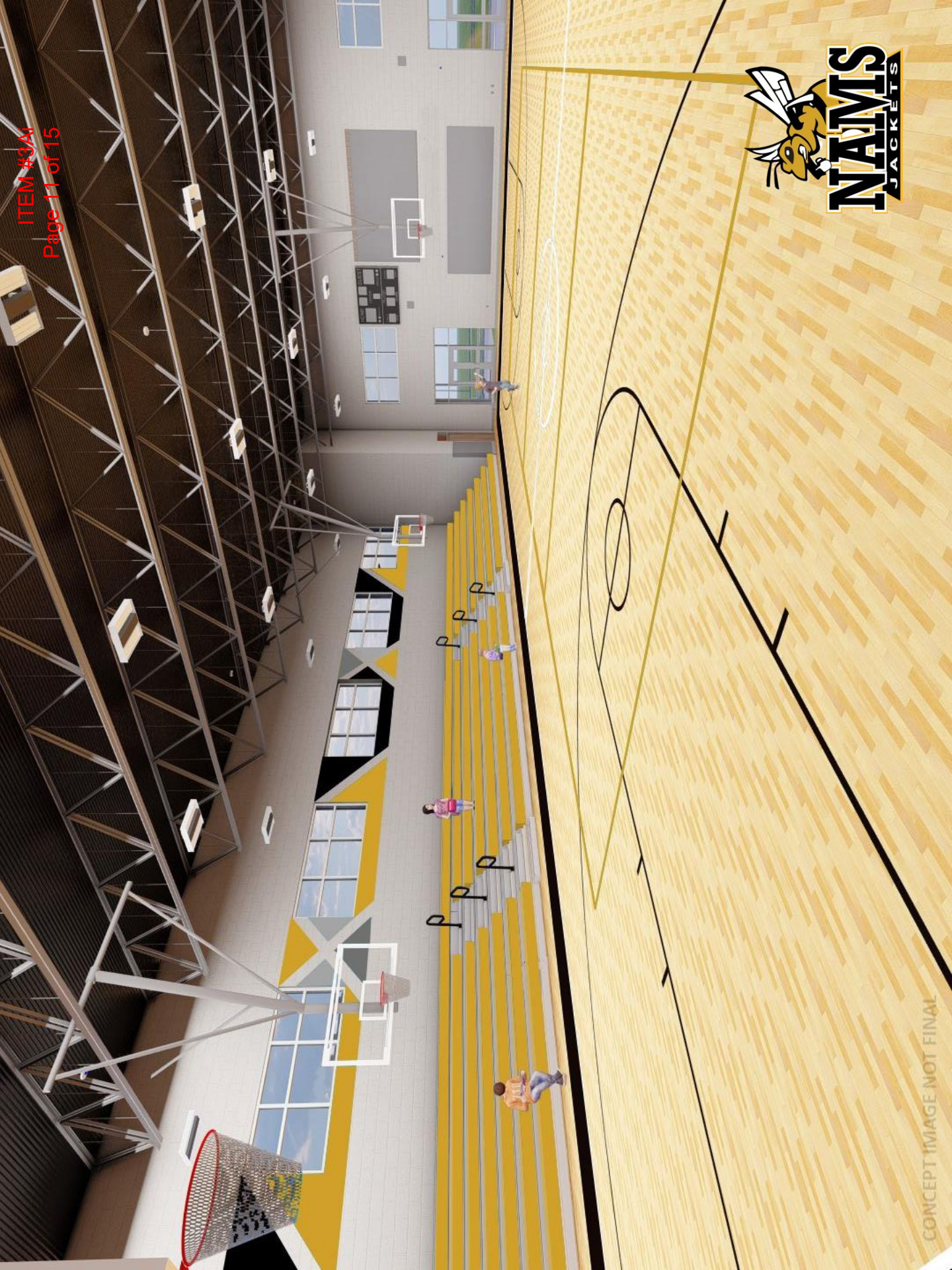












# THE BALLOT QUESTION

Shall The Consolidated School District of Aiken County, South Carolina (the "School District"), reimpose a special one percent education capital improvement sales and use tax (the "Tax") in Aiken County (the "County") for ten years with the revenue of the Tax to be used by the School District as follows:

1. 10% of the revenue from the Tax must be used to reduce property taxes by providing a credit against existing debt service millage within Aiken County on general obligation bonds of the School District;
2. 90% of the available revenue from the Tax after deducting 10% of the revenue identified in (1) above, must be used to provide a credit against millage imposed in the County for debt service as follows:
  - (a) by the School District (in the event a companion question on a dependent bond referendum should be unsuccessful) for retiring or defeasing existing or future eight percent bonded indebtedness during the imposition of the Tax; or
  - (b) by the School District for debt service on one or more general obligation bond issue(s) not to exceed in the aggregate \$285,000,000, which shall be issued by the School District to facilitate construction and funding flexibility in an effort to lower construction costs, the proceeds of such bonds to be used to pay some or all of the costs of renovations and additions at South Aiken High School, Midland Valley High School, Silver Bluff High School and North Augusta Middle School; and construction of a new elementary school in Area 3 including, if necessary, the cost of purchasing land (the "Projects"); provided that the total debt service on such general obligation bonds shall not exceed 90% of the available revenue received from the Tax; and

(c) If all of the Projects have been completed or if all funding necessary for completion of the Projects has been provided, and if additional Tax revenue is available, any one or more of the following projects may be undertaken: repair or replacement of roofing at various facilities in the School District; construction of security vestibule and door lock upgrades at various facilities in the School District; classroom additions at Byrd Elementary School; replacement of Greendale Elementary School; and classroom additions at Gloverville Elementary School?

3. The balance of the revenue from the Tax must be used to provide additional property tax reductions or to pay directly or indirectly a portion of the capital costs of the projects identified above.

All revenue received by the School District from the Tax will be used to reduce property taxes needed to pay debt service on School District bonds or to directly pay costs of education capital improvements projects of the School District identified herein.

If the voter wishes to vote in favor of the question, fill in the oval next to "In favor of the question/yes;" if the voter wishes to vote against the question, fill in the oval next to the words, "Opposed to the question/no."



In favor of the question/yes



Opposed to the question/no

# THE COMPANION QUESTION

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If and only if an Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax (the “Tax”) is reimposed in Aiken County, shall the Board of Education of The Consolidated School District of Aiken County, South Carolina (the “School District”), be authorized to issue, in addition to the eight percent bonding capacity, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the School District in a principal amount not exceeding \$285,000,000, the proceeds of which shall be used to finance the costs of renovations and additions at South Aiken High School, Midland Valley High School, Silver Bluff High School and North Augusta Middle School; and construction of a new elementary school in Area 3 including, if necessary, the cost of purchasing land; provided that the total debt service on such general obligation bonds shall not exceed 90% of the available revenue received from the Tax.

If the voter wishes to vote in favor of the question, fill in the oval next to “In favor of the question/yes;” if the voter wishes to vote against the question, fill in the oval next to the words, “Opposed to the question/no.”

In favor of the question/yes

Opposed to the question/no

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# ONE% TAX COMMUNITY MEETINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 @ SILVER BLUFF HIGH, 6:30PM

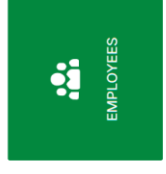
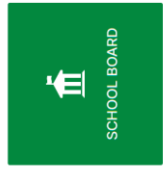
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ RSM K-12 CAMPUS, 6:30PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 @ SOUTH AIKEN HIGH, 6PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 @ NORTH AUGUSTA MIDDLE, 6PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH, 6PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 @ ACPSD.NET (VIRTUAL), 6PM



[www.acpsd.net/OneCent](http://www.acpsd.net/OneCent)







# City of North Augusta Hurricane Helene Recovery Update (Day 18)

14 October 2024



# City Lines of Effort (LOEs)

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## **LOE 1 Critical Infrastructure / Basic Human Needs - Completed**

### **LOE 2 Open road networks / route clearance**

- Improve road access to two – four lanes as able

### **LOE 3 Public Safety / Maintain Law & Order**

- Assist power crews with lane closures

### **LOE 4 Communicate**

- Demand signal to County, State, Federal, Utilities, and Non-Governmental Organizations
- Establish communications with critical command nodes across government
- Conduct Key Leader engagements (KLEs) – with strategic intent and specific asks
- Establish communications channel with Citizens (City of North Augusta – Public Information Page)

### **LOE 5 Debris Removal – Main Effort**





Key Leader Engagements (KLEs)

North Augusta Visits

SCDOT Chief of Staff Allen Hutto

South Carolina Deputy Adjutant General, Major General Jones

W. Keller Kissam, President – Dominion Energy South Carolina

South Carolina Guard senior officers (multiple)

Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette

**Congressman Joe Wilson**

**Israel Consul General Anat Sultan-Dadon**

Local Engagement

Senator Lindsay Graham (Aiken)

Governor Henry McMaster (Edgefield & Aiken)

Telephonic

Fort Eisenhower Commanding General – Major General Ryan Janovic

Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. Gary L. Stooksbury, Chief Executive Officer



# LOE 5 Debris Removal

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## **LOE 5 Debris Removal**

- **State Roads – SCDOT Contract**
- **City Roads – Aiken County Contract option**
  - Signed Cooperative Purchasing Agreement & Notice to Proceed with Tetrattech (monitoring)
  - Working contract documents with SDR
  - SC Department of Environmental Services has approved multiple sites for debris removal storage
- **City Property – City crews**
  - Greeneway – no volunteers allowed for cleanup based on liability
- **Resident debris self-removal options**
  - Belvedere
  - C&D Landfill
  - Exploring options with SDR & Tetrattech to allow for residential site in city limits
- **City trees overhanging/fallen on private property**



# Current Status

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## Power (Dominion)

- 100% restoral – Some residences need private electrical work to re-connect
- **Dominion wire/broken pole removal priorities**
  1. School neighborhoods (Hammond Hills Elementary, Paul Knox Middle, North Augusta High School)
  2. Downtown corridor (West & Carolina have multiple hazards)
  3. Hammond Hills

## Power (AEC)

- 100% restoral – Some residences need private electrical work to re-connect

## SCDOT

- All traffic lights are now operational in city limits (issue on W. Martintown on TH/FR since resolved)
- SCDOT debris contractors may start as early as this week. Priorities are Interstate Highways, State Highways, then State roads (approx 75% of roads in the City maintained by SCDOT)
  - City communicating importance of school neighborhood roads to SCDOT



**Speak one-on-one  
with a FEMA specialist at a  
Disaster Recovery Center**

**Aiken County, SC**

**Nancy Carson Library**

135 Edgefield Road

North Augusta, SC 29841

Open Oct. 14-17 from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**Find other center locations: [fema.gov/drc](https://fema.gov/drc)**





# For the week of October 14-18

## WHEN AND WHERE:

**Tuesday, October 15,  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For Union, Newberry, and Laurens Counties  
Piedmont Technical College, Laurens County Higher Education Center, 663 Medical Ridge Road, Clinton, S.C.

**Thursday, October 17,  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For Barnwell, Bamberg, and Allendale Counties  
USC Salkehatchie, Allendale (West) Campus, 465 James Brandt Boulevard, Allendale, S.C.

**Friday, October 18,  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

For Aiken, Saluda, and Edgefield Counties  
USC Aiken Convocation Center, 2049 Champion Way, Graniteville, S.C.

Additional Team South Carolina Days will be scheduled at a later date in other impacted counties.

**scemd.org**



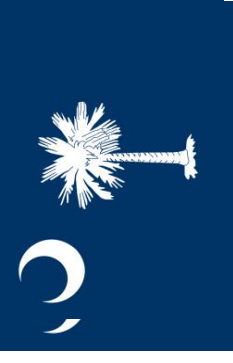


# Operation End State:

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- **Enable power restoration to 100% of our citizens**
- Road hazards fully identified and removed
- Road debris cleared, all roads to pre-Hurricane status
- Recreational Facilities & City Parks opened to the extent possible
  - Riverview Park Activities Center fully opened 10/14/2024
- Plan to repair city facilities presented to Council
- Greenway passable from end to end



# Questions?