

Administration Department



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: B. Todd Glover, City Administrator

DATE: October 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Agenda for Public Hearings and Regular Meeting of October 21, 2013

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM 1. FINANCE: Proposed Annual Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2014

A public hearing has been scheduled and duly advertised for October 21, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the North Augusta Municipal Center located at 100 Georgia Avenue. An ordinance adopting the budget is scheduled for first reading on October 21, second reading on November 4, and third and final reading on November 18, 2013.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the citizens of North Augusta pertaining to the proposed Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

Please see **ATTACHMENT "PH"** for the text of the public hearing notice as published on **Thursday, October 10, 2013**. Said attachment also includes a summary of the 2014 Consolidated Budget shown below.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA - 2014 BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta will hold a public hearing on the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2014. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers in the North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, on Monday, October 21, 2013, beginning at 7:00 P. M. All citizens will have an opportunity during the hearing to ask questions concerning the 2014 Municipal Budget as well as to express their views either verbally or in writing.

A copy of the proposed 2014 Municipal Budget is presently available for inspection at the North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. A summary of the proposed 2014 Municipal Budget as compared to the adopted 2013 Municipal Budget follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Adopted 2013 <u>Revenue</u>	Proposed 2014 <u>Revenue</u>	% <u>Change</u>		Adopted 2013 <u>Expenditures</u>	Proposed 2014 <u>Expenditures</u>	% <u>Change</u>
General	\$13,968,226	\$14,746,644	5.57%		\$13,968,226	\$14,746,644	5.57%
Sales Tax 2	0	0	0.00%		47,650	72,570	52.30%
Sales Tax 3	3,335,000	3,335,000	0.00%		0	0	0.00%
Recreation	7,000	7,000	0.00%		7,000	22,000	214.29%
Firemen's	40,000	50,000	25.00%		40,000	50,000	25.00%
Street Improvements	45,938	0	NA		100,000	30,000	(70.00%)
Riverfront/CC	565,000	585,000	3.54%		507,493	507,493	0.00%
Tax Increment	765,975	745,544	(2.67%)		0	0	0.00%
Transportation Fund	0	0	0.00%		0	101,000	NA
Capital Projects	635,595	192,011	(85.53%)		721,963	180,000	(75.07%)
Sanitation	3,675,033	3,773,004	2.67%		3,535,342	3,626,129	2.57%
Stormwater Utility	586,236	593,476	1.24%		586,236	593,476	1.24%
Public Utilities	8,660,575	8,752,953	1.07%		8,285,273	8,539,782	3.07%
Savannah Bluff Lock/Dam	0	0	0.00%		24,000	24,000	0.00%
TOTAL	\$32,284,578	\$32,780,632	1.54%		\$27,823,183	\$28,493,094	2.41%

The 2014 Budget does not include any tax or utility rate increases.

ITEM 2. FINANCE: Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for the North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District Within the North Augusta Riverfront Development District

A public hearing has been scheduled and duly advertised for October 21, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the North Augusta Municipal Center located at 100 Georgia Avenue. At the public hearing, all taxpayers and residents of the City and any and all other interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider adoption of proposed amendments to the Redevelopment Plan (the "*Redevelopment Plan*") for the North Augusta Riverfront Redevelopment District and the North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District (the "*TIF District*"). The Redevelopment Plan and the TIF District were adopted by Ordinance No. 96-10 on December 16, 1996. The proposed amendments were given preliminary approval by Resolution 2013-01 of the City Council adopted on January 22, 2013, a copy of which is available for review at the offices of the City Clerk at the Municipal Building, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, South Carolina, during normal business hours.

Please see **ATTACHMENT "PH-2"** for the text of the public hearing notice as published on **Saturday, October 5, 2013**.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- ITEM 5. EASEMENT: Approval of Revisions to an Easement Previously Granted by the City (Property Subject of these Actions is Related to a Development Known as Plaza Place Apartments.) – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading**

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading to approve revisions to an easement previously granted by the City. The property subject of these actions is related to a development known as Plaza Place Apartments.

Please see the minutes of October 7, 2013 for the proposed ordinance text.

- ITEM 6. PROPERTY: Approval of the Execution of a Quitclaim Deed, Conveying Property to Plaza Place Partners, LLC, for the Purpose of Confirming Boundary Lines for Property Known as Plaza Place Apartments, which Borders Property Belonging to the City – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading**

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading to approve the execution of a Quitclaim Deed conveying property to Plaza Place Partners, LLC for the purpose of confirming boundary lines for property known as Plaza Place Apartments, which borders property belonging to the City.

Please see the minutes of October 7, 2013 for the proposed ordinance text.

- ITEM 7. ZONING: 0.76 +/- Acres Located at 1010 Edgefield Road – PD, Planned Development to GC, General Commercial; Aiken County Tax Parcel Number 010-14-04-009 – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading**

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading to affect the requested rezoning of 0.76 +/- acres (Aiken County tax parcel number 010-14-04-009) located at 1010 Edgefield Road from PD, Planned Development, to GC, General Commercial.

Please see the minutes of October 7, 2013 for the proposed ordinance text.

ITEM 8. ZONING: **Amendment of Specific Sections of Ordinance No. 2005-10, Woodstone at Bergen Place Planned Development Located North, East and Adjacent to Bergen Place Subdivision – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading**

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading to amend Specific Sections of Ordinance No. 2005-10, Woodstone at Bergen Place Planned Development Located North, East and Adjacent to Bergen Place Subdivision.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #8** for the proposed ordinance text.

ITEM 9. FINANCE: **Proposed Annual Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 – Ordinance, First Reading**

Pending comments received during the Public Hearing scheduled to precede the regular meeting, an ordinance to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Consolidated Budget is submitted for Council’s consideration on first reading.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #9** for a copy of the proposed ordinance text and refer to your 2014 proposed Budget for revenue and expense summaries for each of the funds. Also, see the public hearing memorandum for a summary of the consolidated budget.

ITEM 10. FINANCE: **Taxes, Fiscal Year 2014 – Ordinance, First Reading**

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on first reading establishing the tax rate on all taxable property within the City of North Augusta for the Fiscal Year 2014.

The period for which the tax levy is due on all taxable property, except for motorized vehicles, shall be from January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013. The period for which the tax levy is due for all motorized vehicles which are required to be licensed by Section 53-3-110, Codes of Laws of South Carolina, shall be from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014.

The tax levy imposed upon all taxable property shall be 74.21 mills. Revenues from 71.85 mills shall go to the General Fund. Revenues from 2.36 mills shall go to the Capital Projects Fund.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #10** for the proposed ordinance text.

ITEM 11. FINANCE: Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for the North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District within the North Augusta Riverfront Development District – Ordinance, First Reading

Pending comments from the Public Hearing scheduled for tonight at 7:00 p.m., an ordinance has been scheduled for first reading to provide for the approval of certain amendments to the Redevelopment Plan of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #11** for the proposed ordinance text.