

Administration Department



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: B. Todd Glover, City Administrator

DATE: October 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Agenda for Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM 1. FINANCE: Proposed Annual Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2015

A public hearing has been scheduled and duly advertised for October 20, 2014, 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 20, second reading on November 3, and third and final reading on November 17, 2014.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the citizens of North Augusta pertaining to the proposed Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Please see **ATTACHMENT "PH"** for the text of the public hearing notice as published on **Wednesday, October 8, 2014**. Said attachment also includes a summary of the 2015 Consolidated Budget shown below.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA - 2015 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 2015. The public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers in the North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, on Monday, October 20, 2014, beginning at 7:00 P. M. All citizens will have an opportunity during the hearing to ask questions concerning the 2015 Municipal Budget as well as to express their views either verbally or in writing.

A copy of the proposed 2015 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 2015 Municipal Budget as compared to the adopted 2014 Municipal Budget follows:

Fund	Adopted 2014 Revenue	Proposed 2015 Revenue	% Change	Adopted 2014 Expenditures	Proposed 2015 Expenditures	% Change
General	\$14,746,644	\$15,774,538	6.97%	\$14,746,644	\$15,774,538	6.97%
Sales Tax 2	0	321,408	NA	72,570	552,600	661.47%
Sales Tax 3	3,335,000	2,635,000	(20.99)%	2,800,000	1,003,809	(64.15)%
Recreation	7,000	7,000	0.00%	22,000	7,000	(68.18)%
Firemen's	50,000	55,000	10.00%	50,000	55,000	10.00%
Street Improvements	0	0	NA	30,000	0	NA
Riverfront/CC	585,000	645,000	10.26%	507,493	547,568	7.90%
Tax Increment	745,544	423,662	(43.17)%	0	0	NA
Transportation Fund	0	0	NA	101,000	158,000	56.44%
Capital Projects	192,011	0	NA	180,000	0	NA
Sanitation	3,773,004	4,174,394	10.64%	3,626,129	4,026,206	11.03%
Stormwater Utility	593,476	605,304	1.99%	593,476	605,304	1.99%
Public Utilities	8,752,953	9,025,843	3.12%	8,539,782	8,973,985	5.08%
Savannah Bluff Lock/Dam	0	0	NA	24,000	24,000	0.00%
TOTAL	\$32,780,632	\$33,667,149	2.70%	\$31,293,094	\$31,728,010	1.39%

The proposed 2015 Municipal Budget does not include any tax or utility rate increases, however, the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget does include fee increases for building permits and recreation programs. As with any budget year, there is potential for adopting millage and additional fee increases during the public budget hearing scheduled for October 20, 2014.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- ITEM 5. CITY CODE: **Amendment of Section 2-73 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, Section 2-73 Entitled *Limitation on Number of Amendments, Etc.* – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading****

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading amending Section 2-73 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, Section 2-73 entitled *Limitation on Number of Amendments, Etc.*

Please see the minutes of October 6, 2014, for the ordinance text.

- ITEM 6. STREETS AND DRAINS: **Abandonment of a ±0.14 Acre Alleyway Between Center Street and West Avenue – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading****

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on third and final reading to abandon a ±0.14 acre alleyway between Center Street and West Avenue.

Please see the minutes of October 6, 2014, for the ordinance text.

- ITEM 7. STREETS AND DRAINS: **Abandonment of a Portion of a Drainage and Utility Easement – Ordinance, Third and Final Reading****

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on first reading to abandon a portion of a drainage and utility easement located in Hammond’s Ferry, Phase A3 Subdivision.

This ordinance is in response to the request the City has received from J-Mar Builders & Services, Inc. to abandon a portion of a drainage and utility easement on Lot 26, Block 2 of Hammond’s Ferry, Phase A3 Subdivision to facilitate construction of a residence. The City Engineer has reviewed the request and determined that the full width of the existing easement is not necessary for the operation and maintenance of the storm drainage system and recommends that a portion of the easement be abandoned.

Please see the minutes of October 6, 2014, for the ordinance text.

ITEM 8. BUILDING STANDARDS: Amendment of Chapter 6, Article III, Titled “Construction Permit Schedules” of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina

A. Ordinance, First Reading

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on first reading amending Chapter 6, Article III, titled *Construction Permit Schedules* of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina. This fee schedule will become effective for all permits applied for on or after January 1, 2015.

Please see [ATTACHMENT NO. #8-A](#) for a copy of the proposed ordinance.

B. Ordinance, Second Reading

Pending Council’s action on Item 8-A above, the ordinance will be presented for Council’s consideration on second reading.

ITEM 9. FINANCE: Proposed Annual Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – Ordinance, First Reading

Pending comments received during the Public Hearing scheduled to precede the regular meeting, an ordinance to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 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 2015 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 2015 – 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 2015.

The period for which the tax levy is due on all taxable property, except for motorized vehicles, shall be from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. 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, 2015, to December 31, 2015.

The tax levy imposed upon all taxable property shall be 74.21 mills.

Please see [**ATTACHMENT #10**](#) for the proposed ordinance text.

ITEM 11. ZONING: North Augusta Development Code, Proposed Text Amendments (Application RZT 14-001)

A. Ordinance, First Reading

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on first reading amending Article 4, Supplemental Regulations, related to swimming pool setbacks and temporary construction and real estate offices; Article 5, Approval Procedures, related to notice requirements and to permits, violations and enforcement; Article 10, Landscaping, related to landscape plan and tree removal requirements; and Appendix A, Definitions, of the North Augusta Development Code, Chapter 18 of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances.

Please see [**ATTACHMENT #11-A**](#) for a copy of the proposed ordinance and supporting documentation.

B. Ordinance, Second Reading

Pending Council’s passage of the ordinance on first reading, it is submitted for Council’s consideration on second reading.

ITEM 12. ZONING: North Augusta Development Code, Proposed Text Amendments (Application RZT 14-002)

A. Ordinance, First Reading

An ordinance has been prepared for Council’s consideration on first reading amending specific sections of Article 5, Approval Procedures, Article 6, Site Analysis, and Appendix A, Definitions, related to activity permitting and steep slope development, of the North Augusta Development Code, Chapter 18 of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina Code of Ordinances.

Please see [**ATTACHMENT #12-A**](#) for a copy of the proposed ordinance and supporting documentation.

B. Ordinance, Second Reading

Pending Council’s passage of the ordinance on first reading, it is submitted for Council’s consideration on second reading.

