



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
2:00 PM

INVOCATION

Reverend Angel Maestre, Pastor, Oasis of Blessings Christian Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RECOGNITION(S)

- A. Congratulations!** 2024 March Years of Service (YOS) 25–50-year recipients.

Presentations are made to the 2024 March Years of Service recipients.

DELEGATION(S)

- B. Mr. Moses Todd** from I Love Augusta Inc. on the agenda to discuss South Richmond County Water Park / SPLOST9

Presentation is made by Mr. Todd.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-10)

PLANNING

1. **Z-24-07** A request for **concurrence** with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Yurui Huang requesting a rezoning from **zone R-1A (One-family Residential)** to **zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business)** affecting property containing approximately 0.25 acres located at **3333 Wrightsboro Road**. Tax Map #041-4-038-00-0

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

2. **Z-24-14** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Track West Partners on behalf of Savvy 3120, LLC, requesting a **rezoning from zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) and B-2 (General Business) to zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property containing approximately 1.6 acres located at **3120 Washington Road**. Tax Map #011-0-117-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Williams.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Voting Nay: Frantom

Motion carries 8-1.

- 3. Z-24-15** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Dennis Trotter on behalf of Charles Savage requesting a **rezoning from zone R-1A (One-family Residential) and B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business)** affecting property containing approximately 1.57 acres located at **3306 Old McDuffie Road**. Tax Map #083-0-006-00-0.

Motion to deny this request for concurrence with the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Scott.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Voting Nay: Garrett, Frantom

Motion carries 7-2.

- 4. Z-24-16** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **deny** the petition by High Preserve, LLC and Gulley Cat, LLC requesting a **rezoning from zone R-1C (One-family Residential) and R-1E (One-family Residential) to zone R-1E (One-family Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 30.09 acres located at **3745 and 3749 Old Waynesboro Road**. Tax Map #170-0-003-01-0 and 170-2-054-00-0.

Motion to refer this item back to the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

- 5. A.N. 24-17 - New Location: Syed Hasnain** requesting **Retail Package Beer and Wine** located at 2601 Deans Bridge Road. District 2, Super District 9

Motion to approve the corrected caption for a request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to approve the petition by Augusta Historic Cottage Cemetery, Inc. requesting a rezoning from Zone R-1C (One-family Residential) to Zone LI (Light Industrial) affecting property containing approximately 1.61 acres located at 1775 Marvin Griffin Road. Tax Map #134-1-002-00-0.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

- 6. Z-24-18** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Joe Gambill on behalf of Bridge Builder Communities requesting a rezoning from **zone R-1C (One-family Residential) to zone R-1E (One-family Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 3.08 acres located at **1140 Merry Street**. Tax Map #045-1-234-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Scott.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle
Mr. Mason out.

Motion carries 8-0.

- 7. SE-24-06** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Joe Gambill on behalf of Bridge Builder Communities requesting a **special exception** per Section 26-1(v) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a tiny home community affecting property containing approximately 3.08 acres located at **1140 Merry Street. Zoned R-1E (One-family Residential)**. Tax Map #045-1-234-00-0

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Scott.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle
Mr. Mason out.

Motion carries 8-0.

- 8. SE-24-05** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition by Augusta Historic Cottage Cemetery, Inc., requesting a **special exception** per Section 26-1(m) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to legitimize an existing cemetery affecting property containing approximately 1.61 acres located at **1775 Marvin Griffin Road**. Tax Map #134-1-002-00-0. **Zoned LI (Light Industrial)**.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

- 9. ZA-R-261** – A request concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **amend** the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 26-1 to establish criteria for the granting of a **special exception** pertaining to low-THC oil dispensaries, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 16-12-215(a).

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 10. Motion to approve** the Special Called meeting minutes held April 2, 2024 and the Commission regular meeting minutes held Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
AUGUSTA COMMISSION

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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 11-29)

PUBLIC SERVICES

11. Begin planning process for Downtown Entertainment District. **(Requested by Commissioners Jordan Johnson and Sean Frantom)**

Motion to approve and to task the Administrator with including the appropriate city staff in the planning process such as representatives from the Sheriff's Office and the Planning Department.

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

12. Motion to **approve A.N. 24-14 - New Location: Shivam Patel** requesting **Retail Package Liquor, Beer, And Wine** for Narayan Package located at 3107 Deans Bridge Road. District 5, Super District 9

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Voting Nay: Garrett

Motion carries 8-1.

13. Motion to **approve A.N. 24-15 – Existing Location: Florence Henley** requesting to reinstate Liquor, Beer and Wine consumption on premises for Tiffany's Eatery located at 828 Broad Street, District 1, Super District 9.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Johnson.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

14. Motion to **approve A.N. 24-16 - New Ownership (Existing Location): Nizamuddin Sayani** requesting **Retail Package Beer, and Wine** for Pick N Pay located at 2618 Peach Orchard Road. District 2, Super District 9

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Guilfoyle.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

15. **A.N. 24-17 - New Location: Syed Hasnain** requesting **Retail Package Beer and Wine** located at 2601 Deans Bridge Road. District 2, Super District 9

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Johnson.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

16. Motion to **approve** 2024 Ground Transportation Agreement with Raiser, LLC. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on March 28, 2024.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

17. Motion to **approve** submittal of the funding proposal for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Disabled Persons to the Georgia Department of Human Services and Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

18. Motion to **approve** requiring food truck operators possessing an Augusta-Richmond County business license to have an annual decal. The decal will cost \$5.00.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

19. Update from the Downtown Development Authority. **(Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)**

Motion to approve referring this item back to the next Commission meeting.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

20. Motion to **approve** price proposal Option B, not to exceed the greater of 2.5% of total ESCO Sell Price or minimum of \$250,000, from IBA Consulting Engineers, Inc. dba **NV5 Consultants. (Deferred from the March 19, 2024 Commission Meeting)**

Motion to approve receiving this item as information.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

21. **Approve** Phase 2 Audit of City-County Buildings by TRANE as it Relates to the Augusta-Richmond County Energy Savings PACT Project. In addition, approve payment of **\$398,00.00** to TRANE for Phase 2 audit. **(No recommendation from Administrative Services Committee March 12, 2024)(Deferred from the March 19, 2024 Commission Meeting)**

Motion to approve receiving this item as information.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be received as information without objection.

22. Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to approve the addendum engagement agreement with Cherry Bekaert to continue to provide grant management assistance to the Housing and Community Development Department.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

23. Motion to **approve** dedication of Water and Sanitary Sewer for Skinner Mill Townhomes subdivision.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

24. Motion to **approve** Supplementing (SA2) Construction Contract of Landfill Phase 3 Cell3B2 Unfinished Liner-Part2 Construction Services to Morgan Corp. Also, approve supplemental funding for \$2,000,000.00 for completing Cell3B2-Part2 construction. AE/RFP 21-183

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

25. Motion to **approve** Emergency Procurement to Repair Backup Generator

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

26. Motion to approve the purchase of munition for the Richmond County Sheriff's SWAT Team.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

27. Motion to approve the emergency purchase of ammunition for the Richmond County Sheriff's Training Division. The ammunition is being purchased via GA State Contract from Gulf State Distributors.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

28. Motion to approve Inmate Telephone Contract Addendum D.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-0.

LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
- B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

29. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.

ADDENDUM ITEM

1. Motion to approve acceptance of award of GEMA Grants for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be added to the agenda without objection.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle.

Mr. Johnson out.

Motion carries 8-0.