



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, March 07, 2023

2:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Garnett Johnson
Commissioner Brandon Garrett
Commissioner Jordan Johnson
Commissioner Bobby Williams
Commissioner Alvin Mason
Commissioner Sean Frantom
Commissioner Francine Scott
Commissioner Catherine Smith-McKnight
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Tony Lewis
Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle

INVOCATION

Lead Pastor Wesley Weatherford, Oasis Church at Hephzibah

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

DELEGATION(S)

- A. Mr. Kevin Delaigle** regarding the status of the City's Cemetery Perpetual Care Commission.
Mr. Delaigle was not present at the meeting; it was the consensus of the Commission to refer his presentation to the next Commission meeting.
- B. Mr. Philip N. Gregory, Sr.** regarding the Regency Mall property and the James Brown Statue.
Mr. Gregory did not appear before the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-20)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Motion to approve New Ownership-Existing Location: A.N. 23-06:** request by Levorse Scott for a retail package **Beer & Wine** License to be used in connection with Second Peach, Inc located at 1342 Gordon Hwy. District 1. Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**
Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

2. Motion to **approve New Ownership-Existing Location: A.N. 23-07:** request by Levorse Scott for a retail package **Beer & Wine** License to be used in connection with Peach First, Corp. located at 1499 Gordon Hwy. District 2. Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

3. Motion to **approve New Ownership-Existing Location: A.N. 23-08:** A request by David Hopkins for a **Nano Distillery** License to be used in connection with Second City Distillery located at #4 Eighth Street. District 1. Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**District 1. Super District 9.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

4. Motion to **approve Existing Location: A.N. 23-09:** A request by Jennifer Marshall for an on-premises consumption **Liquor & Beer** License to be used in connection with K & J Soulbar and Grill located at 720 E Robinson Ave. Ste 101-102. There will Be **Sunday Sales**. District 3. Super District 10. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

5. Motion to **approve** the donation of two sculptures for a public art installation at the central island of the roundabout North Leg Road / Milledgeville Road. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

6. Motion to **approve** a five-year contract with Departure Media, Inc. for In-Terminal Advertising program at Augusta Regional Airport. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on

January 26, 2023. **(RFP 22-253)** The contract had an initial term of five (5) years with no options for renewal **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

7. Motion to **approve** a construction contract with RW Allen Construction in the amount of \$2,660,428.00 to perform all tasks related to the Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) Fuel Farm Improvement Project - Base Bid Item 22-244A. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on February 10, 2023. **(Approved by Public Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

8. Motion to approve Augusta, Georgia's submission to HUD of the HOME Investment Partnership Program— American Rescue Plan Cost Allocation Plan and request the following:

Authority for the Mayor to execute 1) Standard Form 424, 2) Standard Form 424 D, and 3) Certifications and Assurances required by HUD for HOME ARP funds;

Allow HCD to move forward with implementation of Cost Allocation Plan activities;

Allow HCD to hire one (1) additional FT staff person (concurrent with the term of grant)/provide supplemental pay (where applicable) for all affected employees;

Instruct Finance department to add available funding to HCD's budget for immediate use and implementation. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES

9. Motion to **approve** purchase of 300 meter registers for Augusta Utilities. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

10. Motion to **approve** resolution regarding hunting around the Phinizy Swamp Nature Park and the Constructed Wetlands. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

11. Motion to **approve** Change Order to Extend AUD Billing Software Upgrade Go Live date by two months and add CO 1 in the amount of \$41,000.00 to Systems & Software – PO #22AUA041**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

12. Motion to **approve** award of Construction Contract to Reeves Construction subject to Value Engineering and in the amount of \$12,198,593.15 for Phase I of the Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Projects, Greene Street Improvements Project-Road Segment 5th St. to East Boundary, subject to receipt of signed contracts and proper bonds. RFP 22-294 / requested by Engineering. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

13. Motion to **approve** Task Order funding for Stormwater System Assessment and Drainage Improvements Engineering Services Agreement to Cranston Engineering (Cranston) in the amount of \$33,150.00 for John C Calhoun/Ellis Street Drainage Conveyance System Improvements Final Design & Construction plans. Requested by the Engineering. RFQ 19-148 **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

14. Motion to **approve** Award of “Augusta’s Grounds and Landscaped Improvements Maintenance” Contract to Augusta Quality LLC for Groups 1, 2 and 3 - Attached EXHIBIT A Contract Services, subject to receipt of signed contract and proper insurance documents. The Contract is effective 1/1/2023 for four years with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms. Also, approve \$330,000/year to fund these contracted services. Requested by Engineering. RFP 22-301**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

FINANCE

15. Motion to **approve** funding of operating, capital & encumbrance carryovers. (**Approved by Finance February 28, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

16. Motion to **approve** update of fund balance policy and goals. (**Approved by Finance February 28, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

17. Motion to **approve** a Bond and Fiscal Health work session with Augusta's Financial advisor, Davenport & Company, on March 20, 2023 at 2:00pm in the Linda Beazley Room of the Municipal Building. (**Approved by Finance February 28, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

APPOINTMENT(S)

18. Motion to **approve** the appointment of **Mr. John Clarke** to the General Aviation Commission (Daniel Field) representing **District 7**. (**Requested by Commissioner Sean Frantom**).

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

19. Motion to **approve** the reappointment of **Mr. James Scott** to the Richmond County Board of Assessors representing **District 10**. (**Requested by Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

Lewis, Guilfoyle

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

20. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the Commission Meeting held, Tuesday, February 21, 2023 and Special Called Meeting held February 28, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

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

AUGUSTA COMMISSION REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 21-24)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

21. Motion to **approve** hosting Strategic Planning Session with UGA CVIOG relative to Augusta's Stepping Up Initiative and associated fees. **(Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

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

FINANCE

22. Discuss support for Band of Brothers Annual Juneteenth Celebration. **(Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)**

Motion to refer this item back to the next committee meeting.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Guilfoyle.

No action is taken on this motion due to the passage of the substitute motion.

Substitute motion to approve adding funding in the amount of \$20,000 to the Recreation & Parks Department budget to support the 2023 Juneteenth celebration with the Administrator to identify a funding source and to also task the Administrator with the development of a plan moving forward to support entities asking for City support for festivals and parades.

Motion made by Johnson, Seconded by Scott.

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

23. Consider a request from **Mr. Sean Mooney** for financial support on behalf of the Irish Heritage Society in association with the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade. **(No Recommendation from Finance Committee on February 28, 2023)**

Motion to approve the request with funding in the amount of \$3,500.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Lewis.

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

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Mason.

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

ADDENDUM ITEM:

1. Motion to approve going into an executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation and real estate.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by McKnight.

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

