



## COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chamber  
Tuesday, March 04, 2025  
2:00 PM

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Garnett Johnson  
Mayor Wayne Guilfoyle  
Commissioner Jordan Johnson  
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam  
Commissioner Catherine Rice  
Commissioner Alvin Mason  
Commissioner Don Clark  
Commissioner Tony Lewis  
Commissioner Tina Slendak  
Commissioner Brandon Garrett  
Commissioner Francine Scott

### **INVOCATION**

Bishop James Johnson, Pastor, Augusta Worship Center

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

### **DELEGATION(S)**

- A. Mr. Sean Mooney, President Irish American Heritage Society** regarding update on the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade from its organizers, the Irish American Heritage Society.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items 1-20)*

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

- 1. Motion to approve the Airport Terminal Checkpoint Modernization Work Authorization #11 Construction Administration and Construction Closeout (CA/CO) to Mead and Hunt in the amount of \$449,438.00. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on January 30, 2025. (Approved by Public Service Committee February 25, 2025)**

#### **Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

2. Motion to **approve** the **Airport Rental Car Concession Agreements to Alamo/National, Avis, Budget/Payless, Dollar/Thrifty, Enterprise, and Hertz**. These agreements were approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on January 30, 2025. (**Approved by Public Service Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

3. Motion to **approve** the purchase of two utility carts, at a total cost of \$26,986 from Mr. Golf Carts for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

4. Motion to **approve** utilizing the state contract (#SWC 9999-001-SPD0000183-002) for the purchase of one Chevrolet Tahoe, at a total cost of \$62,821 from Hardy Chevrolet for the Richmond County District Attorney's Office. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

5. Motion to **approve** the Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Establishment of a Senior Executive Service (SES) position to fulfill the role of Airport Deputy Executive Director for the Augusta

Regional Airport. The position was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on October 31, 2024. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

6. Motion to approve change order#1 - \$81,503.00 to purchase order P469373 to cover the costs of the installation of one (1) 600-amp 208VAC manual transfer switch for a portable power generator at E911 Emergency Services Department by Georgia Power. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

As a companion item with the amendment of purchase order P469373, the E911 Emergency Services Department is requesting Commission approval to utilize and transfer \$81,503.00 from the E911 Fund Balance to the 2025 E911 operating budget. The fund balance usage for the amendment of purchase order P469373 to include the manual transfer switch installation is an allowable E911 reserve fund purchase per Georgia Code 46-5-134.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

7. Motion to award Bid Item 24-238 for Instrumentation to the Lowest Bidders – FLW Southeast, Inc. and Hydrocal **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

8. Approve the deed of dedications, maintenance agreements, and road resolutions submitted by the Engineering Department and the Augusta Utilities Department for Bellemeade Landing. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

9. Motion to increase the funding for approved RFQ #23-263: Task Order Program (2023) for Water and Sewer Infrastructure for Utilities Department (AUD) in the amount of \$6,000,000.00. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

10. Motion to **approve** the deed of dedication, maintenance agreement, and road resolution submitted by the Engineering Department for Southampton Section 10. Also, approve Augusta Utilities Department easement deed and maintenance agreement. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

11. Motion **approve** supplemental funding to Cranston Engineering in the amount of \$28,550.00 for the James Brown Blvd. Streetscape Project (PI 0013707)-Phase III (Twiggs to Laney Walker) Phase III Improvements Construction Phase Services (CEI). AE / RFQ 16-216 **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

12. Motion to **approve** Emergency Procurement of Midco Diving and Marine Services, Inc. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 13.** Motion to **approve** a community partnership to provide 50% of funding with the City of Augusta supplementing 50% to refurbish the landscaping and trees within the gateway of Wheeler Road from I-20 through the Bobby Jones corridor. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 14.** Motion to **approve** the purchase of one (1) Pierce Custom Mid Mount Tower Aerial Truck, one (1)Pierce Custom 107' Straight Stick Aerial Truck, and one (1)Pierce Saber Pumper with funding from the Augusta Fire Department Fund Balance using the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and the NPPGov Cooperative Contract. (**Approved by Public Safety Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 15.** Motion to **approve** The Lease of Old Fire Station 19, located on Sand Bar Ferry Rd, to The East Augusta Brotherhood Association and to authorize the mayor to sign all appropriate documents. (**Approved by Public Safety Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 16.** Motion to **award** RFP 24-265 Consulting Services for Augusta Fire Department Strategic Plan and authorize the mayor to sign all appropriate documentation. **Approved by Public Safety Committee February 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

17. Motion to **approve** renewal of existing telephone and Internet Service Provider (ISP) Contracts. **Approved by Public Safety Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

17. Motion to **approve** entering into a MOU with Freedom's Path at Augusta III and VA Augusta Health Care System. **Approved by Public Safety Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

18. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the February 4, 2025 Commission Meeting.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **FINANCE**

19. Motion to **approve** having Administration work with the Engineering Department and bring back a plan for Reynolds and Ellis Streets becoming one way with time parking on Broad Street in 30-days. **(Approved by Finance Committee February 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Garrett and Seconded by Rice.

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Garrett, Lewis, Scott

**Motion carries 11-0**

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

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

(Items 21-27)

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

- 20.** Discuss cleaning up the city, regarding signs in medians, telephone poles in right-a-ways, traffic signs, grocery carts, trash, etc. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine Rice)**

**Received as information without objection.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 21.** Schedule a workshop date to discuss updating and revamping the Historical Preservation (HPC) Ordinance. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine Rice)**

**Motion to approve scheduling a workshop and inviting the HPC & Eric Montgomery of Historic Augusta with the Administrator's Office scheduling the meeting.**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by J. Johnson**

**Voting Yea Mayor, Rice, Johnson, Scott, Garrett, Slendak, Guilfoyle, Pulliam, Mason**

**Motion carries 9-0 with Clark and Lewis out**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

- 23.** Update from ISM on storm debris pickup. **(Requested by Commissioner Alvin Mason)**

**Presentation made and received as information without objection.**

**FINANCE**

- 24.** Update on the Parks and Recreation Department Audit. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine Rice)**

**Received as information without objection.**

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

- 25.** Consider one of the following recommendations from the Augusta-Richmond County Legislative Delegation for Chairperson of the Richmond County Sheriff's Merit Board. **1) Eric Adams 2) Charlie Byrd 3) Lidia Harris**

**Motion to approve 1) Eric Adams**

**Motion Made by Mason. Seconded by Guilfoyle**

Voting Yes Mayor Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam, Rice, Clark, Slendak, Mason, Guilfoyle

Voting No J. Johnson

**Motion carries 10-1**

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**26. Motion to declare and announce the appointees selected via the Mayor and Commission to serve on the Augusta-Richmond County Charter Review Committee. (Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

**Pronouncement of ARC Charter Review Committee as follows:**

Mayor Roderick Pearson **1)** Dr. Lester McCorn, **2)** Angela Bakos, **3)** Marci Wilhelmi, **4)** Tanya Barnhill-Turnley **5)** Marvin Cole **6)** Virginia Cody **7)** Clarence Powell **8)** Charlie Coleman **9)** Lonnie Wimberly **10)** Steve Foushee

## **LEGAL MEETING**

**A. Pending and Potential Litigation**

**B. Real Estate**

**C. Personnel**

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion made by Mason and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam, Rice, Slendak, Clark, Mason, J. Johnson, Garrett, Guilfoyle

**Motions carries 11-0**

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

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Mason Seconded by Rice.**

**Voting yes Mayor Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Rice Slendak, Clark, Garrett, Mason J. Johnson**

**Motion carries 9-0** with Guilfoyle and Pulliam out

Meeting adjourned.

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