



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

2:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Guilfoyle, Commissioners Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Wimberly, Clark, Lewis, Slendak, Garrett and Scott.

INVOCATION

Reverend Tony Christie, Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church

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

RECOGNITION(S)

- A. August 2026 Years of Service Recipients: 5–20 YOS Recipients and 25-50 YOS Recipients.**

Recognitions made accordingly.

DELEGATION(S)

- B. Ms. Moniqua Acosta-**persistent nuisance and maintenance conditions at a property adjacent to my commercial property.

Presentation made accordingly.

- C. Ms. Amanda Cruz- Mandatory Green Infrastructure for Data Centers** – additional development code to consider in the data center ordinance.

Presentation made accordingly.

- D. Ms. Lisa Lovestone-Gifford-**Lack of Governmental Oversight in Richmond County.

Presentation made accordingly.

- E. Ms. Zakiya Mabery- C-CAPE** regarding review of latest Data Center Ordinance; Resident Protections, Accountability and request for a 150-day moratorium extension.

Presentation made accordingly.

- F. Lakeland Barnes-** history of SPLOST and the intentions of SPLOST 9. **(Lack quorum deferred from Finance Committee Mtg. Sept. 9, 2026)**

Presentation made accordingly.

- G. Mr. Ben Hasan** regarding item (#2 ASC) **25CSA279** for Building Automation Service and Mechanical Change Order in the amount of **\$584,074.42** by Trane Company; and Change

Order **25CSA201** Exhibit G Annual Service Agreement in amount **\$317,010.31** by **Trane Company**.

- H. Dr. Gayla Spooner Keesee** regarding procedural compliance before final adoption.
Presentation made accordingly.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-20)

PLANNING

1. **Z-26-14** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Bill Corder with Bluewater Engineering Services on behalf of J-Mar Builders & Services, Inc. requesting a rezoning from zones B-1 (Neighborhood-Business), B-2 (General Business), and LI (Light Industrial) to zone LI (Light Industrial) to establish a contracting business and laydown yard affecting properties containing approximately 0.66 acres located at 1730 Broad Street, 212 Frank Street, and 225 Deans Lane. Tax Map #s 035-2-151-01-0, 035-2-153-00-0, 035-2-158-00-0. District 1 (Commissioner: Jordan Johnson).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

2. **SE-26-14** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Hull Barrett, PC, on behalf of PSH Augusta Downtown, LLC, requesting a rezoning from zones HI (Heavy Industrial) and LI (Light Industrial) to zone B-2 (General Business) to develop an extended-stay hotel, affecting properties containing approximately 2.3 acres located at 1310 and 1310 A Walker Street. Tax Map #'s 046-2-087-00-0 & 046-2-086-00-0. District 1

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

3. **SE-26-13** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **DENY** a petition by Madhusudhan Kothakapu with Apex Liquors LLC, on behalf of On Track New LLC, requesting a special exception per Section 21-2(c) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a liquor store affecting property containing approximately 2.03 acres located at 4505 Windsor Spring Road. Tax Map # 194-0-001-06-0. Zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business). District 8 (Commissioner Brandon Garrett).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

4. **SE-26-17** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Ira Brown with Harmoni Towers Gateway LLC, on behalf of Vincent McClain, requesting a special exception per Section 28-A-5(A) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a telecommunications facility, affecting property containing approximately 2 acres located at 3421 Milledgeville Road. Tax Map # 069-1-011-00-0. Zoned LI (Light Industrial). District 2 (Commissioner Stacy Pulliam).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

PUBLIC SERVICES

5. Motion to **approve** the Daniel Field Airport FY2027 Tentative Allocation of \$2,033,632 FAA & State (GDOT) funding and approve Mayor Johnson signing the acceptance letter of this tentative allocation. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

6. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) Aviation Commission has approved the purchase of two (2) Ford E-350 StarCraft Buses from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles for Airport Shuttle Service utilizing the Georgia State Contract. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 08/27/2026. The Augusta Regional Airport request the approval of the Augusta Commission for the purchase in the amount of \$227,800.00.**(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

7. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve Amendment #1 to Work Authorization #11 for Mead & Hunt to provide additional Construction Administration and Construction Observation (CA/CO) services for the Terminal Checkpoint Modernization Project (Bid #25-BFA049) in the amount of \$429,950.00. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 08/27/2026.**(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

8. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve Drainage Ditch Enclosure – Ph II (IFB #250150) Change Order #1 – Final Balancing to Reeves Construction Company in the amount of (\$276,616.10). Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 08/27/2026. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

9. Motion to **approve** the Sec. 5307/5339 Augusta Transit grant application between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Augusta, Georgia. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

10. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve the First Amendment to the Delta Air Lines Lease Agreement. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 08/27/2026.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

11. A motion to renew the Sec. 5311 Rural Transit grant application between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Augusta, Georgia for July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

12. **Motion to approve A.N. 26-39 –New Location: Retail Package Beer and Wine.** Michael B. Corley Jr. is the applicant for Gregory M Parker Inc, to be used in connection with 2311 Windsor Spring Rd, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0 no objectors

13. Motion to **approve A.N. 26-40** –Existing Location, New Ownership: **Retail Package Beer and Wine**. Geoff Franqui is the applicant for 8th Street Family LLC, to be used in connection with 307 Eighth Street, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

14. Motion to approve and execute the FY 2027 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Annual Safe and Accessible Transportation Options/Complete Streets Funding Contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

15. Motion to **approve** and execute the FY 2027 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Annual PL Funding Contract from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

16. Motion to **approve** the annual application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5303 funds in FY 2028. **(Approved by Public Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

17. Motion to **approve** the sole source procurement from Johnson, Laschober & Associates P.C. (JLA) for architectural services resulting from the Midwest Maintenance marble structure assessment contract at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$120,000.00. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

- 18. Motion to approve** the request for the change order to 25CSA279 for the Building Automation Service and Mechanical Service Agreements – Year 2 in the total amount of **\$584,074.42** by Trane Company. In addition, **approve** the request for the change order to 25CSA201 for the Exhibit G Annual Service Agreement – Year 2 in the total amount of **\$317,010.31** by Trane Company. **Approved by Administrative Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to refer to committee.

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

- 19. Motion to approve** the award RFP Item #26-139, Old Government House Mold Remediation in the amount of \$110,227.48 to ACC Restoration, LLC.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

- 20. Motion to approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to continue to partner with Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable housing to families that reside in the Augusta, Georgia-Richmond County area. To continue support the construction and development of one (1) single family units to be sold to low-income homebuyers. **Approved by Administrative Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

- 21. Motion to approve** the amendment of 2020 HOPWA Agreements for Antioch Ministries and Promise Land CDC to prevent the recapture of funding. Funding has been earmarked by HUD as HOPWA Expiring Funds for FY2020 and is scheduled to be recaptured on September 30, 2026. **Approved by Administrative Services Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett
Motion carried 11-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

22. Approve Annual Contract with Georgia Department of Corrections. (**Approved by Public Safety Committee September 8, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

23. Solicitor General Omeeka Loggins-requesting reinstatement of 2026 budget cut funds due to risk of office closure.(**Approved by Public Safety Committee September 8, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

24. Motion to **approve** the minutes of September 1, 2026, Commission meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

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

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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 21-33)

PUBLIC SERVICES

25. To discuss the deplorable condition of Appleby Library. (**Requested by Commissioner Catherine Rice**)

Motion to delete

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

26. **ZA-R-262** –Approval of the Proposed Data Center Ordinance to provide clear regulatory standards for future data center development.

Establish zoning regulations governing the location, review procedures, design standards, operational requirements, infrastructure coordination, environmental protections, and abandonment requirements for Data Centers (DCs) and High-Density Computing Facilities (HDCFs) within Augusta-Richmond County.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Rice and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 11-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

27. Motion to approve entering into Construction Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Greene Street-Part2 (13th St. to 5th St.) Improvements Project (PI #0021263). Also, authorize Augusta Mayor to execute Project Specific Construction Agreement and its associated documents (electronic and hard copy). /AE

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

28. Approve the award of “Solid Waste and Recycling Front Load Services” Contract to Georgia Waste System, LLC. (GWS) subject to receipt of signed contract and associated documents. The Contract is for five years with renewal option of two additional two years terms. AE/26-196

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

29. Approve Amendment 14 for capital improvements at the J. B. Messerly Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated budget amendments.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

30. Receive update on the J. B. Messerly Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to accept

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

31. Approve additional fees in the amount of \$407,255.00 to ISM Engineering for engineering services supporting project management, rainfall, and on-call engineering. ISM is a Prequalified Engineering Consultant (RFQ24-132)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

32. Approve funding in the amount of \$150,000 from vegetation management 2026 allocation to ensure continuity of county-wide right of way trees maintenance and removal services. /AE

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

33. **Mr. Richard E Jones-** uneven manway covers and work order cancellations. (Deferred from the August 25, 2026 committee meeting.

Motion to defer to next committee meeting.

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

FINANCE

34. Planning and Development in coordination with Augusta Economic Development Authority (AEDA) requests Commission approval to apply for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Protect Planning Grant to advance resilience planning for the Mike Padgett Highway corridor, with Valencia Way as the priority major-employer arterial focus.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

35. Discuss and approve employee contribution rates for the health benefits plan for FY 2027.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

36. Motion to **approve** the Probate Court's request for the replacement of the current filing carousels utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Contract with Kardex Remstar, LLC in the amount \$290,468.50. Amount revised down to **\$243,774.85. (No recommendation from Public Safety Committee September 9, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

ADDENDUM AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Addendum Agenda accepted without objection.

ADD- CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Acceptance of FAA AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-064-2026(#64) in the amount of \$1,634,899.74. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 08/27/2026. (Approved by the Public Services Commission September 8, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

- 2. Motion to approve Augusta, GA Juvenile Justice Center Renovation - Contract Documents and GMP Amendment. (Requested by Noland Martin, Administrator Juvenile Court)**

- 1) RWA Executed A133-2019 Contract, 2)RWA Executed A133-
2) 2019 Exhibit A GMP Amendment with attachments,
3) A133-2019 Exhibit B Insurance.**

Motion to approve

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Motion carried 11-0

CORRECTION:

PLANNING:

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SHOULD READ:

4. **SE-26-14** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE a petition by Nolan Martin on behalf of Augusta-Richmond County requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(p) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a Juvenile Court Center, affecting property containing approximately 4.85 acres located at 1001 Fourth Street. Tax Map # 060-1-036-00-0. Zoned LI (Light Industrial). District 1 (Commissioner Jordan Johnson).

Revised description accepted without objection.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 11-0

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