

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

February 27, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Williams, Mason, Garrett, Scott, McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Johnson and Frantom, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for being here. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting to order. Attorney Brown.

1. LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and potential litigation

B. Real estate

C. Personnel

Mr. Brown: Good afternoon, Mayor Johnson and Commissioners. We would request a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of pending and potential litigation, personnel and real estate.

Ms. McKnight: Motion to approve.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We are now adjourned to executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown.

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

Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: I have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, are there any motions as a result of our executive session?

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir. We would request a motion to task the HR Director to bring back to the Commission next week a recommended recruitment process for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Augusta.

Ms. McKnight: So move.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second from the commissioner from the 9th. Colleagues, we're voting. Yes, sir, please restate the motion for clarity.

Mr. Brown: Motion to task the HR Director to bring back to the Commission next week a recommended recruitment process for the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Augusta.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there is a proper motion and a proper second. Colleagues, we're voting if there are no further questions.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: We request a motion to approve a three-year contract commencing February 29, 2024 for Scott Rountree to continue to serve as Chief Appraiser at the current annual salary of \$148,526 and benefits and other terms as set forth therein.

Mr. Guilfoyle: So move.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there's a motion from Commissioner Guilfoyle, second by Commissioner Scott. Seeing no further questions, Madam Clerk, we're voting.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Before I close this meeting I guess I need to announce that Administrative Services does not have a quorum today, correct? So if you're here

for Administrative Services if you are part of today's agenda, I have to inform you that we will not be covering Administrative Services today, that those agenda items will be forwarded to the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Mayor: Yes, sir.

Mr. Williams: I've got one item I need to ask the Administrator about.

Mr. Mayor: You have the floor, sir.

Mr. Williams: Ms. Bonner, I'm not sure if we can do this or not. This one item the Administrator has requested is for the Administrative Services Committee. Can we transfer that one over to the Public Services Committee or it has to stay on the Administrative Committee? I was going to ask the Administrator if that was something she wanted to do.

Ms. Douse: Commissioner, I can enter the item to appear on the agenda for next week.

Mr. Williams: And that's fine, okay.

Mr. Mayor: With that being said, Madam Clerk, I hereby close out this meeting and turn it over to the committee, Public Services Chairman.

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

CERTIFICATION:

I, Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Called Meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on February 27, 2024.

Clerk of Commission

