

April 25, 2023

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2023, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

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

ABSENT: Hon. Guilfoyle, member of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Good morning, everybody. Ms. Bonner, I hereby call this meeting to order.

1. LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and potential litigation

B. Real estate

C. Personnel

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

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. Voting.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams out.

Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Clerk Bonner. We're now headed to executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: I now 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: Yes, sir, thank you, Mayor Johnson, Commissioners. We request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: We have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

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

Mr. Brown: Yes, Mayor Johnson, there are two motions which were requested by the Administrator.

Ms. Douse: Mayor Johnson and Augusta Commissioners, I would like to request a motion to approve an annual compensation increase of \$25,000 to be effective at the beginning of the next pay period for Coroner Mark Bowen.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there's a motion and there's a second. Madam Clerk, voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you. Administrator Douse.

Ms. Douse: I would like to request a motion to approve an annual compensation increase of \$25,000 to be effective at the next pay period at the beginning of the next pay period for Marshal Ramone Lamkin.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

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

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, are there any other motions?

Mr. Brown: No, sir.

Mr. Mayor: All right. Before we commence with our committee meeting, I just want to take a few words of privilege to all of the employees of Augusta Richmond County. It's Employee Week. Thank you, guys, for all that you do. We really appreciate you. We've been celebrating all week with breakfast and a lot of festivities so thank you for the hard work that you put in for Augusta Richmond County and just know that it's greatly appreciated. On a second note and it was brought to my attention by Director Hameed Malik we had a group that went down to

Magnolia Cemetery this past weekend. As you know one of my big initiatives is cleaning the City up so as an effort led by Ms. Janelle Lund along with Just Serve, they went down and did a great job this weekend and cleaning up and I applaud their effort and thank you so much. With that being said, I close out this meeting and turn it over the committees.

Mr. Mason: Can I get a point of privilege, Mr. Mayor?

Mr. Mayor: Yes, sir.

Mr. Mason: Thank you. I also want to recognize that yesterday we had the opportunity to host the governor of the state of Georgia here for some bill signing and I just want to recognize those who had any dealings with coordinating that effort and also of course the Clerk's Office and others who put things together in the Linda Beazley Room. It was a class operation and we're very grateful to have the ear of the governor here in Augusta Richmond County and see the importance of what's going on here in Richmond County so, Mr. Mayor, I don't know all who was involved but whoever was involved, I just want to give you a thank you for the work that you did in insuring that the hosting of our governor was done in a class fashion. Thank you.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Commissioner, it was a concerted effort from Central Services, Director Lamkin, as well as the Marshal's Department, of course Clerk Lena Bonner who provided all of the delicious food and made sure that the room was prepared but it was a concerted effort for everybody, and it was a great day so thank all that were involved, and it is greatly appreciated. All right, Madam Clerk, committee time.

[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 April 25, 2023.

Clerk of Commission

