



## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
2:00 PM

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ABSENT:**

Commissioner Jordan Johnson

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend James Williams, Jr., Interim Pastor, The Historic Hosannah Missionary Baptist Church

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

### **DELEGATION(S)**

- A. **Mr. Bennish Brown introducing Ansley Guerrero** of Destination Augusta to share how their team and the community partners are working together to bring Augusta's celebration of the U.S. 250th to life.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- B. An **update** from our GICH team and Habitat for Humanity. (**Requested by Commissioner Stacy Pulliam**)

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- C. **Ms. Debra Estep** regarding Water Park concerns and surrounding context.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- D. **Reverend Marion Williams** regarding the Commission's process and procedures.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**PLANNING**

1. **Z-26-04** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Keon Williams, on behalf of Jack Stewart, requesting a rezoning from zone LI (Light Industrial) to zone R-3B (Multiple-Family Residential) to develop 5 attached dwelling units, affecting property containing approximately 0.34 acres located at 827 Seventh Street. Tax Map # 047-3-253-00-0.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

2. **SE-26-04** - A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Tom Lewis, on behalf of Georgia Waste Systems, Inc., requesting a special exception per Section 24-2(a) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to develop an indoor waste sorting and transfer station, affecting property containing approximately 10.33 acres located at 3946 and 3946 A Goshen Industrial Boulevard. Tax Map #'s 184-0-082-12-0 & 185-0-04-00-0. Zoned HI (Heavy Industrial).

**Motion to table to the next committee meeting.**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

2. **Final Plat – S-987-R1 – Highland Springs** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Joel Presley on behalf of Highland Springs LLC requesting final plat approval for Highland Springs containing 131 lots, located at 421 Pleasant Home Road. Tax Map #016-0-046-00-0. *Reviewing agency approval 3/23/2026.*

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

3. **Final Plat – S-954-FINAL – Granite Hill Section 4 Phase IV** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Danny Geddes on behalf of Crowell & Co Inc., requesting final plat approval for Granite Hill Section 4 Phase IV containing 38 lots, located at 974 Burlington Drive. Tax Map #053-0-079-01-0. *Reviewing agency approval 3/13/2026.*

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

5. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve CAT II - CO #2 – Construct Upgrades to Mark 1F ILS for Runway 35 to Trinity Electrical Service’s Contract, for an additional

\$93,905.00. (25BFA341) This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission March 26, 2026. **(Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

6. Motion to **approve** a contract with Attaway Construction and Associates, LLC for the construction of Phase I of the Big Oak Park Improvements Project (Bid Item #25-258) in the amount of \$1,693,374.32. **(Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

7. Motion to **approve A.N. 26-17**: Existing Location, New Ownership- Ritu Sharma is the applicant for QuickPik Convenience LLC requesting Retail Package **Beer and Wine** located at 2940 Inwood Drive, Hephzibah GA 30815. **District 4, Super District 9 (Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026) (Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve (no objectors)**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

8. Motion to **approve A.N. 26-19**: Existing Location, New Ownership- Shaquan Gardner, applicant for SSH DT Augusta LLC, is requesting a license for Consumption on premise **Liquor, Beer, and Wine with Sunday Sales**. This location is at 2651 Perimeter Parkway Augusta GA 30909. District 3, Super District 10. **(Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve (no objectors)**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

9. Motion to **approve A.N. 26-20**: Existing Location, adding wine-Voncellies Allen is the applicant for Status Bar & Lounge, requesting to add consumption on premise wine to his existing consumption on **premise liquor and beer license**. This is located at 3054 Damascus Road, Augusta GA 30909. District 2, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve (no objectors)**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 10.** Motion to **approve** bid #25-151 for the purchase of five 2025/2026 Service Trucks, enclosed utility style, to replace five dome trucks that have met the replacement criteria at a total cost of \$690,540 from Ring Power Corporation for the Utilities Department. **Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

- 11.** Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide funding to Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity to continue development and support the construction of one single family unit to be sold to low income homebuyer. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

- 12.** Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide HOPWA 2024 Funding to East Augusta Community Development Community Development. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

- 13.** Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide funding to CapitalRise, LLC to continue development in the Pebble Creek Area and support the construction of one (1) single family unit to be sold to low income homebuyer. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

- 14.** Motion to **approve** of the following annual bid item, as the estimated annual purchases for these items are expected to exceed \$25,000.00. This request is in accordance with Sec. 1-10-58 of the Annual Contracts provision. Bid item 26-082A-Rebid - HVAC Maintenance for Engineering and Environmental Services to Gold Mech and 26-111A-Routine Maintenance Services & Emergency Maintenance Services to HVAC Systems for the Augusta Regional Airport to 1st Mechanical Services. The recommendation for the award is for a one-year term with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual consent of both parties. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

15. Motion to **approve** a request from the Administrator to commission a Feasibility Study relative to the SPLOST 8 Waterpark Project. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 9-0 Garrett out**

16. Motion to **approve** authorizing the Director of Human Resources to proceed with updating the Personnel, Policy and Procedure Manual in accordance with the HR Presentation. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

17. Motion to **approve** Emergency Service of #6 Rwps Diesel Repair in the amount \$42,079.58. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

18. Motion to **approve** and award a Engineering Services Agreement with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) to provide engineering study & evaluation, system modeling, and design services for the Groundwater and Surface Water Evaluation and Design Improvements Project in the amount of \$984,000.00. Award is contingent upon receipt of the signed and executed agreement for the Emerging Contaminants, Small and Disadvantaged Communities (ECSDC) Grant approved by the Augusta Commission on November 4, 2025. (GMC is prequalified Engineer under RFQ 24-132).**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

19. Motion to **approve** proposal to enter into a professional services contract with Hydromax USA, LLC to facilitate the Evaluation and Repair of Distribution System Valves and Hydrants Program for the Utilities Department (RFP 25-190).**(Approved by Public Safety Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**FINANCE**

- 20.** Motion to **transfer** \$125,000.00 from the DA 5% CVAP Fund Balance into the following line items to purchase equipment for the Victim's Advocate Program and fund crime victim support services. **(Approved by Finance Committee April 14, 2026)**

209021512/54-24410 Laptops: \$20,000

209021512/52-36122 Witness Fees: \$5,000

209021512/57-21110 Agency Appropriation: \$100,000

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 21.** Motion to **approve** a three (3) year Service Level Agreement between the Augusta Fire Department and Inspection Reports Online (IROL) at no cost to Augusta, with participation in a revenue-sharing program to support Fire Prevention Bureau operations. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 22.** Motion to **accept** the FY26 Emergency Grant Budget Award for the Augusta Judicial Circuit Family Treatment and Juvenile Treatment Courts. Award amount \$24,000 with no cash match. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 23.** Motion to **approve** the honorary naming of Railroad Street to Mattie Mae Ellison Way. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

24. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the March 31, 2026 Commission Meeting.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**\*\*\*\*END CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\***

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

(Items 25-30)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

25. Receive as information a presentation of the 2025 annual report. (**Requested by the Administrator**)

**Motion to receive as information**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

26. Motion to **approve** the renewal of the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between Augusta and the Augusta Richmond County Coliseum Authority in the amount of \$120,000 for federal lobbying services. (**Requested by the Administrator**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**FINANCE**

27. Motion to **approve** Bank of America Banking Resolution and Certificate of Incumbency and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents. (**Requested by the Administrator**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 10-0**

28. Motion to **approve** the Resolution and Amended Adoption Agreement and Addendum to Augusta's GMA 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan ("DC Plan") to allow Judge Emeritus to

receive benefits while employed and prohibit future employee and employer contributions for Judge Emeritus. **(Deferred from the Commission's March 31, 2026 meeting)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Guilfoyle**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 29. Update on the Fire Department and Valor Station meetings and if it implemented a pathway for our Fire Department Employees. (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Guilfoyle) (No recommendation from Public Safety Committee April 14, 2026)**

**Received as information without objection.**

**ADDENDUM AGENDA  
AUGUSTA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2026  
2:00 P.M.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

- 1. Discuss the path forward with the audit results from the Housing & Community Development (HCD) Audit and include all expenditures that were disclosed in legal in regard to Rental Assistance funds. (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle)**

**Motion to refer this matter to the FBI**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Garrett (No action taken due to the passage of the substitute motion)**

**Substitute Motion:**

**Motion to refer this matter to the U.S. Office of Inspector General prior to referring to the FBI.**

**Motion made by Scott and seconded by Pulliam  
Motion carried 9-0 with J. Johnson and Garrett out.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- 2. Discuss continued problems with racing/burnouts at Diamond Lakes Trail Park 03/14/26. (Requested by Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly)**

**It was the consensus of the Commission to refer this matter to the April 28, 2026, committee meeting without objection.**

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