

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER
May 14, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

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

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

Mr. Mayor: Good morning, everyone. Madam Clerk, I think we have enough now. I call this meeting to order.

The Clerk: Thank you.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown.

1. LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and potential litigation**
- B. Real estate**
- C. Personnel**

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

Mr. Williams: So moved.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

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

Mr. Guilfoyle and Mr. Johnson out.

Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We're now excused to executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Garrett: All right, 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 Pro Tem, Commissioners. We would request a

motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Garrett: All right, a motion and a second, Ms. Bonner. Let's vote.

Mr. Lewis out.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Garrett: All right, thank you, ma'am. Are there any items that we need to address, Attorney Brown?

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir. We have several motions. The first motion today would be a motion to approve outside legal counsel amending Augusta's opioid complaint to add parties and claims against Express Script Optim RX and the affiliated pharmacy benefit managers concerning their role in fueling the opioid crisis.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Garrett: Hearing a motion and a second, Ms. Bonner, let's vote.

Mr. Guilfoyle votes Present.

Mr. Lewis out.

Motion carries 7-1.

Mr. Mayor: All right, next item, Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, sir. A motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Michael McGrath in the amount of \$20,000 and authorizing the Administrator to disburse said \$20,000 waiving Augusta, Georgia Code of Ordinances Sections in conflict for this instance only and for other purposes. The amount is to be made payable to Michael McGrath and Nimmons Johnson.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Garrett: All right, hearing a motion and a second, we're going to vote, Ms. Bonner.

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Guilfoyle votes Present.

Mr. Lewis out.
Motion carries 7-1.

Mr. Garrett: Next item, Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: A motion to approve a loss of use addendum to the lease dated January 19, 2021 between Augusta, Georgia and Olde Town Pickers.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Garrett: A motion and a second. We're voting, Ms. Bonner.

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Guilfoyle votes Present.
Mr. Lewis out.
Motion carries 7-1.

Mr. Garrett: Thank you, ma'am. Attorney Brown, are there any further items?

Mr. Brown: No, sir.

The Clerk: Okay, we have one addendum and an additional item number three, sir, are you ready for that?

Mr. Garrett: Yes. We'll address the addendum and item three as well.

The Clerk: Okay. The proposed addendum agenda item is a motion to approve the rescheduling of the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission to Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Garrett: I need a motion.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Mr. Johnson: Second.

Mr. Garrett: All right, voting, Ms. Bonner.

The Clerk: Add and approve?

Mr. Frantom: Yeah.

The Clerk: Okay.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Garrett: Thank you. Item number three.

- 3. Motion to approve A.N. 24-23 – New Location: Victor Smith for Kroger Stores requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine located at 3950 Harper Franklin Avenue. District 3, Super District 10; and waive presentment requirement for this instance only in section 6-2-61 of the Augusta Alcohol Ordinance at its May 14, 2024 Public Services Committee meeting.**

Mr. Kepner: Mr. Smith isn't actually here but the registered agent, David Richley, is here.

Mr. Garrett: All right, sir, if you would come forward and state your name and home address for the record, please.

Mr. Richley: Good afternoon. David Justin Richley and my home address 3027 Pine Needle Road and that's Augusta, 30909.

Mr. Garrett: All right, thank you, sir.

Mr. Frantom: Motion to approve.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Garrett: All right, hearing a motion and a second, let's vote.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Garrett: All right. Are there any further items on the special called meeting?

The Clerk: All right, with that said, we'll call that meeting to a close and we will start committees.

[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 May 14, 2024.

Clerk of Commission