

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER
September 10, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 1:52 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Mason, Frantom, Garrett, McKnight, Lewis, Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. J. Johnson, Williams, Scott, Pulliam, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: We've got one item from 11:00 o'clock that's time sensitive for the airport. Madam Clerk, can we call the 11:00 o'clock to order? What's the deadline on the grant? The 12th?

The Clerk: It had to be signed by the 13th and submitted back so you could either sign it today or ratify it at our meeting on Tuesday.

Mr. Mayor: Okay. Today is the 10th. We need to do this today.

The Clerk: My thing was to allow the Mayor to execute and then have it ratified at the 17th meeting.

Mr. Mayor: Okay, have it ratified. All right, so we're good?

Mr. Garrett: Motion to approve.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

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

Mr. Frantom: All of us need to vote on that item.

Mr. Mayor: Yes. It was consented so it needs to be voted on by the Commission, correct?

Mr. Garrett: But we all need to vote on the first item. We haven't voted yet. Let's just start over. This addendum agenda that should have been added to the special called meeting. Can you read it for the record, please?

The Clerk: It's to authorize application for GEFA Forgivable Loan Opportunity for Water Infrastructure.

Mr. Mayor: All right, colleagues, we've heard it and need a motion to approve.

Mr. Garrett: Motion to approve.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

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

The Clerk: Well, let me ask you this. We need to have unanimous consent to get it added on. So that's what we need to acknowledge that we have unanimous consent.

Mr. Mayor: Are there any objections to having this item added to the agenda?
Seeing nor hearing none –

The Clerk: So what we can do is go ahead on. The first motion, why don't we go ahead on and take care of the item regarding the airport grant, just go ahead on and vote on that and then we'll take up the second one.

Mr. Mayor: All right. Can you read it for the record, please?

The Clerk: The motion to accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the FAA AIP Grant No. 3-13-0011-058-2024 (#58 in the amount of \$8,898,512.

Mr. Mayor: All right, colleagues, we've heard. Is there a motion?

Mr. Garrett: So moved.

Mr. Frantom: Second.

The Clerk: I have the motion. I just needed you all to vote.

Mr. Mayor: Oh, just need to vote. Let's vote.

The Clerk: Mr. Garrett and Ms. McKnight was the –

Motion carries 7-0.

The Clerk: Next item is to authorize the application of the GEFA Forgivable Loan Opportunity for Water Infrastructure.

Mr. Garrett: Motion to approve.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Motion and then there's a second and we're voting.

**Mr. Mason votes No.
Motion carries 6-1.**

Mr. Mayor: The Chair recognizes Commission Brandon Garrett.

Mr. Garrett: Thank you. Since we were able to add the item from Engineering to the regular special called meeting can we also add the other item that was previously not able to be discussed earlier in regards to the Administrator?

Mr. Plunkett: Mr. Garrett, I think the initial motion was that we were going to have approval and ratify on Tuesday. I thought that was what the Clerk had said earlier.

Mr. Garrett: I'm talking about the item from the 10:30 meeting, the Administrator item. We just added an item from a committee to this meeting. I was asking to add that other item.

Mr. Plunkett: What I'm saying is I thought that the posture was that the Clerk was suggesting that the two matters be voted on today for ratification on Tuesday so it would not be, if I may have misunderstood the Clerk in that regard. Was it a –

The Clerk: That's what I suggested but they decided to –

Mr. Plunkett: I apologize. I did not realize, I thought that was the posture of it. So if that was the case and then those two votes occur then you could ask that it be added to the agenda.

Mr. Garrett: That's what I'm asking.

Mr. Plunkett: Yes, that would be appropriate. It would require unanimous consent.

(Mr. Lewis exits the meeting)

Mr. Mayor: All right. Is there unanimous consent to add this item to the agenda?

The Clerk: You lost your quorum.

Mr. Mayor: We just lost a quorum. All right. Thank you, Attorney Plunkett, Madam Clerk. This meeting is hereby adjourned. Thank you so much.

[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 September 10, 2024.

Clerk of Commission

