

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

February 14, 2023

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2023, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

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

Mr. Mayor: I think we have a quorum now. I'm going to go ahead and call this meeting to order. 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 personnel, potential or pending litigation as well as real estate.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: So, Madam Clerk, we have a motion and a second. Voting.

**Mr. Lewis, Mr. Frantom and Mr. Guilfoyle out.
Motion carries 7-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right. Let's proceed to executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Brown: We're ready, Mayor Johnson.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown, are there any other motions?

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

Mr. Brown: We request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: A motion and second, Madam Clerk. Voting.

Motion carries 10-0.

Mr. Mayor: All right, Madam Administrator, before we move into the committee portion

The Clerk: He has three motions.

Mr. Brown: Mayor Johnson, we do have some motions.

Mr. Mayor: Proceed, Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, sir. We request a motion to approve hiring of Mr. Eddie Blanton as Augusta, Georgia Junior Surveyor in the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at an annual salary of \$54,550 and the customary benefits provided Augusta employees with the effective date of March 4, 2023.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Mr. Frantom: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, voting.

Motion carries 10-0.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Mayor Johnson, we would request a second motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Larry L. Hodson in the total amount of \$45,000 payable to Mr. Hodson and his attorney and waiving any other Augusta Georgia Ordinances and codes in conflict therewith.

Ms. McKnight: So move.

Mr. Williams: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Motion and second, Madam Clerk. Voting.

Motion carries 10-0.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown, are there any more motions?

Mr. Brown: One last motion, Mayor Johnson.

Mr. Mayor: Okay.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, sir. We request a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Adrienna Tolbert in the amount of \$150,000 payable to Ms. Tolbert and her attorney waiving any codes of Augusta in conflict therewith for this instance only and for other purposes.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Attorney Brown.

The Clerk: Okay, we have a motion, you need a second?

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, so we have a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, voting.

Motion carries 10-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you. Madam Administrator.

Ms. Douse: Mayor Johnson, I would like your consideration in adding an item to the special called meeting agenda. That item is captioned for the Commission to determine the status of RFP #23-500 which is for the emergency 911 ambulance services for Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. Mayor: All right, I don't think that requires unanimous consent but –

The Clerk: It does.

Mr. Mayor: It does? Okay.

The Clerk: To be added.

Mr. Mayor: But before you vote there is a question from the commissioner from –

Mr. Brown: Mayor Johnson, prior to any discussion it would be appropriate to request unanimous consent to add the item to your agenda.

Mr. Mayor: All right. So without objection?

The Clerk: Mr. Guilfoyle raised an objection to the item being added.

Mr. Brown: Therefore, the item cannot be added.

Mr. Mayor: It cannot be added?

The Clerk: Or discussed.

Mr. Mayor: I guess that concludes –

Mr. Williams: May I?

Mr. Mayor: Commissioner from the 5th.

Mr. Williams: Ms. Bonner, can you add it to the agenda for next week?

The Clerk: Which?

Mr. Williams: The item that she wanted added.

The Clerk: Okay. You want to add it to the Commission agenda?

Mr. Williams: Yes, ma'am.

The Clerk: Okay.

[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 14, 2023.

Clerk of Commission