



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, October 07, 2025
2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Garnett Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle
Commissioner Don Clark
Commissioner Tony Lewis
Commissioner Francine Scott
Commissioner Tina Slendak
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Catherine Rice
Commissioner Tanya Turnley
Commissioner Jordan Johnson

ABSENT:

Commissioner Brandon Garrett

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Larry D. Glover, Pastor, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Baptist Church

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

DELEGATION(S)

- A. Ms. Debra Estep** regarding rise of recruitment posters downtown; personal experience with recruitment victims.

Presentation made accordingly.

- B. Mr. Deke Copenhaver**-update on Long Term Recovery group efforts to include Christian Disaster Services coming to Augusta.

Presentation made accordingly.

- C. Mr. Moses Todd from I Love Augusta** on the agenda to discuss the resolution governing the CRC, and why the resolution should be amendment to re-establish community trust in the CRC process.

Presentation made accordingly.

- D. Mr. Eric Gaines** proposing the creation of an Ordinance creating zoning safeguards to preserve neighborhood character in non-HOA Subdivisions.

Presentation made accordingly.

- E. Mr. Lawrence Brannen-** regarding ASC motion to approve the establishment of a workshop to discuss protected citizens and Ban-the-Box Policy.

Presentation made accordingly.

- F. Ms. Shaun Harris - Empowering Every Leader:** A strategic Support Plan for families and children with Special Needs.

Ms. Harris did not appear.

- G. Mr. Ben Hasan** regarding continuing the conversation/comments made by Dr. Gayla S. Keesee to the Commission- The Charter Review Process Deserves Better; Holding our Consultants Accountable.

Agenda item deleted at the request of Mr. Hasan.

- H. Mr. Ivan Hall** regarding the 1970 Augusta Riots and the role his home played in its historical context; seeking assistance relative to the Historical Preservation Initiative within the Glendale Community.

Presentation made accordingly.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-22)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Motion to approve** A.N. 25-40 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Muhammad Razzaq requesting Retail Package **Beer, and Wine** located at 3671 Peach Orchard Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 6, Super District 10. **(Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

- 2. Motion to approve** a request by Chao Tang for Massage Operator's License to be used in connection with H Relax LLC d./b/a H Massage located at 2045 Central Ave, Augusta GA 30904. District 1, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out.

3. Motion to approve Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve sole-source procurement of 3,305 gallons of Solberg 3% SFFF (F3) foam for ARFF vehicle transition. (Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

4. Motion to approve Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) sole-source contract for the purchase and installation of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) KOVA Emergency Alert Notification System (KEANS) - Crash Phone. (Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out.

- 5. Motion to approve A.N. 25-39 – Existing Location, New Ownership: ShravanKumar Raul requesting Retail Package Beer, and Wine located at 2517 Milledgeville Road, Augusta GA 30904. District 2, Super District 9. (Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0 (no objectors)

**Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out**

6. Motion to **renew** the Sec. 5311 Rural Transit grant application between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Augusta, Georgia for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. **Approved by Public Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

7. Motion to **approve** creating a working group to discuss protected class and current ban the box policy. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve and include Mr. Lawrence Brannen

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Turnley

Motion carried 9-0

Commissioner Johnson out.

8. Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) to provide HOME funding to assist low to moderate income homebuyer with gap financing, down payment and closing cost to purchase homes through the Homebuyer Subsidy Program in the amount of \$40K. **Approved by Administrative Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out

ENGINEERING SERVICES

9. Motion to **approve** an emergency purchase of 2- tanks for Sodium Hypochlorite Storage. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out.

10. Motion to **approve** proposal to enter an Engineering Services Contract with Ardurra Group, Inc., to provide engineering services including hydraulics review, engine drive review, design and inspection of Bay #8, and design and inspection of Bays #6 and #7 for the Goodrich Street Raw Water Pump Station in the Amount of \$65,500.00. Ardurra is a pre-qualified Engineering Consultant firm under RFP # 24-132.(**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

11. Motion to **approve** proposals for GMC Engineering for water and wastewater permitting. GMC is a prequalified under RFQ 24-132.(**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out

12. Motion to **approve** Augusta Utilities Emergency Purchase of Water Meters (RFP 25-174) (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out

13. Motion to **approve** supplemental funding (SA2) for Preliminary Engineering Design Phase (PE-phase2) of the Design Consultant Services Agreement to Infrastructure Systems Management, LLC in the amount of \$1,184,897.25 for the Skinner Mill Road Improvements Project. AE/ RFQ 19-239. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

14. Motion to **approve** entering in an annual contract with GTSS for the maintenance and monitoring services for the Traffic Engineering ITS network in the amount of \$241,920.00. The terms of the contract is for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for a total of five (5) years. RFQ 25-197/AE. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner out.

15. Motion to **approve** a proposal to enter an Engineering Services Contract with Johnson, Laschober, & Associates, PC, to provide engineering services including permitting, design, bidding, and construction administration for the extension of water and sewer infrastructure to support a proposed development project in the amount of \$50,500.00. (RFQ 24-132) (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out

16. Motion to **approve** entering in an annual contract with GTSS for the maintenance and monitoring services for the Traffic Engineering ITS network in the amount of \$241,920.00. The terms of the contract is for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend for four (4) additional one (1) year terms for a total of five (5) years. RFQ 25-197/AE. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

Commissioner Johnson out

PUBLIC SAFETY

17. Motion to **approve** the revised use of Drug Alcohol Treatment and Education (DATE) proceeds per the MOU between Sheriff Eugene Brantley and Judge Ashanti Pounds. (**Approved by Public Safety Committee Meeting September 30, 2025**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

- 18.** Motion to award 25-189 Weight Room/Exercise Equipment for Augusta Fire Stations to Premier Fitness Source.. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

FINANCE

- 19.** Motion to direct the Administrator, interim General Counsel, and Finance Department to take such action as necessary to create Tax Allocation District Number Five – Wheeler Road, to include property identified as Map/Parcel 022-0-161-01-0, including the preparation of a redevelopment plan to be presented to the Commission prior to the conducting of a public hearing. **(Approved by Finance Committee September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

- 20.** Motion to **transfer** excess SPLOST II proceeds to qualifying debt service in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 48-8-121 (g)(1)(B). **(Approved by Finance Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 21.** Motion to **approve** the minutes of the Commission Meeting held Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.

APPOINTMENT(S)

22. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Reverend Loris A. Green, Sr. to the Housing & Community Development Citizens Advisory Board. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine Rice)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
AUGUSTA COMMISSION

AUGUSTA COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 23-28)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

23. Discuss Charter Review Committee Resolution. **(Requested by Commissioner Francine Scott)**
(Deferred from the September 16, 2025 Commission Meeting)

Resolution discussed with no action taken.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

24. Motion to **approve** and authorize Augusta Engineering to submit, accept and receive Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Financial Assistance through GDOT Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) in amount of \$450,873 for repairing roads damaged by Hurricane Helene. Also authorize Augusta Mayor to sign associated documents. /AE. **(No recommendation Engineering Services Committee Meeting September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam.
Commissioner Johnson out

25. Approve procuring the Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC LFG Specialties (APTIM/LFG) services for Augusta Landfill Gas Collection & Control System operation remote engineering support using sole source procurement. Approve funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 to support APTIM/LFG Services. /AE **(No recommendation Engineering Services Committee September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Turnley

Motion carried 8-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam
Out: J. Johnson, Garrett, Scott

26. Motion to **approve** the restriping for 18 streets within Richmond County with Thermoplastic Striping using sole source procurement and AE funds in the amount of \$333,900.00. **(No recommendation Engineering Services Committee September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam, Scott
Commissioner Johnson out

27. Motion to **approve** Supplemental Construction Agreement No.1 with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Wheeler Road (CR601) from I-20 to Augusta West Parkway (CR84) Improvements Project (PI #0012867). Also authorize Augusta Mayor and Clerk of Commission to execute Construction Agreement and its associated documents (electronic and hard copy). /AE (ITB 24-213 Approved by Commission 11/12/24) **(No recommendation Engineering Services Committee September 30, 2025)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-1

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam
Commissioner Johnson out

LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
 - B. Real Estate
 - C. Personnel
28. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.

ADDENDUM AGENDA
AUGUSTA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2025
2:00 P.M.

Addendum added without objection:

ADDITION(s)

Engineering Services:

1. Receive as information Emergency procured Public Relations & Public Communication services in amount of NTE \$315,000 for TIA funded Augusta Downtown Broad Street Improvements project. /AE (**Requested by Engineering Services Committee September 30, 2025**)

Received as information without objection.

DELETION(S)

Delegation(s)

2. **G- Mr. Ben Hasan** regarding continuing the conversation/comments made by Dr. Gayla S. Keesee to the Commission-The Charter Review Process Deserves Better: Holding our Consultants Accountable.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam, Scott
Commissioner Johnson out

Consent Agenda:

3. Delete No. 16 duplicate of No. 14

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 9-0

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Clark, Turnley, Pulliam, Scott
Commissioner Johnson out

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