

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

July 9, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

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

ABSENT: Hons. Williams and Mason, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Good morning, everybody. Welcome to this session of the Augusta Richmond County committee cycle and legal. Madam Clerk, I 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 request a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of pending or potential litigation, personnel and real estate.**

**Ms. McKnight: Motion to approve.**

Mr. Garrett: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, I have a motion and a second. We're voting.

**Mr. Frantom and Mr. Lewis out.**

**Motion carries 7-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We are now in executive session. Thank you.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate your patience. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown.

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

**Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.**

**Mr. Frantom: So moved.**

Mr. Garrett: Second.

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

**Mr. Garrett votes No.  
Motion carries 8-1.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, are there any motions that are a result of executive session?

**Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, Mayor Johnson. We request a motion to approve, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by David Yancey in the aggregate amount of \$40,000 payable as follows: David Yancey and Hodgins Kiber as his attorney and further authorizing the Administrator to disburse that amount of \$40,000 waiving Augusta, Georgia Code of Ordinance sections in conflict for this instance only and for other purposes.**

**Mr. Garrett: So moved.**

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion. Is there a second?

Mr. Frantom: Second.

Mr. Mayor: And there's a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Motion carries 9-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown.

**Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We request to adopt a Resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims by Kelly McClendon in the aggregate amount of \$60,000 payable as follows: to Kelly McClendon and Bryan S. Hawkins Law Firm as her attorney further authorizing the Administrator to disburse the amount of \$60,000 waiving Augusta's Code of Ordinances sections in conflict for this instance only and for other purposes.**

**Mr. Garrett: So moved.**

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, that's a motion and a second by the commissioner from the 9<sup>th</sup>. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Motion carries 9-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right, Attorney Brown, are there additional motions?

**Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, Mayor Johnson. We request a motion to approve hiring of Elizabeth Kenkow of Augusta as Augusta Engineering Assets Management Program Data Analyst in the Engineering and Environmental Services Department at a salary of \$60,000 and the customary benefits provided Augusta employees with an effective date of August 17, 2024.**

**Ms. McKnight: Motion to approve.**

Mr. Garrett: Second.

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

**Mr. Johnson out.  
Motion carries 8-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right, Attorney Brown, does that conclude our motions for today?

Mr. Brown: Yes, it does, Mayor Johnson.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, sir. I hereby close out this executive session. Just to take a few minutes for a point of privilege. We have been granted the ability to have very fresh blueberries on behalf of the former commissioners I Love Augusta and the Pecan Barn. July 8 yesterday was national blueberry day so I highly encourage everybody to go out and support local farmers in Blythe, Georgia. Please support these farmers and I see we also have some unusual guests. I think you guys are part of Code Enforcement. Stand up and let us give you a round of applause for everything you do. We appreciate you and the work that you do. Madam Clerk, with that said we're going to turn this over to the 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 July 9, 2024.

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Clerk of Commission

