



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, August 04, 2026
2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Garnett Johnson
Mayor-Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle
Commissioner Jordan Johnson
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Catherine Rice
Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly
Commissioner Tony Lewis
Commissioner Tina Slendak
Commissioner Brandon Garrett
Commissioner Francine Scott

ABSENT:

Commissioner Don Clark

INVOCATION

Pastor Roger A. Schwartz, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

RECOGNITION(S)

- A. Congratulations!!!** to the Augusta, GA employees that celebrated **25–50 years of service** during the second quarter of 2026 (April-June)

Presentations made accordingly.

- B. Mr. MJ Curry** for his outstanding accomplishments. **(Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

Presentations made accordingly.

DELEGATION(S)

- C. Ms. Karen Gordon** regarding-*Proclamation Declaring August as Agriculture Month in Augusta. *Presentation of the 2026 Adderson Legacy in Agriculture Award to veteran farmers WB & Lynn Brown.

Presentations made accordingly.

- D. Andrea Thomas** Non-governmental organizations (NGO) nonprofit organizations
Presentation made regarding continued funding for Mach Academy.
- E. Flavius Henderson Sr.** Non-Government Organization (NGO) / Nonprofit reinstatement.
Presentation made regarding continued funding for Mach Academy.
- F. Pastor Henry Parks**-Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church (SPMBC) request exemption from Excessive Street Light Fees assessed in 2026 and scheduled to be assessed in 2027 even though the number of property lots for tax purposes has been reduced from four (4) lots to two (2) lots.

Presentation made accordingly.

- G. Ms. Patricia Geter** regarding a request to establish a Small Business Emergency Stabilization Fund.
Presentation made accordingly.

- H. Mr. Brian Green** -Project 2883 let the light shine in Richmond County.
Presentation made accordingly.

- I. Gayla Keesee** - Next steps.-

Presentation made regarding the Augusta Planning Department's three (3) public meetings relating to data centers.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-13)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Motion to approve** a five (5) year lease agreement with FLIX (Parent company of Greyhound) for use of space in the Transit Transfer Facility located at 1546 Broad Street in Augusta, Georgia. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

- 2. Motion to approve A.N. 26-36** – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package Beer and Wine. Anil K. Kasturi applicant for Himadri Investments 2026 LLC, to be used in connection with 3333 Mike Padgett Hwy, Augusta GA 30906. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Garrett

Motion carried 10-0

3. Motion to **approve** M.N 26-06: A request by David Whitters II for Massage Operator's License to be used in connection with Oasis Massage & Spa located at 3351 Wrightsboro Road Ste 101. District 5, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

4. Motion to **approve** the purchase of one Ford Explorer at a total cost of \$47,502.00 for the Richmond County Emergency Management Agency utilizing the GA Statewide Contract. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

5. Motion to **approve** the purchase of two RC mowers, at a total cost of \$150,000 from Jet-Vac Equipment Atlanta, GA for the Utilities Department utilizing the Georgia Statewide Contract. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

6. Motion to **approve** Sole Source Purchase of 50-ton Screw jacks from Bearings and Drives, Inc in the amount of \$69,200.00. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

7. Motion to **approve** Change Order No. 1 to Kenrick's Construction Company's contract to construct the AUD Fort Gordon (Eisenhower) Utility Shed Expansion (25AUA321). **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

8. Motion to **approve** a sole source procurement for the purchase of three (3) MEIKO TopClean D firefighter decontamination units, associated accessories, detergents, rinse aid, and one-year preventive maintenance from North America Fire Equipment Company (NAFECO) in the amount of \$151,245.00, plus applicable freight and taxes. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

9. Motion to **approve** a sole source procurement for the purchase of twenty-eight (28) Scott X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units with Pack Tracker and Heads-Up Display (HUD), and twenty (28) 30-minute, 4,500 psi carbon cylinders from Vallen in the amount of \$270,909.00. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

10. Motion to **approve** Insurance Policy for Augusta's Land Mobile Radio System. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

11. Motion to **approve** a change order to increase Purchase Order P495166 with W.W. Williams by \$31,641.62, from \$24,458.83 to \$56,100.45, to install a new engine in Aerial Truck
6. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

12. Motion to **accept** the CACJ Operating Grant Award for the Superior Court Accountability Courts (Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court) in the amount of \$494,773 with a MATCH requirement of \$87,313. Designate Chief Superior Court Judge Flythe as Authorized Official. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 28, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

13. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Commission meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 14-17)

PUBLIC SERVICES

14. Planning and Development Department is requesting approval for additional funding to the zoning ordinance update to include but not limited to two (2) additional public engagement meetings/workshops for input from all Commissioners, stakeholders, and the public, and the production of an Official Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map. This request also is to extend the period of performance to November - December 2026 with an addition not-to-exceed the amount of **\$68,368** for the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance through White & Smith, LLC. RFQ Item #24-142. A scope of work and roadmap is attached for your review and consideration. **In addition, approve to carry forward the encumbrance of \$127,493 from the 2025 budget to 2026 for the existing contract. (Referred from the July 21, 2026 Commission Meeting) and (No recommendation from the July 28, 2026 Public Services Committee)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 7-3 with Lewis, Slendak and Garrett voting no

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

15. Provide a comprehensive status update that presents the Commission with a complete and accurate picture of the current state of the Ground Maintenance Department and its readiness for implementation. **(Requested by Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly)**

Presentation made accordingly by Administrator Allen.

Motion to stop the process.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion fails 5-5

Voting Yes: J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Lewis, Scott
Voting No: Wimberly, Slendak, Garrett, Guilfoyle and Mayor Johnson

It was the consensus of the Commission to receive as information without objection.

16. Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development's (HCD) addendum to the existing engagement agreement with Cherry Bekaert to provide onsite supplemental services in support of the Fiscal Year 2025 Reconciliation Engagement. *The requested amount is not to exceed \$50,000.*
(Requested by Deputy Administrator Charles Jackson)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
- B. Real Estate
- C. Personnel

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

ADDENDUM AGENDA
AUGUSTA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
2:00 P.M.

Addendum Agenda accepted without objection.

1. Motion to **approve** the Georgia Rehoused Collaborative Partnership Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Augusta, GA and the United Way of the CSRA. The parties involved propose a collaborative partnership as co-applicants for grant funding through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). (**Requested Deputy Commissioners Stacy Pulliam and Francine Scott Scott**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

2. Motion to approve MOU between Paine College and the Richmond County Sheriff's Office." (**Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Wimberly

Motion carried 10-0

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