



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, January 02, 2024
2:00 PM

INVOCATION

Reverend David B. Hunter, Senior Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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

DELEGATION(S)

- A. **Mr. Lawrence A. Brannen** regarding his Non-Profit "Ex-Offenders for Reform and Advancement, Inc."

Presentation is made by Mr. Brannen.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-10)

PLANNING

1. **Motion to amend Zoning petition Ordinance No. 7908 (Z-23-43)** that was approved by the Augusta Commission on October 17, 2023. Our request is to correct the property address that was approved as 4200 Valencia Way to reflect the correct address which is 1491 Goshen Road. Tax Map #199-0-088-00-0.
Motion to approve.
Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.
Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis
Motion carries 9-0.
2. **Final Plat -S-988** – Granite Hill Sec 4 PH – A petition by Southern Partners Inc. requesting final plat approval for **Granite Hill Section 4 PH V, located at 4098 Cottingham Way**. Tax Map 067-0-001-00-0. District 3.. Reviewing agency approval 11/20/2023
Motion to approve.
Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.
Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis
Motion carries 9-0.

- 3. Z-23-41** – A petition by Johnathan Thomas on behalf of Demure Properties, LLC requesting a rezoning from **zone R-1B (One-family Residential)** to **zone R-2 (Two-family Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 0.2 acres located at **2005 Grand Boulevard**. Tax Map 072-2-037-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 4. SE-23-06** – A petition by Arvind Patel on behalf of Reray Properties, LLC requesting a **Special Exception** to establish a liquor store per Section 21-2(c) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance affecting property containing approximately 0.29 acres located at **3107 Deans Bridge Road. Zoned B-1 (Neighborhood Business)**. Tax Map #096-2-205-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 5. SE-23-09** – A petition by Brian Byler on behalf of David A. Duffie requesting a **Special Exception** to construct a private recreational facility per Section 26-1(i) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance affecting properties containing approximately 10.57 acres located at **3805, 3807, and 3819 Wrightsboro Road. Zoned R-3B (Multiple-family Residential)**. Tax Map #039-0-019-00-0, 040-0-109-00-0 and 040-0-110-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 6. SE-23-10** – A petition by Rimrock Development Holdings on behalf of Patricia M Reece requesting a **Special Exception** to construct an extended stay hotel per Section 22-2(d) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance affecting property containing approximately 3.7 acres located at **3731-Wheeler Road. Zoned B-2 (General Business)**. Tax Map #030-0-230-06-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 7. Z-23-51** – A petition by Carmela Ann Thomas requesting a rezoning from zone **R-1C (One-family Residential)** and **R-MH (Manufactured Home Residential)** to zone **R-MH (Manufactured Home Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 0.33 acres located at **2802 April Drive**. Tax Map #094-0-367-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 8. Z-23-52** – A petition by Patrick Wells on behalf of PLM of Augusta Properties, LLC, requesting to remove condition number 7 of previously adopted zoning case Z-21-18, which limits the use of the property to a landscaping business only and restricts storage of landscaping-related materials, affecting property containing approximately 10.67 acres located at **2930 Milledgeville Road**. Tax Map 070-4-100-00-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 9. Z-23-53** – A petition by Tasha Madison on behalf of Standard Leverett requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-family Residential) to zone **R-MH (Manufactured Home Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 0.4 acres located at **2016 Merritt Road**. Tax Map #055-4-053-01-0.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

Motion to approve reconsidering this item.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 8-1.

Motion to refer this item back to the full Commission in two weeks.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Scott.

Motion carries 9-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. Motion to **approve** the December 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes and Special Called Meeting Minutes held December 15 & 18, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

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

AUGUSTA COMMISSION REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 11-21)

PUBLIC SERVICES

11. Motion to approve a land lease agreement with Brown & Gold Aero Investments, LLC for an approximate 174,240 square foot parcel of land (Parcel A) located in the former maintenance compound location. Additionally, Lessee is requesting a ten (10) year lease option on an additional +/- 7.5 acres of land south of Parcel A. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on December 19, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

12. Motion to approve a one-year extension of the Augusta Fleet Maintenance Contract for 2024 at a contract cost of \$3,251,745 and noncontract labor cost of \$30.00 per hour and after hour rate of \$50.00 to First Vehicle Services.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Mason.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

13. Motion to approve 2024 budget for Electric Vehicle Charging Program located at 535 Telfair Street Augusta, GA 30901.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

14. Discussion of lighting on Jimmy Dyess Parkway. **(Requested by Commissioners Bobby Williams and Catherine McKnight)**

Motion to approve identifying \$500,000 in funding from ARP for the lighting project on Jimmy Dyess Parkway.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Voting Nay: Garrett, Mason, Frantom

Motion carries 6-3.

Substitute motion to bring back a recommendation for a funding source for the lighting project on Jimmy Dyess Parkway.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Pulliam, Lewis, Frantom, Garrett

Voting Nay: Johnson, McKnight, Mason, Williams, Scott

Motion fails 4-5.

15. Approve the deed of dedication, maintenance agreement, and road resolution submitted by the Engineering Department for Haynes Station Section 14. Also, approve Augusta Utilities Department easement deed and maintenance agreement.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

16. Approve the deed of dedication, maintenance agreement, and road resolution submitted by the Engineering Department for Townhomes at Diamond Lakes Also, approve Augusta Utilities Department easement deed and maintenance agreement.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

17. Update from Central Emergency Management Services. **(Requested by Commissioner Bobby Williams)**

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be received as information without objection.

18. Approve and accept a grant award for the continuation of the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant with funding of \$53,460 from the Criminal Justice Coordination Council of Georgia (CJCC) to provide services to crime victims for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Motion carries 9-0.

19. Motion to approve entering into Contract with PAS Consulting Group, LLC to provide professional services in developing and administering promotional assessments for the ranks in the Augusta Fire Department and authorize the mayor to execute all necessary documents. The Contract will be for three years with two one-year renewals. (RFP 23-245)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Garrett, Seconded by Scott.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Mr. Johnson out.

Motion carries 8-0.

20. Approve Global Master Services Agreement with ADP to Implement a Comprehensive Human Resources Information System (HRIS) and Payroll System (RFP 23-160).

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Williams.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Mr. Johnson out.

Motion carries 8-0.

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

ADDENDUM ITEM

1. Motion to rescind Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 11, 2024 for Sunday alcohol sales and change it to Cinco de Mayo on May 5, 2024 as the designated day for 2024. (Requested by Commissioner Sean Frantom)

Motion to approve adding this item to the agenda and placing it on the consent agenda.

Motion made by Williams, Seconded by Scott.

Mr. Mason agrees to adding the item to the agenda and objects to placing it on the consent agenda.

Motion to approve placing this item on the agenda for the Special Called Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Smith-McKnight.

Motion carries 9-0.