



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
2:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Johnson
Commissioner Scott
Commissioner Rice
Commissioner Slendak
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Guilfoyle
Commissioner Lewis

Absent

Commissioner Mason
Commissioner Pulliam
Commissioner Clark
Commissioner Garrett

INVOCATION

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

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RECOGNITION(S)

- A. Congratulations! Mr. Thomas Arthur**, Tax Assessors Office March 2025 Employee of Month and March 2025 Years of Service 25-50 year recipients

DELEGATION(S)

- B. Ms. Yolanda Brooks** regarding Safe at Home Law and Construction Eviction.
- C. Ms. Florence Henley** and **Mr. Alpha Louis** regarding police presence at Tiffany's Eatery on 828 Broad Street.
- D. Ms. Kari Viola-Brooke** update on work being done at Child Enrichment to respond to and prevent child abuse in Richmond County.

- E. Mr. Moses Todd** from I Love Augusta to the next agenda to discuss addendum items, consent agendas, open meeting Act, 48 business hours public notice, Addendum items trigger Citizens right to public discussion before a vote, and Supermajority of the commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-7)

PLANNING

1. **Z-25-13** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Mark Staelens on behalf of Rising from the Ashes III, LLC requesting to amend LI (Light Industrial) zoning conditions from zoning case Z-23-32 to allow automobile body and fender repair, affecting properties containing approximately 3.36 acres located at 1810 and 1812 Gordon Highway. Tax Map #'s 070-2-049-00-0 & 070-2-049-01-0. **No Objectors**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

2. **Z-25-15** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Kevin R. McDade requesting a rezoning from zone R-MH (Manufactured Home Residential) to zone B-2 (General Business) to develop an event venue, affecting properties containing approximately 10.34 acres located at 4149 and 4159 Woodard Avenue. Tax Map #'s 154-0-015-00-0 & 154-0-016-00-0. **No objectors**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

3. **Z-25-16** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Allen B. Mealing requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-Family Residential) to zone LI (Light Industry) to develop a storage yard for commercial vehicles, affecting property containing approximately 3.77 acres located at 3035 Old Mcduffie Road. Tax Map # 083-0-114-00-0.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

4. **Z-25-18** – A petition by the City of Augusta requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-Family Residential) to zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to develop a community event center, affecting property containing approximately 0.22 acres located at 3301 Milledgeville Road. Tax Map # 069-2-032-00.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

5. **Z-25-17** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **DENY** a petition by JSMG Development, LLC requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-Family Residential) to zone R-1E (One-Family Residential) to develop a townhome community of 72 units, affecting property containing approximately 11.22 acres located at 1514 Goshen Circle. Tax Map # 199-0-003-00-0.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

6. **SE-25-04** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by petition by Celina Lofton on behalf of Christopher A. Wright requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(h) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a family personal care home with 6 clients affecting property containing approximately 0.24 acres located at 3622 Sturnidae Drive. Tax Map #119-0-303-00-0. Zoned R-1C (One-family Residential).

Motion to approve- no objectors

Motion made by J. Johnson and seconded by Mayor Johnson

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Commission Meeting held April 1, 2025.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice
Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

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

(Items 8-34)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 8. A.N. 25-20 – New Location: Retail Package Beer and Wine with Sunday Sales, Mark Coburn Jr., Applicant for the Downtown Corner Store II, located at 1018 Broad Street. District 1, Super District 9**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice
Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 9. Motion to approve the award of contract for RFP 25-139 Design Services for the May Park Improvement Project & RFP 25-142 Design Services for the Boykin Road Improvement Project to CHA Consulting, Inc. Award is contingent upon receipt of signed agreement and associated documents.**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice
Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 10. Motion to approve A.N. 25-20 – New Location: Retail Package Beer and Wine with Sunday Sales, Mark Coburn Jr., Applicant for the Downtown Corner Store II, located at 1018 Broad Street. District 1, Super District 9**

Motion to delete duplicate of number 8.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 11. Motion to approve a Construction Contract to E.R. Snell in the amount of \$589,789.50 for the mill, overlay, and extension of the existing Cargo Road. (Bid 24-272)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 12. Motion to approve Upgrade of Airport Fire Alarm Computer System.**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 13. Motion to approve Change Order #5 to RW Allen Construction's Contract, for a total decrease of (\$333.00).**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 14. Motion to approve Change Order #4 to RW Allen Construction's Contract, for a total increase of \$6,750.00**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 15.** Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide additional funding to CapitalRise,LLC to complete construction of two (2) single family units in the Pebble Creek Area to be sold to low income homebuyers (2).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 16.** Motion to **approve** the award of bid #24-905; Augusta Municipal Building Leak Investigation in the total amount of **\$85,578.00 (\$60,578.00 plus a contingency of \$25,000.00)** to be performed by Midwest Maintenance, Inc.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 17.** **Receive** as information the emergency request for the replacement of the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) for the power generator located at the Augusta Judicial Center in the amount of \$25,862.00 by Georgia Power.

Motion to receive as information

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

- 18.** Motion to **approve** the lease of two Motor Graders from Yancey Brothers Company for the Engineering Department at a total cost of \$441,554.00 under a 48-month lease contract (Bid 24-181A)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

19. Motion to **approve** the emergency request for the purchase and installation of a new 100KW diesel Winco generator with its corresponding automatic transfer switch, manual switch, and electrical conduits for the Marshall's Office located at 3050 Deans Bridge Road in the amount of \$224,831.00 by Georgia Power.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

20. Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to approve the addendum engagement agreement with Cherry Bekaert to continue to provide grant management assistance to the Housing and Community Development Department.

Motion to approve not to exceed \$70,000

Motion made by J. Johnson and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 6-1 with Guilfoyle voting no

ENGINEERING SERVICES

21. Discuss installation of traffic lights or other traffic devices at Squire and Barton Chapel Rd. **(Requested by Commissioner Alvin Mason)**

Motion to approve sending back to committee.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

22. Motion to **approve** Encroachment Agreement for Ann Boardman Park (Kroc Center)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

23. Motion to **approve** Midco Diving was onsite to do cleaning and Inspection of Clearwell #5 upon Inspection Damage was found and needed to repaired immediately, while onsite had dive team clean the screens for East and West reservoirs, in the amount of \$35,392.50 as an emergency repair.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

24. Motion to **approve** supplemental funding to continue engineering services by Johnson, Laschober & Associates, P.C for the Utilities Department on Fort Eisenhower (18UTI451)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

25. Motion to **approve** Change Order 1 for the supplement Construction Contract to Reeves Construction Company in the amount of \$963,722.50 for completing needed supplemental Water Line Improvements for Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Project, Dennis Road Improvements Project. AE/ Bid 23-234 – 24ENG104

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

26. Motion to **approve** the deed of dedication, maintenance agreement, and road resolution submitted by the Engineering Department for Orchard Landing. Also, approve Augusta Utilities Department easement deed and maintenance agreement.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

27. Motion to **approve** allocating \$250,000.00 from General Fund contingency and \$100,000.00 from the Urban Services Fund for continuance of mowing services in highly visible medians.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

28. Motion to **approve** allocation of technology funds from CACJ in the amount of \$8,000.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

29. Motion to **approve** allocation of technology funds from CACJ in the amount of \$12,000.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

30. Motion to **approve** the second allocation of the additional funding request in the amount of \$80,000 from the FY 25 Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Award.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis

Motion carried 7-0

31. Motion to approve converting five (5) vacant Assistant Public Defender positions from State employees to Augusta employees and transfer of the associated funds from the Public Defender's Office operating budget to personnel.

Motion to approve

**Motion made by Lewis and seconded by Scott
Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Scott, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, and Lewis**

Motion carried 7-0

- 32.** Receive as information on update on matters concerning 911.

Received without objections.

- 33.** Receive as information an update on implementation of salary changes for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office.

Received without objections

LEGAL MEETING

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

Motion to approve going into Executive Session to discuss items as stated by the Interim General Counsel.

Approved without objections.

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

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Motion carried 7-0

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