

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

March 26, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Garrett and Johnson, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Good afternoon, everyone. Madam Clerk, we'll 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, Commissioners. We would request a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of pending and potential litigation, real estate, and personnel.

Ms. McKnight: So move.

Ms. Scott: Second.

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

Mr. Mason and Mr. Frantom out.

Motion carries 6-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We are hereby in executive session. Thank you so much.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown.

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

Mr. Brown: Yes, Mayor Johnson, Commissioners, we request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. I think I heard Commissioner Mason chime in first. Colleagues, we're voting.

Ms. Pulliam out.
Motion carries 7-0.

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

Mr. Brown: Yes, we do, sir. We request a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims of Gerald Griffin and Paula Griffin in the amount of \$22,000 and authorize the Augusta, Georgia Interim Administrator to disburse the aggregate amount of \$22,000 and for other purposes.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Mr. Mayor: There is a motion. Is there a second?

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a second from Commissioner Mason. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much. Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Yes, Mayor Johnson, there's one other motion but we would need a Risk Management representative to step forward to further enlighten the Commission regarding the exact amount.

Mr. Mayor: All right. Madam, if you would for the record, please state your name and the department you represent.

Ms. Blackstone: Judy Blackstone, Risk Management Department.

Mr. Mayor: All right, you have the floor.

Mr. Brown: If I may, sir, the amount previously discussed by this body was \$34,100, however, it has come to my attention that there are additional costs that must be compensated for.

Mr. Mayor: All right.

Ms. Blackstone: Okay, so as discussed before, the \$34,100 was brought before you to settle the claim with the homeowner and there is an additional \$19,846.86 that will be payable to Servepro for the cleanup, however, that is within the Administrator's authority which is why I didn't mention it in the previous meeting.

Mr. Mayor: All right.

Mr. Brown: The total, if I may, if the body does not have any questions and understands the Risk Management process, I'm prepared to read the resolution that has been prepared.

Mr. Mayor: I would say for the record, please.

Mr. Brown: Thank you, sir. We would request a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the settlement of all claims with Dan Lambert in the amount of \$34,100 and authorize the Augusta, Georgia Interim Administrator to disburse the aggregate amount of \$53,946.86 and \$18,846.86 will be paid for Servepro for their services regarding this matter.

Mr. Mayor: All right, is there a motion to approve this?

Mr. Frantom: Motion to approve.

Mr. Mayor: There is a motion. Is there a second?

Mr. Mason: Reluctantly, second.

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

Motion carries 8-0.

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown, does that conclude our –

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, Mayor Johnson. There are no further motions.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much. This meeting is hereby adjourned. Turn it over to Public Services. Thank you so much.

[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 March 26, 2024.

Clerk of Commission