



## COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Monday, September 30, 2024

2:00 PM

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Garnett Johnson  
Commissioner Brandon Garrett  
Commissioner Jordan Johnson  
Commissioner Bobby Williams  
Commissioner Alvin Mason  
Commissioner Sean Frantom  
Commissioner Francine Scott  
Commissioner Catherine Smith-McKnight  
Commissioner Tony Lewis  
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam  
Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle

### **ABSENT:**

Commissioner Alvin Mason

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **RECOGNITION(S)**

- A. Mr. John West**, Community Development Division Director, Georgia Department of Community Affairs regarding the selection of the City of Augusta-Richmond County as a PlanFirst Community for the 2025-2027 designation period.

### **DELEGATION(S)**

- B. Ms. Naomi A. Goolsby** regarding 902 James Brown; Veterans Cemetery; Mayor's daily budget; City Administrator and Sunday Liquor Sales

**No action taken on these matters.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(Items 1-44)**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting held September 30, 2024 and Special Called Meetings held September 30, 2024.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

2. Motion to **approve** amending the ordinance to allow for single event business licenses in the amount of \$50.00 per vendor one time per calendar year.

**Motion to approve.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

3. Motion to accept a grant from the Georgia Recreation and Park Association for the execution of the "Coaching Boys into Men" program.

**Motion to approve.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

4. Motion to **approve** exercising the one (1) year contract renewal option of the Mass Media Marketing, LTD (M3), three (3) year contract. Approved by Augusta Aviation Commission on August 29, 2024. (RFP 24-172C)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

5. Motion to **approve Change Order #2** to Independence Excavating's Contract, for a total increase of **\$784,592.00**. Approved by Augusta Aviation Commission on August 29, 2024.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

6. Motion to **approve** construction contract with C.W. Matthews in the amount of **\$8,128,445.19** for the Taxiway F reconstruction project. Approved by Augusta Aviation Commission on August 29, 2024. (ITB 24-203)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

7. Motion to renew the Sec. 5311 Rural Transit grant application between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Augusta, Georgia for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

8. Receive as information the emergency request for MRI (moisture-related issues) remediation at the Charles B. Webster Detention Center in the amount of \$237,328.00 by ACC Restoration, LLC.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

9. Motion to approve the purchase of one Dodge Police Charger at a total cost of \$35,813 from Thomson Motor Center for the Richmond County Marshals Office.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

10. Motion to approve utilizing state contract (#SWC 99999-SPD-ES40199373-002) for the purchase of one 2025 Ford PHEV Escape, at a total cost of \$44,224 from Allan Vigil Ford for the Procurement Department.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

11. Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) MOU between HCD and McKie Hayes Enterprise for the identification/development of up to ten (10) lots for affordable/workforce single-family housing new construction within the various areas of Augusta, GA.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

12. Receive as information the emergency request for the repairs of the door frames in various pods located at the Charles B. Webster Detention Center in the amount of \$28,496.00 by CGL Company.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

13. Motion to approve the award of bid #24-223, Central Services Construction Shop – Roof Replacement in the amount of \$51,111.00 to be performed by Hixon Roofing & Construction, LLC.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

14. Motion to **approve \$35,142.43** for salary adjustments for selected AGS Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) personnel. Approved by Augusta Aviation Commission on August 29, 2024.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

15. Motion to **approve** the purchase through a sole source procurement for the RTC Flashing Beacon Coordination System for the TIA Intelligent Transportation System project. Approve funds in the amount of \$128,610./AE

**Motion to approve:**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

16. Motion to **approve** the deed of dedications, maintenance agreements, and road resolutions submitted by the Engineering Department and the Augusta Utilities Department for Southampton, Section Eleven. AE

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

16. Motion to **approve** the purchase through contract of network and internet enabled equipment for the Augusta Landfill. Approve funds in the amount of \$296,388.67./ AE (RFQ #24-197C)

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

**FINANCE**

17. **Motion to approve** the reinstatements of the 2024 1% budget reduction from the Richmond County Health Department in the amount of **\$9,990** to assist in offsetting maintenance/repair costs. None of the funds can be used for these activities per Georgia Code; **2).**Richmond County Mosquito Control Program 1% reduction in the amount of **\$4,850** will help to minimize the impact of the program's higher fuel prices, vehicle maintenance, and chemicals costs.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

18. Revised Purchasing and Credit Card Policy Discussion.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

19. Motion to **approve** a \$910,530 budget increase for a work in progress Federal/State Grant with a TIA local match.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

20. Motion to **approve** the purchase of two (2) Saber custom fire pumper through the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) and the NPPGov Cooperative Contract.

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

**ADDITION(S):**

21. Motion to **approve** emergency procurement of Hurricane Helene Debris Removal services, authorize the Mayor to execute an initial response contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc., and approve use of General Fund-fund balance not to exceed **\$6,300,000.00** to fund these services. **(Requested by the Administrator)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

22. Motion to **approve** emergency procurement of Hurricane Helene Debris Management & Financial Recovery services, authorize the Mayor to execute an initial response contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc (GMC), and approve use of General Fund- fund balance not to exceed **\$550,000.00** to fund these services. **(Requested by the Administrator)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

23. Motion to **direct** a restricted donation from Comcast to United Way of the CSRA for Hurricane Helene relief efforts with \$50,000.00 minimum. **(Requested by the Administrator)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

24. Motion to **approve** the **waiver of fees** for up to 5 bags of household waste per household at the Augusta Landfill for the period September 30, 2024 – October 5, 2024 for Richmond County residents only. **(Requested by the Administrator)**

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Garrett

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Pulliam, Scott, Williams

Not voting: Lewis, Mason

**Motion carries 9-0**

**\*\*\*\*END CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\***

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

**(Items 1-24)**

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**(Items 25-44)**

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

25. **A.N. 24-41 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package for Beer and Wine, Sarita Gammage Applicant for Prabish Foodmart1, Inc. DBA Prabish Food Mart located at 1675 Olive Road. District 1, Super District 9 (Referred from September 17 Commission meeting)**
26. **Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Johnson.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

**Motion carries 8-0**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

26. Discussion to **move** Code Enforcement under the Marshal's Office effective January 1, 2025.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**



Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

## **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

27. Presentation by Pastor Melvin Ivey regarding stormwater drainage problem in the 1900 block of Ellis Street.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

28. Presentation by Ms. Lashawndra Robinson regarding city storm water drain maintenance negligence.

**Motion to approve placing this item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

29. Receive as information an update on water bill collection during Hurricane Helene recovery (**late payment penalty waiver**). (**Requested by the Administrator**)

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

## **FINANCE**

30. Revised Purchasing and Credit Card Policy Discussion.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

31. Public Defender Salary Proposal

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

**32. A.N. 24-44 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer and Wine with Sunday Sales and Dance, Rudolph Gosyne** applicant, located at 15 Eighth Street. District 1, Super District 9

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**33. A.N. 24-45 - New Location: Requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine, Vishal Doshi Applicant Fortune Lottery** located at 2901 Mike Padgett Highway. District 6, Super District 10

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**34. A.N. 24-46 - New Location: Requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine, Karthik Allati** applicant D/B/A Lotto Market located at 2762 Tobacco Road. District 4, Super District 9

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**35. A.N. 24-47 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Requesting Retail Package for Beer and Wine, Vijeshkumar Patel** Applicant for **Keshav 3341, LLC D/B/A Super Express #5.** located at 3341 Deans Bridge Road. District 5, Super District 9

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**36. A.N. 24-48 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Requesting Retail Package for Beer and Wine, Hemang Bhavsar** Applicant for **P and D Bhavsar3, LLC.** located at 1649 Olive Road. District 1, Super District 9

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**37. A.N. 24-41 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package for Beer and Wine, Sarita Gammage** Applicant for **Prabish Foodmart1, Inc. DBA Prabish Food Mart** located at 1675 Olive Road. District 1, Super District 9 (**Referred from September 17 Commission meeting**)

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

**Voting Yea:** Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

**Not voting:** Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

**38.A.N. 24-44 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer and Wine with Sunday Sales and Dance, Rudolph Gosyne** applicant, located at 15 Eighth Street. District 1, Super District 9

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

39.Motion to **approve** the plaque design for the Henry H. Brigham Community Center.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

40. Motion to **approve** instructing the Planning and Development Department to review and offer amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Bylaws and Guidelines as it pertains to appeals.

**(Requested by Commissioner Sean Frantom - referred from September 17 Commission meeting)**

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

41. Update on Plan Review Readers for the Augusta Planning Department. **(Requested by Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle)**

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

42. Presentation by Pastor Melvin Ivey regarding stormwater drainage problem in the 1900 block of Ellis Street.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

43. Presentation by Ms. Lashawndra Robinson regarding city storm water drain maintenance negligence.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

44. Discussion to **move** Code Enforcement under the Marshal's Office effective January 1, 2025.

**Motion to approve placing the item on the next appropriate committee meeting agenda.**

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

## LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending & Potential Ligation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

45. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Ligation, Real Estate and Personnel.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by McKnight.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott, B. Williams

Not voting: Lewis and Pulliam

Motion carries 8-0

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

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by McKnight.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight and Scott

Not voting T. Lewis, S. Pulliam, B. Williams

Motion carries 7-0

46. Motion to **appoint Mr. Reggie Horn** Interim Director Information Technology with 15% salary increase or minimum of the pay grade whichever is greater.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by McKnight

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott.

Not voting T. Lewis, S. Pulliam, B. Williams

Motion carries 7-0

47. Motion to **appoint** Mr. Tim Schroer Interim Director of Finance with 15% salary increase or the

minimum of the pay grade whichever is greater.

Motion made by McKnight, Seconded by Frantom

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott.

Not voting T. Lewis, S. Pulliam, B. Williams

Motion carries 7-0

48. Motion to **appoint Mr. Darrell White** as Interim Procurement Director Mr. Darrell White with 15% salary increase or minimum of the pay grade whichever is greater.

Voting Yea: Frantom, Garrett, Guilfoyle, G. Johnson, J. Johnson, McKnight, Scott.

Not voting T. Lewis, S. Pulliam, B. Williams

Motion carries 7-0