



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