



## **AUGUSTA COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commission Chamber  
Tuesday, April 01, 2025  
2:00 PM

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Garnett Johnson  
Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle  
Commissioner Jordan Johnson  
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam  
Commissioner Catherine Rice  
Commissioner Alvin Mason  
Commissioner Don Clark  
Commissioner Tony Lewis  
Commissioner Tina Slendak  
Commissioner Brandon Garrett  
Commissioner Francine Scott

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend Mark Maund, Pastor, Riverview Church

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

### **DELEGATION(S)**

- A. Ms. Kathy Randolph and Kerry Bridges** regarding Energy Efficiency Big Check Presentation relative to the partnership with Georgia Power and TRANE.

**Presentation made by Georgia Power to the Mayor on behalf of the city.**

- B. Mr. Moses Todd** discuss wastewater treatment contract automatic renewal with ESG.

Presentment made by Mr. Todd relative to said subject matter.

- C. Mr. Melvin Kelly** to discuss youth activities/homelessness.

Presentment made by Mr. Kelly relative to said subject matter.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items 1-24)*

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

1. Motion to **approve** Masters 2025 Van Rentals FOR Augusta Regional Airport. (**Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission March 20, 2025**) (**Requested by Commissioner Don Clark**) (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

2. Motion to **approve A.N. 25-15 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package Beer and Wine, Innaiah Yenumula** applicant for **Shoppers Stop**, 1649 Olive Road, District 1, Super District 9 (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**(3) Objectors**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Scott**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

3. Motion to **approve A.N. 25-16 – New Location: Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales. Robert Shawn Moseley** applicant for **Emil’s LLC**, located at 902 Broad Street. District 1, Super District 9 (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Three objectors (3)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

4. Motion to **approve A.N.25-17 – New Ownership: Consumption on remises Bear, Wine, & Sunday Sales, Manish Kumar N. Patel** applicant for **Homesuites by Hilton Augusta** (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

5. Motion to **approve A.N. 25-18** – New Location: Consumption on Premises Bear & Wine with Sunday Sales, Lawrence McDaniels applicant for MSW&W Cooperative LLC, doing business as Trellis Coffee Bar located at 1902 Walton Way, District, Super District.10 (**Approved by Public Safety Committee March 25, 2025**)

**One objector- Ms. Robertson numerous liquor licenses downtown need more grocery stores**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle seconded by Garrett**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

6. Motion to **approve A.N. 25-19-** Existing Location: Adding Retail Package for Wine, Henry Schafer applicant for ILBI (Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025) (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Applicant not present,**

**Three objectors- Ms. Robertson numerous liquor licenses downtown need more grocery stores**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle seconded by Rice**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

7. Motion to **approve** a request by **Edward K. Knight** for **Massage Operator's License** to be used in connection with **Wright Bodywork & Wellness Inc.** located at 807 Shartom Drive, Augusta GA 30907. District 7, Super District 10.(**Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

8. Motion to **approve** additional funding in the amount **\$61,000** for seasonal workers/ operational costs and capital outlay cost for vehicle and sprayer in the amount of **\$48,0006** associated with the Mosquito Control Program funded from Contingency as recommended by staff. **(Approved by Public Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

9. Motion to **approve** the purchase of six Ford F150s, at a total cost of \$277,027.44 from Akins Dodge Ford for the Utilities department. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

10. Motion to **approve** the purchase of one forklift, at a total cost of \$37,184 from Atlanta Forklifts for the Augusta Utilities Department. (Bid #25-138) **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

11. Motion to **approve** Amendment to the Contract with ESG Operations, Inc. for the Operation of Water Pollution Control Facilities and approve an additional 5 year extension of the Contract. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Substitute motion**

Motion to renew the operations portion of the contract for one year and at the end either put out for rebid or bring back in-house

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by J. Johnson**

Voting Yea Rice, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis

Voting Nay Clark, Guilfoyle, Pulliam, Slendak, Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Mason

**Motion fails 4-7**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Guilfoyle**

Voting Yea: Garrett, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Mayor Johnson, Mason,

Voting Nay: J. Johnson, Scott. Pulliam, Rice, Lewis

**Motion carries 6-5**

12. Motion to **approve** the continued funding of the current On-Call Field and Laboratory Testing for Soil and Construction Material, and Geotechnical Inspection and Investigation (CMT Geotech) Services contract in the amount of \$253,950.00 for Road Paving 2024-2025 construction. MC2 assigned to Road Paving 2024-2025 construction material testing & special inspection services. AE/RFP 19-179.(**Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

13. Motion to **approve** Supplementing (SA5) Construction Contract of Landfill Phase 3 Cell3B2 Unfinished Liner-Part3 Construction Services to Morgan Corp. Also, approve supplemental funding for \$1,000,000.00 for completing Cell3B2-Part3 construction. AE/RFP 21-183 (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 14. Motion to approve** Augusta Utilities Contract With Itron For Advanced Metering Infrastructure (RFP 24-261). The requested is for a five (5) year contract with the option to extend for five (5) additional years with Commission approval. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 15. Approve** the purchase through a sole source procurement for the Procore (web-based technology) for Augusta Engineering Infrastructure TIA & Other projects construction management. Also Approve funds in the amount of \$46,955.52 for this service annual usage. / AE

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 16. Motion to approve** proposal from HDR, Inc to provide additional engineering services to fulfill the requirements of the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revision Water Service Line Inventory (PO 24AUA124) **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

- 17. Motion to approve** the purchase through a sole source procurement for the Opticom Miovision Emergency Preemption System for the TIA Intelligent Transportation System project (Project RC07-0151, PI#001726). Approve funds in the amount of \$599,030.50. Also, authorize the mayor to sign and execute the contract. AE **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

18. Motion to **determine** that portion of Woodson Lane as shown on the attached plat and consisting of approximately .32 acre, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removed from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, and a public hearing shall be held regarding the issue of abandonment pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32 -7-2, with the abandoned property to be quit-claimed to the appropriate party(ies).(**Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

19. Motion to **determine** that portion of Dogwood Terrace Apartments ,approximately 940 feet of Fifteenth Ave, 326 feet of Dudley Street, 1264 feet of First Avenue, 1155 feet of Second Avenue, 1393 feet of Third Avenue, 722 feet of Leonard Drive and 877 feet of Old Savannah Road as shown on the attached plat, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removed from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, and a public hearing shall be held regarding the issue of abandonment pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32 -7-2, with the abandoned property to be quit-claimed to the appropriate party(ies).(**Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **FINANCE**

20. Motion to **approve** recommendation to approve a 3-year contract with Georgia Administrative Services, to provide Third Party Administrative Services for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$273,000, effective June 1, 2025. (RFP 25-123) (**Approved by Finance Committee March 27, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

21. Motion to **approve** the 2025 Budget Amendment for Personnel in the amount of \$50,000.00. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on February 27, 2025. (**Approved by Finance Committee March 25, 2025**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

22. Motion to **approve** the replacement of obsolete computer equipment (laptops, computers, servers, printers, scanners, switches, routers, VOIP phones, virtual environment, backup solutions, analog gateways, other telecommunication devices, security appliances, uninterrupted power supplies, radios, and MDTs) as well as the purchase of any related required computer software upgrades, cloud storage, and server resources.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **APPOINTMENT(S)**

23. Motion to **approve** the appointment of **Ms. Kay Roland** to the Augusta Aviation Commission representing District 9.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

## **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

24. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Commission Meeting.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**



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

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

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REGULAR AGENDA**

(Items 25-28)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**25. Discuss job postings and reclassifications to the next commission agenda. (Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)**

**Substitute motion wait for the legal department to come back with a definitive answer as to who can do what in this government e.g. reorganization of departments, reclassifications, create/ change any positions without Commission approval.**

**Motion made by J. Johnson and seconded by Scott**

**Voting Yea J. Johnson, Lewis, Scott, Ms. Pulliam**

**Voting Nay: Rice, Clark, Slendak, Garrett, Guilfoyle, Mayor Johnson**

**Abstaining: Mr. Mason**

**Motion fails 4-6-1**

**Motion to approve posting the Finance Director's position as a CFO.**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle seconded by Rice**

**Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Lewis and Scott.**

**Voting Nay: J. Johnson**

**Motion carries 10-1**

**FINANCE**

**26. Motion to approve the tentative schedule for SPLOST 9 and authorize the Mayor to call a meeting with Hephzibah and Blythe to discuss the inter-governmental agreement for distribution of SPLOST 9 proceeds. (Requested by Administration)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Mayor Johnson seconded by Rice**

**Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice, Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Lewis**

Guilfoyle and Scott. out

**Motion carries 9-0**

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

27. Motion to reappoint Ms. Lekendrea Frazier to the Board of Tax Assessors to a four-year term. **(Requested by Commissioner Tony Lewis)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

**ADDENDUM AGENDA**

**ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA:**

**DELEGATION:**

1. **Donita Legoas, UGA Richmond County 4- H Agent**, presentation current youth programming and accomplishments, including 4-H Day at the Capitol, District Program Achievement, Jr./Sr. County Council, Saturday clubs, in-school sessions, and more. **(Requested by Commissioner Tony Lewis)**  
**Added to agenda without objections; Presentation made by Donita Legoas**

**PUBLIC SERVICES:**

2. Motion to **approve** the sole source purchase of OshKosh Aerotech KCI Valet Conveyor Systems in the Amount of \$135,740.00 This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on **February 27, 2025 and Public Services Committee March 25, 2025.**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

3. Motion to **approve** funding, not to exceed \$381,000, for the Senior Nutrition program until June 30, 2025. **(Requested by the Administrator)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett seconded by Mason**

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

**Motion carries 11-0**

**Request will be paid from contingency as recommended by Administrator Allen without objection.**

**LEGAL MEETING**

**A.** Pending and Potential Litigation

**B.** Real Estate

**C.** Personnel

**Motion to go into legal session to discuss pending and potential litigation, personnel, and real estate matters.**

**Motion made by Mason and seconded by Clark.**

Voting Yea. J. Johnson, Scott, Slendak, Clark, Garrett, Lewis, Pulliam, Rice, Mayor Johnson,

Voting Nay: Mason

**Motion carries 9- 1 Guilfoyle out**

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

**Motion to approve**

Motion made by Clark seconded by Mason

Motion carries 10-0 with Guilfoyle out

**Voting Yea:** Voting Yea Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Rice Mason, Clark, Guilfoyle, Slendak, Lewis and Scott.

- 29.** Motion for Augusta to deliver to the United States Treasury Unused Emergency Assistant Funds and expenses total **\$6, 542,779.64** for Emergency Rental Assistance.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark seconded by Garrett**

Motions carries

**Voting Yea J. Johnson, Clark, Rice, Slendak, Lewis, Mayor Johnson, Clark, Mason**

**Voting Nay- Pulliam**

**Motion carries 9-1 with Scott and Guilfoyle out**

- 30.** Motion to **approve** the purchase of sanitary sewer improvements located on and near the Municipal Golf Course from TPPLLC at a price not to exceed \$700,000 in payable over five years.

**Addendum added without objection**

**Motion to approve,**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Mason**

**Voting Yea J. Johnson, Scott, Clerk, Rice Slendak, Pulliam, Lewis, Mayor Johnson, Clark, Mason**

**Motion carries 10-0 Guilfoyle out**

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