



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
1:05 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PRESENT:

Commissioner Francine Scott
Commissioner Tony Lewis
Commissioner Sean Frantom
Commissioner Jordan Johnson

Also present:

Mayor Garnett Johnson
Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Catherine McKnight

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1. Update from the Administrator & Fire Chief on the schedule of locations for tree removal and debris cleanup. **(Requested by Commissioner Francine Scott)**

Received as information without objections.

2. Motion to approve to receive as information an update on the implementation of the ADP HRIS system. Go-live is set for January 1, 2025. Training for the Augusta employees will begin in phases with Directors, Manager/Assistant Directors and employees in October.

Received as information without objections

3. **Min. Dante Barley** regarding the hiring of city bus drivers.

Received presentation as information.

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis. Seconded by Commissioner Frantom

Motion carries 4-0

4. **Mr. Lawrence Brannen** (Justice Impacted Reformation Society, Inc.) regarding an Amendment to Augusta's Equal Opportunity hiring policy.
Motion to refer this to the next Administrative Services Committee and discuss the city's hiring policy in association with presentation made by Mr. Lawrence Brannen (Justice Impacted Reformation Society, Inc.) an Amendment to Augusta's Equal Opportunity hiring policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Sean Frantom.

Motion carried 4-0

5. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the Administrative Services Committee held on **October 8, 2024**

Approved without objections.

ADDENDUM: Added without objections.

Mr. Chris Johnson, Tax Commissioner of Richmond County, and I'm joined by the Deputy Chief Appraiser, Mr. Brian Funk from the Tax Assessor's Office. And we just wanted to give a brief update on the First Amendment that's on our ballot. It's House Resolution 1022 and It is derived from House Bill, 581. And the amendment reads, Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a statewide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases and assess value of homesteads. But which at, but which any county consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out upon completion of certain procedures. And the reason we wanted to give an update on this particular amendment is that if this, if the voters of Georgia, passes this constitutional amendment, this body will have to make a decision whether or not to opt in. And that means you just do nothing. If the voters not only of Richmond County, but the state of Georgia say that they want this amendment to pass, then we are automatically opted in unless you take a one-time opportunity to opt out. If you should decide to opt out, it means that the amendment takes effect on January 1st, but all the procedures associated with opting out have to be completed by March 1st. That means pretty much in the end of November, December, some decisions have to be made by this body.