



**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commission Chamber

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

12:00 PM

**Present:**

**Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Guilfoyle, Commissioners Garrett, Slendak, Lewis, Scott, Clark, Pulliam, Rice, Wimberly.**

**Absent:**

**Commissioner Jordan Johnson**

**INVOCATION**

Elder Darien McKinnon, Pastor, Words of Life Ministries of the Apostolic Faith

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

**DELEGATION(S)**

- A. Ms. Bridget R. Lynch** requesting a waiver of rental fees for the stage and rental fee at the Augusta Common for an event scheduled for August 15, 2026...Garden City's Wine Spritzer.

**Motion to approve allowing the Recreation Department to utilize the department's established Fee Waiver Policy to address the request.**

**Motion made by Wimberly and seconded by Lewis**

**Motion carried 7-1 with Garrett voting no  
Commissioners Johnson, Scott and Pulliam out**

- B. Mr. Clarence Thompkins** regarding the Augusta Port Authority.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- C. Mr. Lawrence Brannen** relative to the resolution discussed and the interactions during the March 10, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

**Motion to approve tasking the Attorney with reviewing the presented document to see if it can be rewritten to protect the city's interest.**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

**D. Mr. Dan Scott**, Glendale Historic Preservation Committee's consolidated follow-up progress report from Residents to Commissioner Jordan Johnson & the Commission.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

**E. Ms. Zakiya Mabery** regarding update from the Mayor relative to the implementation of allowing residents to state only their name for the record before speaking during public meetings.

**General Counsel Plunkett advised the Commission that he's reviewing the issue and is planning to bring back information by mid-April.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items 1-23)*

### **PLANNING**

**1. Final Plat – S-1000-FINAL – Windsor Meadows** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE a petition by Bo Knox on behalf of Georgia Subcontracting Professionals LLC requesting final plat approval for Windsor Meadows containing 40 lots, located at 2804 Meadowbrook Drive (2744 Fawn Drive). Tax Map #119-0-006-00-0. Reviewing agency approval 2/26/2026

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**2. Z-26-05** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE a petition by DDG Land Investments, LLC, requesting to amend conditions from zoning case Z-24-34, related to open space and parking requirements affecting property containing approximately 4.5 acres out of a 6.95-acre tract located at 2355 Windsor Spring Road. Portion of Tax Map # 120-0-266-00-0

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

**3. SE-26-05** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE a petition by DDG Land Investments, LLC, requesting a special exception per Section 9-2 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to develop a residential subdivision containing approximately 62.6 acres located at 2500 Craven Street, 2421 Windsor Spring Road and 3401 Lucie Street, and part of 2355 Windsor Spring Road. Tax Map #'s 120-0-262-00-0, 120-0-261-00-0, 120-0-261-03-0, and a portion of 120-0-266-00-0. Zoned R-1A (One-Family Residential).

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 4. SE-26-06 – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE a petition by Linda Williams, on behalf of Tae Suk Meyers Trust, requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(h) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a family personal care home affecting property containing approximately 0.19 acres located at 3638 Stanton Court. Zoned R-1C (One-Family Residential). Tax Map # 143-3-062-00-0.**

**Motion to deny with (4) objectors**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Garrett**  
**Motion carried 9-1 with Clark voting no**

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

- 5. Motion to approve A.N. 26-12 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Chakravarthy Thota is the applicant for ARKA Foods LLC requesting Retail Package Beer, and Wine located at 1812 Lumpkin Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 2, Super District 9. (Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 6. Motion to approve Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve Change Order #1 (Final/Balancing) to ER Snell Contractor Inc, for a total decrease of (\$20,221.94), amending ER Snell’s contract total to \$569,567.56. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission February 26, 2026. (Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 7. Motion to approve a grant award between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Augusta, Georgia for the GDOT Transit Trust Fund Program.(Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

- 8. Motion to approve A.N. 26-14 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Amandeep Singh is the applicant for JMS Food Mart LLC requesting Retail Package Beer, and Wine located at 1959**

Kissingbower Road, Augusta GA 30904. District 2, Super District 9 (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026-no objectors**)

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

9. Motion to **approve** A.N. 26-15 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Ahmad Raza is the applicant for Rise 2025 Investments Inc dba Lucky Corner Store requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine located at 3317 Peach Orchard Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9. (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026-no objectors**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

10. Motion to **approve** A.N. 26-16: Existing Location, New Ownership: Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales. Rafael Gonzalez is the applicant for Boll Weevil Café & Sweetery, located at 8 James Brown Blvd Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9. (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026-no objectors**)

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

11. Motion to **approve** M.N 26-04: A request by Alicia Walker for Massage Operator’s License to be used in connection with Blooming Embers Massage & Wellness LLC located at 720 Broad Street, Augusta, GA ,30901. District 1, Super District 9. (**Approved by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026-no objectors**)

**Motion to approve with no objectors**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

12. Motion to **approve** a Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Project to be located at 1534 Maple Street. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee March 10, 2026**)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

13. Motion to **approve** the award of bid #25-192, Augusta Commons – Electrical Improvements in the amount of \$581,472.00 to be performed by RG Novello Inc. and to approve reassignment of

recaptured SPLOST VI, VII, and American Rescue Plan Act allocations to the project.  
(Approved by Administrative Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

14. Motion **approve** contract amendment to S&ME, Inc. for RFP Item #20-176 Geotechnical Testing Services one additional year with additional funding. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

15. Motion to **approve** contract amendment to Cranston Engineering Group, PC for RFP Item #20-260 NPDES Storm Water Monitoring and Inspections for one (1) additional year.(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

16. Motion to **approve** GDOT Standard Utility Agreement.(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

17. Motion to **approve** Brittany Oaks Water and Sanitary Sewer Dedication Documents. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

18. Motion to **approve** Utilities GEFA Loan Acceptance. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

19. Motion to **accept** notification of emergency rental of 6 - 100KW generators and 4 - 55KW generators for Ice and Snowstorm 2026 in January. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

20. Motion to **approve** funding for additional services to the Grant Writing Services targeted at water and wastewater. Request to add CO #3 in the amount of \$245,000.00. (PO No. 23AUA153). (Approved by Augusta Commission May 2, 2023)**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

### **FINANCE**

21. Motion to **adopt** resolution of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission approving Public Finance Authority issue of tax-exempt bond not to exceed \$27,000,000. **(Approved by Finance Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

22. Motion to **approve** the minutes of Commission Meeting March 3, 2026

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

### **APPOINTMENT(S)**

23. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Mr. Robert Trescott on the August Port Authority representing District 7.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 10-0**

**\*\*\*\*END CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\*  
AUGUSTA COMMISSION  
AUGUSTA COMMISSION  
REGULAR AGENDA**

(Items 24-31)

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

24. **Update/report** from Director Tameka Williams, Augusta Recreation Department relative to Pickleball Courts in West Augusta. **(Referred from the March 3, 3026 Commission meeting)**

**It was the consensus of the Commission to allow the Director of Recreation to report back at the next Commission meeting regarding the costs associated with adding permanent pickleball lines at the Warren Road Gym.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

25. Motion to approve extension of the engagement with Cherry Bekaert to provide accounting assistance to the Housing and Community Development Department and to approve associated budget transfers. **(Requested by the Administration)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 8-3 with Scott, Guilfoyle and J. Johnson voting no**

26. Motion to **approve** the Mayor to execute a federal tax deduction (179D) Allocation Letter to Trane Technologies. **(Requested by Administration)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 10-0**

27. Administrator's Initial Briefing on Landscape Department. **(Requested by Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly)**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

28. Receive as information an update on the vegetation maintenance plan implementation. **(Requested by Administration)**

29. Discuss implementing solutions to address and help prevent dumping in areas that are continuous dumping grounds for tires, furniture, and bulk trash. **(Requested by Commissioner Stacy Pulliam)**

**\*28 & 29 taken as companion items**

**Substitute motion**

**Motion to name new department Vegetation and Landscaping Department**

**Motion made by Wimberly**

**Motion dies for lack of second**

**Main motion**

**Motion to name the new department Augusta Grounds and Management Department.**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 9-1 with Wimberly voting no**

**FINANCE**

30. Update authorized staff as signatories for bank accounts and bond-related communications.  
**(Requested by Administration)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**LEGAL MEETING**

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
- B. Real Estate
- C. Personnel

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

**ADDENDUM AGENDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

1. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) a standard car rental agreement with Avis /Budget Car Rental in an amount not to exceed \$43,846.00 for 2026 Masters®. Approved January 29, 2026, Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

2. Motion to **approve** emergency request for Trinity Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount \$56,372 for direct boring and installation of new conduit." **(Approve by Public Services Committee March 10, 2026)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

Motion to **approve** emergency request for the replacement of the Carrier roof top unit E911 Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$ **32,507.21** by Augusta Chiller Service. Requesting approval to utilize and transfer **\$32,507.21** from the E911 Fund Balance (Fund 216) to the 216-03-7110 account. **(The fund balance usage for the Carrier RTU replacement is an allowable E911 reserve fund purchase per Georgia ode 46-5134)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

3. Motion approve Award of Bid Item #26-130 for the construction of the Augusta Reservoir Dams Improvements Project to Shearer-Mutimer Construction, LLC. (Requested by Commissioner Don Clark)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

**ATTORNEY:**

4. Motion to correct the case number in the previously approved settlement of all claims of Kadarius Cheatham against Kyler Fern, et. al., to read case number 1:25-cv-0005 instead of case number 1:25-cv-00096.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Clark**  
**Motion carried 10-0**

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