



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Thursday, June 26, 2025
2:00 PM

INVOCATION

Pastor Matthew Judd, Lead Pastor, Good News Church

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

DELEGATION(S)

- A. **Mr. Moses Todd**, I Love Augusta- discuss City owned cemeteries priorities and SPLOST 9 funding. Legality of using SPLOST funding for Federal/State Governments restricted use Veterans Cemetery. Note that I'm a Vietnam Combat Veteran.

Presentation made by Mr. Todd.

- B. **Ms. Althea Collins, LPC** regarding Proposal for Community Based Mental Health Initiative for Public Safety and Wellness.

Presentation made by Ms. Collins.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-2)

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Motion to **approve** recommended changes to the Animal Ordinance with any corrections of grammatical and spelling errors, as needed and approved by the Interim General Counsel. **(Approved by the Augusta Commission June 17, 2025) (Second Reading)**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

2. Motion to **approve** the minutes of Commission Meeting held June 17, 2025.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
AUGUSTA COMMISSION

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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 3-12)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 3. A.N. 25-30 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package Beer and Wine.** Sarita Gammage applicant for **2078 Old Savannah Inc. d/b/a Sarita Food Mart**, located at **2078 Old Savannah Road**. District 2, Super District 9

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pullia, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

- 4. Discussion: A request by Margo Pick for a Fortune Teller license to be used in connection with Ka of Life, LLC located at 229 Fury's Ferry Road #115, Augusta GA 30907. District 7, Super District 10.**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pullia, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 8-1 Garrett voting not

- 5. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Motion to approve for the Airport Operations Department to purchase a 2025 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$44,960 from Allan Vigil Ford, who holds the state contract for Ford Explorers. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on June 16, 2025.**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pullia, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

6. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Motion to **approve 2nd Amendment to the Standard Aero Lease Agreement**. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on June 16, 2025.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

7. Weatherstone Townhomes Water and Sanitary Sewer Dedication Documents

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

8. Update- April 29, 2025 Augusta Commission discussed TIA Broad Street Improvements Project and requested exploring the project construction schedule acceleration by implementing two-shifts (day & night) construction schedule for business corridor segment./ AE

Motion to defer to next Engineering Services Committee Meeting.

Motion made by J. Johnson and seconded by Garrett

Voting Yes Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, Rice J. Johnson

Motion carried 9-0

9. Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Services with CERES Environmental Services (CERES). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-915

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

- 10. Approve supplement funding in amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for Hurricane Helene Waterways Debris Removal Construction Plans & Monitoring Services with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc. (GMC). Also approve use of General Fund fund-balance to fund these services. Services expenses are reimbursable by NRCS. AE/ 24-916**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 11. Motion to accept the FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the mayor to sign all appropriate documentation.**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, Rice.

Motion carried 8-0

J. Johnson out

- 13. Motion to hire Aaron Pennick as Procurement Director at a salary of \$125,000 with a moving allowance not to exceed \$10,000 and such other benefits as commensurate with such a position.**

Motion made by Guilfoyle and second by Garrett

Voting Yes: **Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, Rice.**

Motion carried 8-0

J. Johnson out

14. Motion to extend contract dated August 8, 2025, as previously amended with James T. Plunkett and Plunkett, Hamilton, Manton and Graves, LLP to serve as Interim General Counsel until December 31, 2025. And amend the compensation provisions to provide the services provided by James Plunkett and John Manton will be at an invoiced flat amount of \$232,500.00 for the period of July 1 to December 31, 2025, with other attorneys in the firm paid on an hourly basis.

Motion made by Rice and seconded by Guilfoyle

Voting Yes: **Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, Rice.**

Motion carried 8-0

J. Johnson out

ADDENDUM AGENDA

June 26, 2025

PUBLIC SERVICES:

- 1. Mr. Bob Duke, Redwood regarding their Plan of Action relative to Apartment Complexes they owned in Augusta. (Requested by the Commission- June 17, 2025)**

Motion to approve conducting a public hearing at a date designated by the Clerk of Commission not to exceed 30 days from today's date regarding the Richmond Summit and the Bon Air Apartments.

Motion made by Rice and seconded by Slendak

Voting Yes **Mayor Johnson, Rice, Slendak, J. Johnson, Pulliam, Lewis, Garrett, Guilfoyle, Scott**

Motion carried 9-0

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- 2. Motion to approve a change order in the amount of \$185,504.88 that will increase the net amount of 25AFA060 to \$754,041.60 for Bid Item #16-198 Professional Services for Architectural & Design Services – New Fire Station #3, awarded to Johnson Laschober and Associates. (Requested by Administration and Fire Department)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Scott

Voting Yes Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

FINANCE:

- 3. Motion to approve funding of operating, capital & encumbrance carryovers. (Requested by Administration and Finance Department)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES:

- 4. Motion to approve Emergency repair of 2 generator radiators from American Radworx.**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yes: Mayor Johnson, Guilfoyle, Lewis, Scott, Slendak, Garrett, Pulliam, J. Johnson, Rice.

Motion carried 9-0