



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, June 03, 2025
2:00 PM

INVOCATION

Reverend Christopher Leslie, Pastor, Walnut Grove Baptist Church

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

RECOGNITION(S)

- A. Proclamation recognizing the launch of the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. **(Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

Presentation made by Mayor Johnson.

DELEGATION(S)

- B. **April Coleman**-Olde Town neighborhood regarding concerns about the community impact of the placement of the new Center of Hope emergency shelter and soup kitchen a block from May Park.

Presentation made.

- C. **Ms. Ann Sherman** regarding Hurricane Helene related storm issues in the area.

Presentation made.

- D. **Chandra Bala** regarding lacking coordination in county office.

Presentation made.

- E. **Mr. Moses Todd**, I Love Augusta to discuss household waste fee/tax, no non administrative transfer of Regional Landfill funds, and more than one waste hauler.

Presentation made.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-18)

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Motion to **approve** A.N. 25-23 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package Beer and Wine. Pawan Kumar Burra applicant for Shambhavi Foods 2025 Inc located at 2502 Lumpkin Road, District 5, Super District 9. **(Approve by Public Services Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve with no objectors.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

2. Motion to **approve** A.N. 25-24 – New Location: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer, Wine & Sunday Sales. Ming Shi applicant for KHP Augusta LLC d/b/a K-Pot, located at 1343 Augusta West Parkway. District 3, Super District 10 (**Approve by Public Services Committee May 27, 2025**)

Motion to approve no, objectors.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

3. Motion to **approve** A.N. 25-25 – New Location: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer, and Wine. Marion Rodric Rosier is the applicant for Liddo's Bistro, located at 2601 Deans Bridge Road Ste C, Augusta GA 30906. District 2, Super District 9. **No Objectors (Approve by Public Services Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

4. Motion to **approve** A.N. 25-26 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Retail Package Beer and Wine. Subrata Roy applicant for EB Market LLC d/b/a EB Food Mart located at 501 East Boundary Street, District 1, Super District 9. **No Objectors (Approved by Public Services Committee May 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

5. Motion to **approve** request by Mattison Solomon for Massage Operator's License to be used in connection with Sevenity Bodyworks LLC located at 1433 Stovall Street Suite 5, Augusta GA 30904. District 2, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee May 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

6. **Review and Discussion of Short-Term Rental Ordinance & Proposed 30-Day Rental Limitation in the City of Augusta. (Requested by Mayor Johnson)**

Referred to Short-Term Rental Subcommittee without objections.

7. Motion to **approve** allowing APT to develop a plan relative to Richmond County Transit Micro Transit to give citizens of Richmond County an equitable access to public transit. **(Approved by Public Service Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

8. Motion **approve** award of Augusta's Stormwater Facilities (Ponds) Maintenance Contract to American Eagle LLC, Augusta Lawn & Turf, LLC, Augusta Quality, and Pond Maintenance of Augusta, subject to receipt of signed contract and proper insurance documents. The Contract is for one year with renewal option of two additional years. Also, approve up to \$650,000 per year to fund Services under this contract. AE/25-157. **(Approved by Engineering Service Committee May 27, 20276)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

9. Motion to **approve** the award of RFP 25-900A-Residential Waste & Recyclable Collection Services Contract to Coastal Waste Recycling, Inc. (Coastal) effective August 1, 2025 at service schedule & rates presented as attached Exhibit A, and with the option of Coastal providing Recycling Services by contracting directly with residents and others on request. The contract award is contingent upon receipt of signed contract, insurance, and other relevant required documents. The contract initial term is five (5) years with an option to renew for additional five-year term. RFP 25-900A/AE. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee May 27, 2025**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Guilfoyle

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

10. Motion to **approve** making part of 2026 Budget regarding which (if any) components of the Draft Realignment Concept should be developed into a final proposal. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee May 27, 2025**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by J. Johnson and seconded by Mason

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

FINANCE

11. Motion to **approve** the 2026 Budget Planning Calendar. (**Approved by Finance Committee May 27, 2025**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

12. Motion to **approve** entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between GEMA and Homeland Security Georgia Search and Rescue Team (GSAR) and to authorize the mayor to sign the appropriate documents. (**Approved by Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

13. Motion to approve accepting the FY26 CACJ Operating Grant for Family Treatment Court/Juvenile Drug Court in the amount of \$97,193 with a cash match of \$17,152. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

14. Motion to **approve** accepting the FY26 CACJ Operating Grant for Adult Felony Drug Court, Mental health Court, and Veterans Court in the amount of \$549,800 with a \$97,024 cash match amount. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

15. Motion to **approve** Agreement with ClearGov for Digital Budget Book and Transparency Initiatives. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

16. Motion to **approve** additional grant funding for ARPA CY 2023-2025 in the amount of \$2,803,640. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

17. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Commission Meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

APPOINTMENT(S)

18. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Mr. Michael Meyers to the Historic Preservation Commission representing District 4.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

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

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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 19-32)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

19. Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide funding to Vital Steps to continue development in the Sand Hills Area and support the construction of one (1) single family unit to be sold to low income homebuyer.

Motion to refer to next committee meeting.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

20. Motion to approve Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide funding to Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity to continue development in the South Augusta Area and support the construction of two (2) single family units to be sold to low income homebuyer.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

21. Motion to approve the purchase of one trailer hydro excavator, at a total cost of \$84,820 from Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service for the Augusta Utilities Department. (Bid 25-162)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

- 22 **Motion to approve** the request for the PACT Project Change Order Consolidation in the total amount of \$329,250.00 by Trane Company. (RFQ 18-164 - 22CSA046)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

23. Receive an update regarding signs in medians, telephone poles, traffic signs, grocery carts, etc.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

24. Motion to approve the purchase of two Ford F150 Extended cabs at total cost of \$104,474.48 from Akins Dodge Ford for the Utilities department – Facilities Maintenance Division.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

25. Approve an addition of \$44,675.00 to purchase order 23CSA006 to cover the costs of program revisions and additional concept design services for converting the former Houghton Elementary School into space for Augusta Juvenile Court System and Richmond County Board of Elections per Article 4.2 of the Design Services Agreement by Hussey Gay Bell & Deyoung International, Inc under RFP 22-174.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

26. Have Administrator to provide an update to the succession plan, continuing education/training for all department. **(Requested by Commissioner Stacy Pulliam)**

Motion to forward to next Administrative Services Committee.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

FINANCE

27. Motion to certify the estimated 2025 roll-back mill rates for County M&O and Urban Services M&O to the Board of Tax Assessors and Tax Commissioner.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Mason

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

28. Discussion on the new James Brown Arena. **(Requested by Commissioner Alvin Mason)**

Motion to approve a Letter of Support from the Commission to retain the name James Brown on the new arena.

Motion made by Mason and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 29. Recommend motion to approve recommended changes to Animal Ordinance (No recommendation from Public Safety Committee May 27, 2025)**

Motion to refer back to committee with a redline version of Animal Ordinance.

Motion made by Garrett and second by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

APPOINTMENT(S)

- 30. Motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Lockhart to fill the unexpired term ending April 24, 2027 due to the resignation Mr. James Scott representing Super District 10 on the Richmond County Board of Tax Assessors. (Requested by Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

- 31. Motion to discuss and/or approve nominated appointments to the Richmond County Hospital Authority Board. (Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

Motion to approve referring to next Commission Meeting

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

AGENDA ADDENDUM

33. Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Bob Young to the Historic Preservation Commission representing District 10.

Added without objection

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Rice

Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Garrett, Rice, Mason, Clark, J. Johnson, Scott, Lewis, Pulliam
Guilfoyle

Motion carried 10-0