COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber
Tuesday, November 03, 2026
2:00 PM

PRESENT: Mayor, Johnson Mayor Pro Tem Guilfoyle, Commissioners Scott, Slendak, Lewis, Clark, Wimberly, Rice, Pulliam and Johnson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Garrett

INVOCATION

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RECOGNITION(S)

A. **Congratulations!** October 2026 - 25-50 Years of Service Recipients.

Presentations made accordingly.

DELEGATION(S)

B. **Ms. Ashley Benton-Harold** request Commission review of the September 15 and October 6, 2026 data center ordinance proceedings, verification and correction of the reported 11–0 versus 6–5 voting discrepancy, review of public participation and environmental oversight, and consideration of more accessible Commission meeting times.

Ms. Benton-Harold did not appear.

C. **Ms. Zakiya Mabery**- The Center for Community Awareness & Public Engagement (C-CAPE)'s purpose.

Ms. Mabery did not appear.

D. Ms. Joanna Nabholz-proposed restrictions on short-term rentals in Augusta's residential neighborhoods and the potential economic impact on the city, local businesses, property owners, and tourism.

Presentation made accordingly.

E. **Ms. Rose Evans**-short-term rental provisions in the draft Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update.

Ms. Evans did not appear.

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F. **Ms. Heather Dunaway**-The Greater Augusta Arts Council and Public Art Advisory Panel wish to give a progress report/update of the Public Art Master Plan, Commission approval is needed on the updated Public Art Advisory Panel Policy and for the purchase of sculpture **(voted on by the public and approved by the Public Art Advisory Panel**) along the Augusta Sculpture Trail. 2) Also, Commission approval for an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Augusta Arts Council and the City of Augusta which re-confirms the Arts Council as the Public Art Agency for the City of Augusta.

Presentation made accordingly.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-##)

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Motion to **approve** award of RFP #26-905—Waterpark Feasibility Study to CPL Architects, Engineers and Landscape Architects, D.P.C, and to authorize the Mayor to execute all associated documents. The Contract is for the duration of the project scope in the amount of $79,020.00 to complete the project scope. **(Approved by Public Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion caried 10-0

2. Motion to approve the assignment of Aiken-Augusta Swim League (ASL) to Peachtree Aquatics, Inc. (Peachtree) under the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Aiken-Augusta Swim League (ASL) and Augusta, GA. **(Approved by Public Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 10-0

3. Motion to **approve A.N. 26-43** –Existing location, New Ownership: Consumption on Premise Liquor, Beer Wine, and Dance. Kellie Vinson and Barry Kruse are the applicants for K-Bar Holdings LLC dba Chevys Nite Club, to be used in connection with 3328 Washington Road Ste E, F & G Augusta, GA 30907. District 7, Super District 10. **(Approved by Public Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 10-0

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4. Motion to **approve** the annual Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) as drafted for the Augusta Transit Department by the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR 673.11(a)(1). **(Approved by Public Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

   Motion to approve

   Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
   Motion carried 10-0

5. Motion to **approve** additional fees in the amount of $379,795.19 for Infrastructure Systems Management, LLC for consultant services for Recreation & Parks Department (2023-2026). **(Approved by Public Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

   Motion to approve

   Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
   Motion carried 10-0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

6. Motion to **approve** the purchase of eight vehicles, at a total cost of $357,187.90, from Akins Ford Dodge for the Utilities Department. Seven of the vehicles are replacements and one vehicle is a new request utilizing GA statewide contract. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

   Motion to approve

   Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
   Motion caried 10-0

7. Motion to approve the award of bid #26-269, Ezekiel Harris House Retrofit in the amount of **$170,640.00** to be performed by Horizon Construction. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

   Motion to approve

   Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
   Motion carried 10-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

8. Motion to **approve** due to the need for a construction time extension on the active Augusta Reservoir Dams Improvements Project, an additional construction administration services change order is required for Cranston LLC. This change order will extend the remaining

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construction administration effort through to February 2027 with continued NPDES inspections through the end of the 2026 Calendar Year.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion caried 10-0

9. Motion to **approve** proposal to enter an Engineering Services Contract with Cranston LLC to provide engineering and profession services related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the Augusta Canal in the amount of **$481,043.00**.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

10. Motion to **approve** a proposal to enter an Engineering Services Contract with Infrastructure Systems Management, LLC to provide engineering services for the design, permitting, and construction administration of the water main interconnection between the Sand Ridge and Pinnacle Place subdivisions. Infrastructure System Management is on the prequalified Engineering Consultants list RFQ 24-132 approved on 6/24/24'.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

11. Motion to **approve** One Year Renewal of enQuesta for AUD**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

12. Motion to **approve** One Year Renewal of InvoiceCloud for AUD. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice

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Motion carried 10-0

13. Motion to **ratify** funding for safety services from Cintas through 2026.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

14. Motion to **approve** recommendation of award and Augusta Utilities Contract for Water Meter Test Equipment to Mars Company (RFP 26-151). One-time purchase to include an annual software and maintenance proposal for a total of five years. One time purchase is in the amount of $458,901.00.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

15. **Motion to approve** Sole Source Procurement of #15 Aux Pump and Base from Templeton and Assoc.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

16. Motion to **approve** lowest bidder for Bid 26-209 to M & C Lawn Care & Maintenance Services LLC. The bid award is for one year with the option to extend for four additional one year terms.**(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

17. Motion to **approve** supplement funding (SA1) for the AMCS Platform (web-based technology) for Augusta Residential Waste Collection Services management. Also approve funds in the amount of $76,650.00 for completing platform implementation/ AE. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 27, 2026**)

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

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18. Motion to **approve** acceptance of 2027 GOHS H.E.A.T. Grant with the Federal award amount of $152,869.09 **(Approved by Public Safety Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

19. Motion to **approve** the purchase of furniture, furnishings, and related equipment for the new Joint Operations Center from Indoff, Inc., through TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Contract #230301, in an amount not to exceed $155,027.87. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

20. Motion to **approve** acceptance of the awarded **$50,000** Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), to be used towards personnel and fringe benefits. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

21. Motion to **approve** the purchase of one 2026 Pierce Saber pumper and associated equipment from Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC through the League of Oregon Cities cooperative purchasing contract, under the Whelen configuration of proposal 1441, for $1,060,000; and authorize execution of the purchase documents in accordance with applicable purchasing requirements. **(Requested by the Augusta Fire Department). (Approved by Public Safety Committee October 27, 2026)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

22. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the October 20, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 10-0

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*******END CONSENT AGENDA*****
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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 23-26)

PUBLIC SERVICES

23. **Motion to approve the Second Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement (RFQ 22-198) with Infrastructure Systems Management, LLC and to authorize the Mayor to execute all associated documents. The amendment is for the second of 2 one-year extension options. The requested funding for year 5 is $1,360,305.00. This amount was included in the original Commission approval dated August 2, 2022. (25REC334)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

ENGINEERING SERVICES

24. **Right-of-Way and Vacant Lot** scheduling now and through department transition. **(Requested by Commissioner Stacy Pulliam) (Forwarded to full Commission without recommendation)**

    Received as information without objection.

FINANCE

25. Motion to **approve** the Contribution Agreement between The Georgia Association of Conservation Districts and the Augusta-Richmond County Board of Commissioners. **(Requested by Administration)**

    Motion to approve

    Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
    Motion carried 10-0

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending & Potential Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel.

Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice
Motion carried 9-0 with Guilfoyle and Garrett out

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

Motion made by Rice and seconded by Wimberly
Motion carried 10-0

ADDENDUM:

1. Motion to approve a sole source in the amount of **$78,695**.00 to the agreement for procurement from Downtown Decorations Inc. for the purchase of an artificial Christmas Tree Package.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Slendak and seconded by Scott
Motion carried 8-0 with Garrett, Guilfoyle and Lewis out.

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