



Public Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Approve honorary name designation of Luvenia Pearson Way to a portion of Thirteenth St

Department:	Information Technology
Presenter:	Evelyn Chanti, Information Technology GIS Manager
Caption:	Approve assigning the honorary name designation of Luvenia Pearson Way to a portion of Thirteenth Street.
Background:	Augusta Commissioner Jordan Johnson, on behalf of The Augusta African American Historical Society, initiated a request for an honorary road name designation for a portion of Thirteenth St, between Laney-Walker Boulevard and D'Antignac Street, to honor Luvenia Pearson.
Analysis:	Ms. Luvenia Pearson was a trailblazer in Augusta. From 1942 to 1964, she operated the Luvenia Pearson School of Beauty and Cosmetology, the first of its kind for African American women in Augusta. It later became Luvenia's Beauty Salon. She taught Cosmetology in Richmond County for fifteen years, later becoming an instructor at Augusta Tech. She loved her community and was a member of CME church. Her former home on Thirteenth Street is now operated by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The Laney Museum will be highlighting Ms. Pearson at an exhibition in October of 2026. Living status: deceased.
Financial Impact:	One road sign to be placed at the intersection of Laney-Walker Blvd and Thirteenth St and one at the intersection of Thirteenth St and D'Antignac St.
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Approve assigning the honorary designation of Luvenia Pearson to a portion of Thirteenth St.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A