



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Johnson
Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle
Commissioner Jordan Johnson
Commissioner Stacy Pulliam
Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly
Commissioner Don Clark
Commissioner Tony Lewis
Commissioner Tina Slendak
Commissioner Brandon Garrett
Commissioner Francine Scott

ABSENT:

Commissioner Catherine Rice

INVOCATION

Pastor Reese LeRoy, Lead Pastor, Vineyard Church of Augusta

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RECOGNITION(S)

A. Years of Service Recognitions-recognize employees celebrating 25–50 years.

Presentations made accordingly.

B. Mr. Brentson Judon selected as **Augusta Technical College, 2026 College GOAL Winner; Presenter:** Dr. Kendricks Hooker, Augusta Technical College (**Requested by Commissioner Don Clark**)

Presentations made accordingly.

DELEGATION(S)

C. Dr. Gayla Keesee- postpone the vote and strengthen the Data Center Zoning Ordinance.
Presentations made accordingly.

D. Denice Traina- concerns regarding the construction of data centers in the CSRA.
Presentations made accordingly.

- E. Ms. Priscilla Wheeler-** Draft Data Center Ordinance, specifically regarding utility/water impacts, low-frequency sound barriers, and the need for an independent study.
Presentations made accordingly.
- F. Ms. Zakiya Mabery-** Lessons in Public Governance – Part 1: Transparency
Presentations made accordingly.
- G. Mr. Brian Green -** Rewards and Risks of data centers.
Presentations made accordingly.
- H. Ms. Courtney Harris -** Data Center Ordinance.
Presentations made accordingly.
- I. Ms. Octavia H. Collins-** Data Center Ordinance
Presentations made accordingly.
- J. Ms. Dorothy Smith-** Data Center moratorium
Presentations made accordingly.
- K. Min. Shavonne D. Williams-** The Community's Response to Data Centers
Presentations made accordingly.
- L. Ms. Lisa Lovestone-Gifford-** City Zoning and Data Center
Presentations made accordingly.
- M. Mr. Richard E. Jones-** Data Center
Presentations made accordingly.
- N. Ms. Lorian Pope-Mathis** regarding holding property owners accountable for rental properties that's being neglected as it relates to the Richmond County Code of Ordinances.
Presentations made accordingly.
- O. Dr. Lawrence L. Freeman** regarding Operation Cleanup- City of Augusta, GA for District 1 and surrounding districts for a cleaner and better Augusta.
Presentations made accordingly.
- P. Ms. Rebecca N. Shores** regarding the Augusta Veterans Day Parade.
Ms. Shores did not appear.
- Q. Ms. Teresa Ivey-** SE26-11 special exception per section 26-1 (H) of the comprehensive zoning ordinance to establish a family personal care home at 3120 Blackmon Court
Presentations made accordingly.
- R. Greater Augusta Black Chamber of Commerce-** Organizational Overview & Benefits to the Community_ Speakers: Ronic West, Johnny Gregory, Matthew Fraser
Presentations made accordingly.

- S. **Ms. Patricia Geter** - confirm and discuss the creation of a Commercial Corridor Enhancement and Storefront Improvement Program.

Presentations made accordingly.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-29)

PLANNING

1. **Z-26-07** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Quanecia Pokam, on behalf of Joel Pokam, requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-Family Residential) to zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to develop a day care center, affecting property containing approximately 0.57 acres located at 2933 Deans Bridge Road. Tax Map # 085-3-254-00-0.

Motion to deny

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Scott
Motion carried 8-2 Pulliam and Wimberly voting no

2. **Z-26-10** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Hull Barrett, PC, on behalf of PSH Augusta Downtown, LLC, requesting a rezoning from zones HI (Heavy Industrial) and LI (Light Industrial) to zone B-2 (General Business) to develop an extended stay hotel, affecting properties containing approximately 2.3 acres located at 1310 and 1310 A Walker Street. Tax Map #'s 046-2-087-00-0 & 046-2-086-00-0. **District 1**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

3. **Z-26-08** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Lesak Holdings, LLC, on behalf of ABW Properties Group, LLC, requesting to amend B-2 (General Business) zoning conditions from zoning case Z-07-104 to establish an automotive service station and repair garage for specialty vehicles, affecting property containing approximately 1.03 acres located at 1650 Barton Chapel Road. Tax Map # 054-0-028-00-0.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

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Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

5. **SE-26-11** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **DENY** a petition by Sevita-REM Georgia I, LLC, on behalf of MGJHI, LLC, requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(h) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a family personal care home with 4 clients, affecting property containing approximately 0.62 acres located at 3120 Blackmon Court. Tax Map # 139-0-254-00-0. Zoned R-1A (One-Family Residential). **District 8**

Motion to deny

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Guilfoyle
Motion carried 9-0 with Rice and Clark out (16-objectors)

6. **Z-26-06** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by GA 1602 Gordon Highway, LLC, on behalf of GA 1602 Gordon Highway, LLC, requesting to amend B-2 (General Business) zoning conditions from zoning case Z-22-56 to establish a convenience store, affecting property containing approximately 2.0 acres located at 1602 Gordon Highway. Tax Map # 086-2-154-00-0. **District 2**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

7. **SE-26-10** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Hull Barrett, PC on behalf of PSH Augusta Downtown, LLC, requesting a special exception per Section 22-2(d) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish an extended stay hotel, affecting properties containing approximately 2.3 acres located at 1310 and 1310 A Walker Street. Tax Map #'s 046-2-087-00-0 & 046-2-086-00-0. Zoned HI (Heavy Industrial) and LI (Light Industrial). District 1 (Commissioner Jordan Johnson).

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

- 8. ZA-R-262** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **POSTPONE ANY ACTION** on a petition to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta, Georgia to establish land use regulation criteria pertaining to data centers.

Companion item-see #30

(Modified motion)

Motion to extend moratorium for 60 days; include three (3) public hearings held at Warren Road, Diamond Lakes and Henry Brigham Community Centers.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded Pulliam

Motion carried 10-0

Original motion.

Motion to extend the moratorium for 60 days.

Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Garrett

Substitute motion.

Motion to get the Ordinance correct through the Planning & Development Department, extend the moratorium on the data center ordinance for not less than 90 days and three (3) public hearings.

Motion made by Wimberly and seconded by J. Johnson

Motion failed 5-5-

PUBLIC SERVICES

9. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Approve Work Authorization #24 for Mead and Hunt to provide Construction Administration and Construction Observation (CA/CO) services for the construction of Terminal Security Camera Upgrades in the amount of \$164,069.74. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 06/25/26. (25-158C). **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

10. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve the Construction Contract to NetPlanner Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,556,877.35 for the Security Camera Improvement project. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 06/25/26 (ITB #26-150). The recommendation of award for this contract was approved by the Augusta Commission for May 21, 2026, item #23 (ITB 26-150). **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

11. Motion to **approve** Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) - Approve Work Authorization # 25 for Mead & Hunt to provide professional design Feasibility Study support for the development of a new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) facility at the Augusta Regional Airport in the amount of \$55,176.50. This item was approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission 06/25/26. (RFP 25-156). **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

12. **Motion to approve** A.N. 26-27 – New Location: Shameka Jacobs is the applicant for 127 Taste LLC, requesting **Consumption on Premise Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales**. This is located at 127 Laney Walker Blvd Ext, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9 **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

13. Motion to **approve** A.N. 26-35 – Existing location, new ownership: Melissa Winter is the applicant for Lounging Around LLC, requesting Consumption on Premise **Liquor, Beer, Wine, and Sunday Sales**. This is located at 2706 Gordon Highway, Augusta GA 30909. District 4, Super District 9. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

14. **Dr. Melissa DeVelvis** regarding the placement of a state historic marker at May Park. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

15. Planning and Development Department is requesting approval for additional funding to the zoning ordinance update to include but not limited to two (2) additional public engagement meetings/workshops for input from all Commissioners, stakeholders, and the public, and the production of an Official Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map. This request also is to extend the period of performance to November - December 2026 with an addition not-to-exceed the amount of \$68,368 for the adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance through White & Smith, LLC.

RFQ Item #24-142. A scope of work and roadmap is attached for your review and consideration. **(Approved by Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to defer to the next committee meeting.

Motion made by Garrett and seconded J. Johnson

Motion carried 9-0 with Rice and Clark out

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 16. Motion to approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to continue to partner with Augusta/CSRA Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable housing to families that reside in the Augusta, Georgia-Richmond County area. To continue support the construction and development of one (1) single family units to be sold to low-income homebuyers. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

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Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

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Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

- 19. Request to approve** submission of the FY2026 Annual Action Plan, representing \$3,852,829.39 in investment in the housing and service needs of low- and moderate-income residents of Augusta, and grant authority for the Mayor to execute the necessary documents required to be included with this submission. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

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

- 20. Motion to approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to provide funding to CapitalRise,LLC to continue development in the Pebble Creek Area and support the construction of one (1) single family unit to be sold to low-income homebuyer.(Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

FINANCE

- 21. Approval for Housing Authority of the City of Augusta, Georgia to Issue Bonds to Finance** Facilities located in Augusta, Georgia. (Approved by Finance Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

- 22. Establish a working group with Engineering Department, Finance Department, Administrator, Commissioner Wimberly, and Commissioner Pulliam to address right-of-way and vacant lot clean up. (Approved by Finance Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 23. Motion to approve** of a change order under RFP 25-242 to purchase an additional 50 light fixtures and accessories for the Charles B. Webster Detention Center (CBWDC) in the amount of \$54,400.00. (P491668). (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

- 24. Motion to accept** the \$650,000.00 grant awarded to Juvenile Court from Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant FY27 Award. No match required.(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

25. Motion to **approve** BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUT OF SCHOOL TIME (B.O.O.S.T.) GRANT AWARD \$48,375.00 from Georgia Department of Education.. No match required.(Approved by Public Safety Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

26. Motion to **approve** bid award RFP 25-167 (Permitting, Licensing and Code Enforcement Regulatory Services System) to Tyler Technologies. (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

27. Motion to **approve** the Purchase of a WCCTV Mini Dome Solar Surveillance Trailer. (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 14, 2026)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

28. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the June 30, 2026 Commission meeting.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

APPOINTMENT(S)

29. Motion to **approve** the appointment of the following 1) **Mr. Eric Abrams** to the Augusta Canal Authority, 2) **Quentin White** to the Citizens Small Business Advisory Board 3) **LaFawn Pinkney-Mealing** to the Augusta Personnel Board representing District 1.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

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

AUGUSTA COMMISSION

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REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 30. Commission to discuss and consider amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia to establish land use regulation criteria pertaining to data centers. Planning and Development is requesting approval of the regulations. (No Recommendation from Public Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

(Modified motion)

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Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded Pulliam

Motion carried 10-0

Original motion.

Motion to extend the moratorium for 60 days.

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Substitute motion.

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Motion made by Wimberly and seconded by J. Johnson

Motion failed 5-5-

Voting Yes Pulliam, J. Johnson, Wimberly, Lewis, and Scott

Voting No- Mayor Johnson, Clark, Slendak, Garrett and Guilfoyle

ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 31. Motion to Approve Sole Source of Submersible Lift Station Pump for Lakeview Terrace on Ft. Gordon in the amount \$59,891.00 (No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

- 32. Motion to approve Sole Source of Rotating Assembly for Stovall Booster station in the amount of \$49,881.00(No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026)**

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

33. Motion to **move** forward with installation of Traffic Signal at Pleasant Home Road & Fox Hall intersection. The developer pays \$180,000.00 for required Traffic Signal construction cost, Augusta, GA pays balance of Traffic Signal construction cost that per Engineering on call contract cost proposal will be \$130, 414,00, and Augusta Administrator to identify funding source for Augusta, Georgia cost covering. (Requested by Engineering Department 06/24/2026)(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to delete

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

34. Motion to approve Sole Source Purchase of Fortinet Network Hardware And Lord & Company Integration in the amount of \$42,503.81(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

35. Approve proposal to amend the current Construction Contract with Rehab Construction Company Inc. for the repair of Highland Avenue Water Treatment Plant Filter Modification Phase 2 Project to include the rehabilitation of Filter #7A within the scope of the construction work being performed in the currently active filter modification project in the amount of \$460,000.00 via Change Order (26AUA041).(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

36. Approve proposal to amend the current Professional Services Contract with Schnabel Engineering for engineering design, bid phase, and construction administration services for the repair of the Augusta Canal embankment to include design services associated with the emergency repairs to the Aqueduct seepage, additional permitting coordination support as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), additional design services in response to FERC review, and updates to the Opinion of Probable Cost for project phasing and budgeting in the amount of \$36,476.50 via change order (25AUA347).(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

37. Approve supplemental funding (SA1) for the Sole Source Fonroche Lighting America in amount of \$251,511.00 for Wrightsboro Road Improvements Project (North Leg Rd.–Highland Ave.) for completing installing solar street lighting. / AE(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by J. Johnson
Motion carried 9-0 with Rice and Clark out

- 38. Discuss and approve** the denial of Georgia Waste System (GWS)'s request for a Consistency Letter for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility at 3946/3946A Goshen Industrial Boulevard, Augusta, Georgia./ AE (**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to delete

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak
Motion carried 10-0

- 39. Approve** supplement funding (SA1) in amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for Hurricane Helene debris removal coordination support services with Infrastructure Systems Management, LLC. Also approve use General Fund-fund balance to fund these services. AE/22-304 (23LFL055)(**No Quorum Engineering Services Committee July 14, 2026**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Wimberly and seconded by Scott
Motion carried 9-0 with Rice and Clark out

APPOINTMENT(S)

- 40. Motion to appoint** Gary Woodhurst to the Downtown Development Authority. (**Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson**)

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

- 41. Motion to approve** the appointment of Mr. Omar Rouse to the Department of Children Services Board.

Motion to approve

Motion made by Garrett and seconded by Slendak

Motion carried 10-0

LEGAL MEETING

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

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

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