



Agenda Item Request Form

- **Commission Meetings** are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 PM.
- **Committee Meetings** are held on the second and last Tuesday of each month, beginning at 1:00 PM.

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Meeting Type *

- ☒ Commission
- ☐ Public Safety Committee
- ☐ Public Services Committee
- ☐ Administrative Services Committee
- ☐ Engineering Services Committee
- ☐ Finance Committee

Meeting Date *

8/4/2026

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Caption/Topic of Discussion to be placed on the Agenda: *

Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church (SPMBC) request exemption from Excessive Street Light Fees assessed in 2026 and scheduled to be assessed in 2027 even though the number of property lots for tax purposes has been reduced from four (4) lots to two (2) lots.

SPMBC is a small inner city church providing that provides tremendous value add to the 30901 inner city East Boundary area by providing Christian teaching and family services as well as Monthly distributions Food, clothing, and other critical services to the inner city community. The excessive taxes and fees charged in 2026 and current scheduled to be charged in 2027 are hampering efforts to meet the needs in our community.

Even though SPMBC is a small inner-city church, under the new Richmond County tax and fee scheme approved by commission in order to address to \$700k street light shortage is 2025, Saint Paul is paying fees equal to or greater than many large for profit business. Under the current law every business, non-profit and church must pay \$295 per lot. In Saint Paul's case we have four (4) small lots, which is really one church campus. The net effect of the current policy is that our small inner city church has to pay \$295 per lot for a total of \$1,180 in street light fees. This total represents 1/700th of the tax fee deficit being levied on our small inner city church. We are confident this was not the commission's intent.

Attempts to reduce scheduled fees for 2027 down to \$590 since we now only have two (2) lots have been unsuccessful and we were informed the only way to obtain street light fee relief and avoid having to pay \$1,180 again in 2027 was through commission approval. It is Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church's request that we do not be charge an excessive four lot fee (\$1180) in 2027 since we now only have two lots. Thank you.

Requests must be received in the Clerk's Office no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the Commission and Committee meetings of the following week. A five-minute time limit will be allowed for presentations.

Meeting location:

Lee N. Beard Commission Chamber, 2nd Floor
Augusta, GA Municipal Building

535 Telfair Street
Augusta, GA 30901

Submission Date

7/28/2026 1:35 PM