



## Engineering Services Committee Meeting

7/29/2025 1:5PM

Determination of Abandonment of Twiggs Street and Watkins Street within the vicinity of the New Augusta Arena between Sixth Street and Fenwick Street

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**Department:** Legal Department

**Presenter:** Jim Plunkett

**Caption:** Motion to determine that portion of Twiggs Street and Watkins Street within the vicinity of the New Augusta Arena between Sixth Street and Fenwick Street as shown on the attached plat, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served by it or that its removed from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, and a public hearing shall be held regarding the issue of abandonment pursuant to O.C.G.A. 32 -7-2, with the abandoned property to be quit-claimed to the appropriate party(ies).

**Background:** The New Augusta Arena is expanding its footprint and is requesting we abandon both Twiggs Street and Watkins street between Sixth Street and Fenwick Street. There are no other adjoining owners, all property on both sides is owned by the Coliseum Authority. Augusta Utilities stated there are utilities that need to be relocated or Augusta will need unrestricted access to the utilities. The Coliseum authority will need to take ownership and maintenance of any public storm conveyance system present within right of way also. Augusta will also retain the easement over the entire width and length of the Tract A and Tract B which will cover our water and fiber optics line.

**Analysis:** Publication notices will be made for a public hearing to be held, with results to be presented to the Commission. Notice to the property owners located thereon will be made, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)(1)

**Financial Impact:** Cost of publication and advertisement of public hearing

**Alternatives:** Do not approve and Augusta maintains responsibility for the road.

**Recommendation:** Approve the determination process to allow Engineering to review portions of Twiggs Street and Watkins Street within the vicinity of the New Augusta Arena between Sixth Street and Fenwick Street subject to all recommendations by Engineering regarding storm water, utilities and easements.

**Funds are available in the following accounts:** N/A

**REVIEWED AND**  
**APPROVED BY:**

Law.

Engineering.

Planning.