

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

April 11, 2023

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Williams, Mason, Frantom, Garrett, Scott, McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hon. Johnson, member of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you all for being here today. I hereby call this meeting to order. Attorney Brown.

1. LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and potential litigation

B. Real estate

C. Personnel

Mr. Brown: Good morning, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion to go into executive session for the discussion of pending or potential litigation and real estate.

Mr. Mason: So move.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, we have a motion and a second. Voting.

Mr. Frantom and Mr. Garrett out.

Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We'll now go into executive session.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown, are there any motions from executive session?

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

Mr. Brown: First order of business, Mayor Johnson, we would like to request a motion to execute the closed meeting affidavit.

Mr. Frantom: So moved.

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: So, Madam Clerk, I have a motion and a second. All right, voting.

Mr. Mason out.
Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown.

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, thank you. Mayor Johnson, Commission, we request a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim by Betty Wells in the total amount of \$30,000 payable to Betty Wells, further authorizing the Administrator to disburse this amount of \$30,000 directly to the payee or through its servicing agent for Workers Compensation claim waiving any Augusta Richmond County Georgia ordinances in conflict with this resolution for this instance only and for other purposes.

Mr. Garrett: So moved.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: So there's a motion and a second. Without further discussion, voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Attorney Brown, is there any further business before we proceed with the committee meetings?

Mr. Brown: No, sir.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much. Madam Clerk, I hereby turn it over to the committee chairpersons.

The Clerk: Thank you.

Mr. Frantom: All right, I'd like to call Public Services to order. Any additions or deletions?

The Clerk: No, sir.

Mr. Frantom: Okay. If there's no questions from my colleagues, I'd like to consent the following agenda items. Number 1, number 2, number 7 –

The Clerk: Oh, Mr. Mayor. I'm sorry, we did have additional items on our special called meeting which was an oversight. Can we reconvene our closed meeting?

Mr. Frantom: I will close Public Services here.

Mr. Mayor: Yeah, we'll reconvene. I'll call the meeting back to order to address this special called meeting agenda.

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Frantom: Do we need a motion to reconvene, sir?

The Clerk: Yes, sir.

Mr. Frantom: Can I get a motion to reconvene the special called meeting?

Ms. McKnight: Motion.

The Clerk: Mr. Frantom, are you making a motion to reconvene? Okay.

Mr. Mayor: So I have a motion and a second from the commissioner from the 3rd. Voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 3. Motion to approve and authorize the Engineering & Environmental Services Department (Engineering) to purchase 0.44 Wetland and 838.8 Stream mitigation credits at a total cost of \$104,738 from the Yam Grandy Wetland & Stream Mitigation Bank to mitigate wetland and stream impacts as determined necessary by the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Barton Chapel @ Gordon Highway Intersection Improvements Project. Requested by Engineering. (Requested by I.A. Takiyah Douse)**

Mr. Garrett: So moved.

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, there's a motion and a second. No further discussions, voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you. If there's no further business, we hereby close out this meeting.

The Clerk: Item #4.

- 4. Motion to approve the contract for 9-1-1 Ambulance Response and Emergency Medical Services with Central EMS. (Requested by I.A. Takiyah Douse)**

Mr. Mayor: Administrator.

Ms. Douse: Mayor Johnson, I would like for you to delete this item please from the agenda.

Mr. Mayor: Certainly. Is there a motion to delete?

Mr. Williams: Yes, sir. I move to delete.

Mr. Mason: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, there's a motion. And a second. Is there any further discussion?

Mr. Williams: Yes, sir.

Mr. Mayor: The Chair recognizes the commissioner from the 5th.

Mr. Williams: Interim Administrator Douse, what day are we going to actually meet?

Ms. Douse: I can have this item added to the Commission agenda for next Tuesday.

Mr. Williams: Is that good with everybody? All right, so be it. Thank you.

Mr. Mayor: Any further discussion? If not, I have a motion and a second. Voting.

Motion carries 9-0.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, is there any further business before I call this meeting?

The Clerk: We'll try it this time. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Mayor: Thank you so much. This meeting is hereby closed. Now back over to our committee chairpersons. Thank you.

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

CERTIFICATION:

I, Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on April 11, 2023.

Clerk of Commission