

CALLED MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER

June 11, 2024

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, the Honorable Garnett Johnson, Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Johnson, Williams, Scott, McKnight, Lewis and Guilfoyle, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Mason, Frantom, Garrett, Pulliam, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Mr. Mayor: All right, colleagues, it is 12:15. Madam Clerk, let's call this meeting to order. Attorney Brown.

**1. LEGAL MEETING**

**A. Pending and potential litigation**

**B. Real estate**

**C. Personnel**

Mr. Brown: Good afternoon, Mayor Johnson, Commissioners, how are you today?

Mr. Mayor: Good.

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

**Ms. McKnight: So move.**

Mr. Johnson: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

Mr. Mayor: Good afternoon, thank ya'll for being here today. Madam Clerk, I call this meeting back to order. Attorney Brown.

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

**Mr. Brown: Thank you, Mayor and Commissioners. We would request a motion to**

**execute the closed meeting affidavit.**

**Mr. Johson: So move.**

Ms. McKnight: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, we have the commissioner from the 1<sup>st</sup> with the motion, commissioner from the 3<sup>rd</sup> second. Colleagues, we're voting.

**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right, Attorney Brown, are there any motions as a result of our executive session?

**Mr. Brown: Yes, sir, Mayor Johnson. We would request a motion for Augusta to opt into the Kroger opioid settlements to receive funds from the \$1.2 million dollar pending agreement regarding fault in the opioid addiction.**

Mr. Mayor: I think that's \$1.2 billion. \$1.2 billion. All right.

**Mr. Brown: \$1.2 billion.**

Mr. Mayor: Yes, sir.

**Ms. Scott: So move.**

Mr. Johnson: Second.

Mr. Mayor: There's a motion and a second. Madam Clerk, we're voting.

**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right, Attorney Brown.

**Mr. Brown: Yes. We request a motion to amend the voluntary separation agreement and release of claims regarding General Counsel Wayne Brown to reflect a change in the effective date of the resignation to August 15, 2024.**

**Ms. McKnight: So move.**

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: Madam Clerk, there's a motion and a second. Colleagues, we're voting.

**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: All right, Attorney Brown. I'm sorry, Administrator Douse.

**Ms. Douse: Thank you, Mayor Johnson. We would like to make a motion to authorize the salary of \$110,000 and approve Human Resources to make an offer of employment to Angela M. Corbin as the Engineering Manager with the Augusta Utilities Department.**

**Ms. McKnight: So move.**

Ms. Scott: Second.

Mr. Mayor: All right, I think I heard Commissioner Scott second the motion. Colleagues, we're voting.

**Motion carries 6-0.**

Mr. Mayor: Attorney Brown, does that conclude our motions?

Mr. Brown: Yes, it does, sir.

Mr. Mayor: All right, thank you so much. Before we turn it over to the committees, I'm just going to make a statement. This past weekend we saw Augusta at its ugliest. The downtown is a safe place, however, this body is not going to tolerate lawlessness that occurs in our downtown. Parents, if you have teenagers, I think most restaurants close around 10:00 pm. There is no reason for a 14-year-old or a 15-year-old to be in our downtown loitering and congregating after midnight. So it is now the most dangerous part of the year for teenagers. It's summertime, they're out of school so if you know friends or family that have teenagers, please encourage them to go other places. Don't congregate where there is large crowds. You will see an increased presence in our downtown. Our Sheriff's Department and our Sheriff has committed to that as well as we have some help from our state agencies so please if you're going to enjoy downtown, please do so safely. If you're drinking more than you should, get an UBER or get a designated driver. Most importantly, this is our city, this is our downtown and we're proud of it and we need it to be safe. It's a vital part of our city so thank ya'll so much. Madam Clerk, I close this meeting out and turn it over to Public Services.

The Clerk: Thank you, sir.

[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 Called Meeting of the Augusta Richmond County Commission held on June 11, 2024.

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Clerk of Commission