

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2019

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

*J. Robert Brooks, Councilmember
Pat C. Carpenter, Councilmember
Fletcher L. Dickert, Councilmember
David W. McGhee, Councilmember
Eric H. Presnell, Councilmember
Kevin W. Toole, Councilmember*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting the City Council of the City of North Augusta of June 3, 2019 having been duly publicized, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore McGhee at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting by email was sent out to the current maintained "Agenda Mailout" list consisting of news media outlets and individuals or companies requesting notification. Notice of the meeting was also posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Mayor Pro Tempore McGhee rendered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Pro Tempore McGhee and Councilmembers Brooks, Carpenter, Dickert, Presnell, and Toole. Mayor Pettit was absent.

Also in attendance were B. Todd Glover, City Administrator; Kelly F. Zier, City Attorney; Richard L. Meyer, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Tourism; John C. Thomas, Director of Public Safety; Thomas C. Zeaser, Director of Engineering and Public Works; Lillian E. (Libby) Hodges, Director

of Planning and Development; J. D. McCauley, Manager of Human Resources; and Sharon Lamar, City Clerk. Members of the public and media were also present.

The minutes of the regular meeting and study session of May 20, 2019 were approved by general consent.

ITEM 5. PERSONNEL: Employee/Citizen Recognition – American Heart Association’s Heartsaver Hero Award to Public Safety Officer-Tommy Adams; Public Safety Officer-Jesse Suggs; Riverview Park Activities Center Member-Eddie Parker, and Public Safety Animal Control Officer – Michael Strauss

The Executive Director of the local American Heart Association Chapter, Kayla Kranenberg, presented the American Heart Association’s Heartsaver Hero Award to the following City of North Augusta employees and citizen for their outstanding response to an emergency situation that occurred April 29, 2019 at Riverview Park Activities Center:

Public Safety Corporal- Tommy Adams
Public Safety Officer – Jesse Suggs
Riverview Park Activities Center Member – Eddie Parker
Public Safety Animal Control Officer – Michael Strauss

The background narrative of events from Rick Meyer:

“Member Anthony Dennis was working out in the weight room and collapsed at approximately 3:35 p.m. this afternoon. Anthony is the caregiver for member Lisa McBride’s handicapped son. Lisa was in the weight room with Anthony. Lisa immediately dialed 911 and instructed one of our volunteers to go for help. Our volunteer came up the stairs and found member Eddie Parker who was walking towards the weight room and immediately he hustled to the scene and started CPR on Anthony with Lisa’s assistance. Our volunteer found Maintenance Foreman Mike Chavous who retrieved the AED and brought it downstairs. During the CPR administered by Eddie, Anthony was able to take some breaths on his own but then would stop breathing.

Public Safety Officers Jesse Suggs and Tommie Adams arrived on the scene at approximately 3:46 p.m. and took over CPR and connected the AED to Anthony. The officers per the AED instructions administered 2 shocks to Anthony. PSO Mike Strauss arrived in time to lead the ambulance to the basement door of the Activities Center. (Maintenance Foreman Mike Chavous had taken his truck to the entrance for that purpose.) The EMTs appeared to stabilize Anthony’s condition and were able to transport him to the emergency room.

Eddie Parker, a 20-year veteran in the medical field, was the right man at the right place at the right time. His efforts gave Anthony a chance to survive. Our staff was quick to respond but did not need to do too much as Eddie and Lisa were awesome. Public Safety officers Jesse Suggs and Tommie Adams were outstanding in taking over and using the AED correctly and perhaps saving

Anthony's life. Public Safety officer Mike Strauss is being commended as well for his efforts in responding to the scene and providing assistance. “

ITEM 6. PARKS, RECREATION, & TOURISM: Ordinance No 2019-03 – To Exercise an Option to Purchase Property Formerly Known as North Augusta Country Club and to Convey Title to Property owned by the City in Exchange for Said Property, Ordinance, Third and Final Reading

On motion by Councilmember Brooks, second by Councilmember Dickert, Council unanimously passed an ordinance on third reading to exercise an option to purchase property formerly known as North Augusta Country Club and to convey title to property owned by the City in exchange for said property.

The ordinance text is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03
AN ORDINANCE TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY
FORMERLY KNOWN AS NORTH AUGUSTA COUNTRY CLUB AND TO
CONVEY TITLE TO PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY IN EXCHANGE
FOR SAID PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, in approximately the year 2000, Mayor and City Council determined that additional recreational space was required to meet the needs of the increase in geographical size, as well as population of the City; and,

WHEREAS, for a considerable period of time the matter was studied to include attempts to expand Riverview Park; and,

WHEREAS, it was ultimately determined that there was not viable ability to expand Riverview Park to provide for the increased needs and that it would be appropriate to attempt to provide recreational opportunities located in a different area of the City; and,

WHEREAS, for a number of years the City considered several different parcels of property to meet this need and ultimately determined that the best opportunity, at that time, involved property located in Edgefield County, adjacent to Murrah Road and Five Notch Road; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2009 the City acquired approximately 181.01± acres of property in that area with the intention of ultimately developing a recreational facility at said site; and,

WHEREAS, the general consensus of Mayor and City Council was that the location was not ideal but appeared to be the best site available; and,

WHEREAS, since the time of acquiring the Murrah Road/Five Notch Road property, an additional site of a size that would meet the needs of the City has become available; and,

WHEREAS, the North Augusta Country Club property consisting of approximately 147.98± acres has been offered to the City, by the current owner, in exchange for the City deeding to the Seller the Edgefield County property acquired previously; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor and City Council have determined that the North Augusta Country Club Property is in a much better geographical location to address the recreational needs of the community and that the exchange of the properties is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

1. The City Administrator is authorized to exercise the Option that has been obtained from DWT Properties, LLC providing for an exchange of properties as outlined above.
2. That following the exercise of the Option, the City Administrator is authorized to move forward with such actions as necessary to closeout this transaction, to include executing a deed conveying the 181.01± acres of property, owned by the City, to DWT Properties, LLC. in exchange for the City receiving a deed to 147.98± acres consisting of the majority of the property formally known as North Augusta Country Club.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption on the third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____

ROBERT A. PETTIT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHARON LAMAR, CITY CLERK

ITEM 7. COMMUNITY PROMOTION: Scoliosis Early Detection Awareness Month, June 2019 - Proclamation

Mayor Pro Tempore David McGhee proclaimed the month of June as Scoliosis Early Detection Awareness month in the City of North Augusta. Recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Elisabeth Harkins, was in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #7** for text of the proclamation.

ITEM 8. ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS: Ordinance No. 2019-04 – Amending Chapter 6, Articles II, IV, and V of the City Code of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina.

A. Ordinance, First Reading

On motion of Councilmember Toole, second by Councilmember Carpenter, the ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Articles II, V, and IV of the City Code of the City of North Augusta was unanimously passed on first reading. Director of Engineering and Public Works, Tom Zeaser, provided the background and summary of the proposed changes.

The text of the proposed ordinance is below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04
AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLES II, IV, AND V
OF THE CITY CODE OF THE
CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

- I. Chapter 6, Article II, entitled “Standard Construction Codes,” is hereby amended, and when amended shall read as follows:

ARTICLE II. STANDARD CONSTRUCTION CODES

Section 6-8. Standard Codes Adopted; where filed.

In accordance with laws of the State of South Carolina requiring mandatory adoption by reference the latest editions of nationally recognized codes and the standards referenced in those codes for regulation of construction, the codes listed below, including Chapter 1 “Scope and Administration”, and any modifications approved by the South Carolina Building Codes Council (BCC) are hereby adopted. The codes and all amendments thereto are adopted in their entirety by reference as though

they were set out herein at length. Excluded are the specific appendices listed for each code. A copy of each standard code shall remain on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

International Building Code
International Residential Code
International Fire Code
International Plumbing Code
International Mechanical Code
International Fuel Gas Code
International Energy Conservation Code
National Electric Code
International Property Maintenance Code
International Existing Building Code
International Swimming Pool Code

Note: International Codes for Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Energy Conservation, Residential, Fuel Gas, Property Maintenance, and Existing Building are published by the International Code Council, Inc. All codes are mandatory with the exception of the International Property Maintenance Code and the International Existing Building Code which are permissive codes.

The National Electrical Code is published by the National Fire Protection Association, Inc.

Section 6-9, 6-10, 6-11

(No Change)

II. Chapter 6, Article IV, entitled “Miscellaneous Construction Provisions” is hereby amended, and when amended shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION PROVISIONS

Section 6-20. Homeowner doing own work.

Homeowners may obtain permits, hire subcontractors and perform work conforming with the adopted building codes as is outlined in South Carolina Code of Laws Title 40 Chapter 59 Section 260.

Section 6-21, 6-22

(No Change)

Section 6-23. Industries doing own work.

Industries demonstrating in-house capabilities for electrical installation and maintenance work may be allowed to do so under permitting procedures established by the city. Nothing herein shall waive any requirement from the standard codes adopted within this chapter. Where the total cost of said work exceeds \$5000.00, appropriate permits must be obtained by a South Carolina licensed contractor as is required by South Carolina Code of Laws Title 40 Chapter 11 Section 30.

Section 6-24, 6-25, 6-26.

(No Change)

- III. Chapter 6, Article V, entitled “Building Codes Board of Appeals” is hereby amended, and when amended shall read as follows:

ARTICLE V. BUILDING CODES BOARD OF APPEALS*

Section 6-27, 6-28, 6-29, 6-30, 6-31, 6-32.

(No Change)

Sec. 6-33. - Variations and modifications.

(a) The building codes board of appeals, when so appealed to and after a hearing, may vary the application of any provision of these codes to any particular case when, in its opinion, the true intent of the building code or rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or an equally good or better form of construction is proposed. The board shall have no authority to waive requirements of this code.

(b) A decision of the building codes board of appeals to vary the application of any provision of these codes or to modify an order of the city official shall specify in what manner such variation or modification is made, the conditions upon which it is made, and the reasons therefor.

Section 6-34, 6-35, 6-36.

(No Change)

- IV. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

- V. This Ordinance shall become effective on third and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

First Reading _____

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Second Reading _____

Third Reading _____

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

B. Ordinance, Second Reading

On motion by Councilmember Dickert, second by Councilmember Presnell, the ordinance was approved on second reading with no dissenting votes.

Please see **ATTACHMENT #8B** for a draft copy of the ordinance that shows the current and proposed language.

ITEM 9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2019-16 – Establishing and Agreeing to Participate in the Lower Savannah Council of Governments HOME Consortium FY 2019-2021

On motion of Councilmember Presnell, second by Councilmember Carpenter, Council approved the resolution to establish and agree to participate in the Lower Savannah Council of Governments HOME Consortium for FY 2019-2021. There were no dissenting votes.

The resolution text is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16
ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (hereinafter the “Act”) which created the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (hereinafter the “HOME” Program) to provide funds to states and local governments for affordable housing assistance with the flexibility to decide what kind of housing assistance or mix of housing assistance is most appropriate for local needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta, South Carolina has affordable housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta, South Carolina desires to increase affordable housing opportunities for its present and future residents, particularly for very low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta, South Carolina desires to enter into affordable housing development activities which are directed toward the above general purposes, and for those reasons, wishes to seek such federal funding as may be available to it pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta, South Carolina desires to enter into the affordable housing activities and has determined that joint action with other units of local governments that choose to participate in accordance with the “Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing the Lower Savannah Regional HOME Consortium” the terms of which are incorporated by reference and such relevant HUD regulations and requirements as may now or hereafter be in effect would benefit the City of North Augusta, South Carolina; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that City Administrator, Todd Glover, of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina is hereby authorized to sign the “Inter-Governmental Agreement Establishing the Lower Savannah Regional HOME Consortium FY 2019-2021 on behalf of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina as well as other documents necessary to form the Consortium and to carry out and fulfill its purposes for FY 2019-2021.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

David W. McGhee, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 10. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 2019-17 – Authorizing the City Administrator to Provide a Letter of Support for the Planning and Development Department’s Transportation Alternative Program Application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for Expansion of the Knobcone Avenue Sidewalk

With a motion of Councilmember Presnell, second by Councilmember Brooks, Council unanimously approved a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to provide a letter of support for the Planning and Development Department's Transportation Alternative Program application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for expansion of the Knobcone Avenue sidewalk.

Councilmember Presnell and Councilmember Dickert expressed their support for this resolution and commented on the benefit the sidewalk extension will have for the students at Paul Knox Middle School and North Augusta High School. Councilmember Carpenter asked about the timeline for completion. Director of Planning and Development, Libby Hodges, explained that the City would submit the application. If the application is approved, then the City would prepare the RFP to solicit bids for the work to select a contractor.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR EXPANSION OF THE KNOBCONE AVENUE SIDEWALK

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development intends to submit an application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) project to extend the Knobcone Avenue sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the Knobcone Avenue sidewalk expansion is intended to provide pedestrian connectivity to Paul Knox Middle School and North Augusta High School; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternative Program provides reimbursement grants for approved federally-funded community-based projects including streetscaping projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has provided a cost estimate of \$252,495 for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government will pay for up to eighty percent of eligible project costs and City of North Augusta would be responsible for a local match of twenty percent or more; and

WHEREAS, local governments are eligible to apply for Transportation Alternatives Funding and the SCDOT has instructed the City of North Augusta to write letters expressing support of the application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of North Augusta, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the City Administrator is hereby authorized to take such steps as necessary to write a letter of support to

the SCDOT expressing the interest of the City of North Augusta in expanding the Knobcone Avenue sidewalk.

DONE, RATIFIED, AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS ____ DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

David W. McGhee, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

Sharon Lamar, City Clerk

ITEM 11. CITIZENS COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Please see the attached Speaker Forms completed for the June 3, 2019 Council meeting.

A. Citizen Comments:

Elizabeth Jones, 1 Hammond Place Court, North Augusta 29841

B. Council Comments:

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF
JUNE, 2019.

Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lamar
City Clerk