



COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

2:00 PM

INVOCATION

Pastor Garry R. Kerr, First Baptist Church of Keysville

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RECOGNITION(S)

A. August 2026 Years of Service Recipients: 5–20 YOS Recipients and 25-50 YOS Recipients

DELEGATION(S)

B. **Mr. Patrick Walton** - Augusta Utilities.

C. **Dr. Lawrence Freeman, Jr.**, regarding the need for additional Augusta Transit Bus Shelters.

D. **Ms. Debra Friar Smalley** regarding a Special Called Commission Meeting for the Comprehensive Zoning Plan.

E. **Ms. Denise Tucker** regarding Arts in the Heart of Augusta Festival: 2026 Report and City Partnership Update.

F. **Ms. Chastanae Cherry**- Presentation in support of preserving the Transit Department budget for the next budget cycle.

G. **Ms. Christie Stewart** regarding Manhood & Womanhood Tour.

H. **Ms. Debra Estep** Guardrails needed for charter, courts, government position definitions and government spending.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-17)

PLANNING

1. **Final Plat – S-959-FINAL-R1** – Mystical Rose Gardens – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Richard Baldwin on behalf of NEK Commercial Properties LLC requesting final plat approval for Mystical Rose Gardens containing 18 lots, located at 2368 Tobacco Road. Tax Map #154-2-005-00-0. Reviewing agency approval: 9/28/2026
2. **SE-26-16** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Shannon Franklin on behalf of Dennis Lamb requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(b) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a private school affecting

property containing approximately 1.98 acres located at 2019 Rosier Road. Tax Map # 132-0-010-00-0. Zoned R-1A (One-Family Residential). District 5 (Commissioner Don Clark).

3. **SE-26-18** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Sharonda Smith on behalf of New Life Worship Center requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(r) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a daycare facility affecting property containing approximately 43.41 acres located at 3550 Morgan Road. Tax Map # 129-0-001-03-0. Zoned R-3B (Multiple-Family Residential). District 4 (Commissioner Lonnie Wimberly).
4. **SE-26-19** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Shelly Mack on behalf of Richmond County Board of Education requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(e) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish an adult daycare facility affecting property containing approximately 12 acres located at 3110 Tate Road. Tax Map # 084-4-001-00-0. Zoned R-1A (One-Family Residential). District 5 (Commissioner Don Clark).
5. **SE-26-20** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by Shelly Mack on behalf of Richmond County Board of Education requesting a special exception per Section 26-1(r) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish a day care facility affecting property containing approximately 12 acres located at 3110 Tate Road. Tax Map # 084-4-001-00-0. Zoned R-1A (One-Family Residential). District 5 (Commissioner Don Clark).
6. **SE-26-21** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by GCC Development, LLC on behalf of Walter Sheridan Wilson Trust requesting a special exception per Section 22-2(d) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to establish an extended-stay hotel affecting property containing approximately 2.30 acres of a 17.59-acre tract located at 3611-Wheeler Road. Tax Map # 022-0-039-02-0. Zoned B-2 (General Business). District 3 (Commissioner Catherine Smith-Rice)
7. **Z-26-15** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by DQR Construction LLC on behalf of Darrain Rudolph requesting a rezoning from zone R-1A (One-Family Residential) to R-1C (One-Family Residential) affecting property containing approximately 1.29 acres located at 3482 Bullock Avenue. Tax Map # 120-0-187-00-0. District 5 (Commissioner Don Clark).
8. **Z-26-16** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** a petition by GCC Development, LLC on behalf of Walter Sheridan Wilson Trust requesting a rezoning from zone A (Agricultural) to B-2 (General Business) affecting property containing approximately 2.30 acres of a 17.59-acre tract located at 3611-Wheeler Road. Tax Map # 022-0-039-02-0. Zoned A (Agricultural). District 3 (Commissioner Catherine Smith-Rice).
9. An amendment to Ordinance #8010 to correct the zoning change of Zone LI (Light Industrial) to Zone R-3B (Multiple-Family Residential)

PUBLIC SERVICES

10. Approve Change Order #1 to CW Matthews Contracting, Co. for Southeast Apron Construct in the amount of **\$29,013.39** (25BFA366).

ENGINEERING SERVICES

11. **Approve** 2026 funding to SREL for bird activity around the constructed wetlands.
12. Motion to **approve** Contract Amendment with Itron (RFP 24-261). (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 13, 2026**)

13. Motion to **approve** Roof Replacement at Walker St Utilities Building to South Paw in the amount of \$35,153.20. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 13, 2026).**

FINANCE

14. Approve the disbursement of \$510,013 from the Augusta Richmond County Opioid Abatement Trust Fund to the six (6) organizations identified in this proposal, subject to execution of individual application agreements and compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements set forth herein.

PUBLIC SAFETY

15. Motion to **approve** acceptance of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award EMW-2025-FG-04323 **\$305,405.55** federal fund and authorize the required non-federal cost share of **\$30,540.55**: (Time sensitive deadline). **(Approved by Public Safety Committee October 13, 2026)**

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

16. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the September 15, 2026, and October 6, 2026 regular meetings.

******END CONSENT AGENDA**** AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

AUGUSTA COMMISSION REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 17-23)

PUBLIC SERVICES

17. Motion to approve a Letter of Endorsement on behalf of Dr. Joyce Haskell and Jean Barney of the College Hill Chapter, NSDAR, for a Proposed Granite Historical Marker in the Downtown Historic District Commemorating Princess Augusta and Recognizing Her Historical Significance to the Community **(Historic Preservation Committee reviewed & supports as of 9/24/2026).**
18. Hookah Ordinance **(Deferred from the Public Services Committee October 6, 2026)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

19. Receive as information “Procurement—One Year Later: Progress, Performance, and Results” **(Forwarded from Administrative Services Committee without recommendation)**

PUBLIC SAFETY

20. Motion to award a contract to FirstClass Healthcare (FCH Richmond LLC) for inmate medical services at the Charles B. Webster Detention Center (CBWDC) and the Richmond County Correctional Institution (RCCI). Term of the contract is for 1 year contract with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year terms. **(Requested by Administration on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office)**

APPOINTMENT(S)

21. Motion to **approve** the reappointment of **Angela Overstreet Wright, MD and Jamie DeStefano, DMD, PhD** to the Richmond County Board of Health with terms ending 12/31/2029.
22. Motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Inger Carter and Mr. Douglas Jackson to the Sheriff's Merit Board. **(Requested by Commission Don Clark)**

LEGAL MEETING

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
 - B. Real Estate
 - C. Personnel
23. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.