



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

2:00 PM

PRESENT

Mayor Garnett Johnson

Commissioner Brandon Garrett

Commissioner Jordan Johnson

Commissioner Bobby Williams

Commissioner Alvin Mason

Commissioner Sean Frantom

Commissioner Francine Scott

Commissioner Catherine Smith-McKnight (participates by telephone)

Commissioner Stacy Pulliam

Commissioner Tony Lewis

Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle

INVOCATION

Reverend Marc Trimm, Senior Pastor. Church of Our Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church

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RECOGNITION(S)

A. Congratulations! 2023 July Years of Service (YOS) 25-50 year recipients.

Presentations are made to the July Years of Service recipients.

**B. Presentation of Proclamation to Raven Allen relative to her attending the Special Olympics.
(Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

Presentation is made to Ms. Raven Allen.

DELEGATION(S)

C. Ms. Lyn Cobbett regarding her state of homelessness and disability.

Ms. Cobbett did not appear before the Commission.

D. Mr. R. John Ennis regarding Food Truck in Downtown Augusta.

Presentation is made by Mr. Ennis; it was the consensus of the Commission without any objections that the matter of the development of a food truck ordinance that is fair to everyone be discussed at the next committee meeting.

- E. Mr. Moses Todd** regarding the Citizens City Cemetery Committee and Ed Matthews friends of Cedar Grove on the next available agenda, to address cemetery needs. Including road capital outlet SPLOST 8 600,000.

Presentation is made by Mr. Todd.

- F. Mr. Nike Meyer** regarding instant runoff voting.

It was the consensus that Mr. Meyer be deleted from the agenda at his request and rescheduled to appear at the next Commission meeting.

- G. Mr. Dan Scott** regarding landscape, grounds keeping and technician apprenticeship program.

Presentation is made by Mr. Scott.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-46)

PLANNING

- 1. Final Plat - S-981** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to APPROVE Townhomes at Diamond Lakes – A petition by Southern Partners on behalf of Coel Beazley Homes requesting final plat approval for Townhomes at Diamond Lakes, located at 1000 Rosendale Drive, containing 37 townhomes. Tax Map #166-3-001-00-0. (Reviewing agency approval 7/31/2023) **DISTRICT 4**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Mason, Seconded by Frantom.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Mr. Garrett out.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 2. Final Plat - S-984** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** Wedgewood Subdivision - A petition by Echols Land Surveying on behalf of Jacob Wilkerson requesting final plat approval for Wedgewood Subdivision (Formerly Peach Orchard Tract) located at 3810 Peach Orchard Road, containing 74 lots. Tax Map #181-1-001-00-0 (Project bonded 7/31/2023) **District 6.**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 3. Z-23-28** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** with the conditions a petition by Pace Living, LLC on behalf of Hospitality Augusta LLC requesting a rezoning from **zone LI (Light Industrial) to zone R-3C (Multiple-family Residential)** affecting property containing approximately 6 acres located at 210 Reservation Way. Tax Map #068-0-128-00-0. **DISTRICT 5**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 4. Z-23-30** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** with the conditions a petition by Vivian Butler on behalf of Troy & Tonda Booker requesting to amend conditions adopted with rezoning application **Z-12-72 for zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting properties containing approximately 0.31 acres located at **1101 Eleventh Street, 1108 Hopkins Street and 1102 Pine Street**. Tax Map #046-4-599-00-0, 046-4-600-00-0 & 046-4-579-00-0. **DISTRICT 1**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 5. Z-23-35** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to approve with the conditions a petition by Robert Graham requesting a rezoning from **zone A (Agricultural) to zone LI (Light Industrial)** affecting property containing 4 acres out of a 9.53-acre tract located at **1650 Tobacco Road**. Portion of Tax Map #158-0-005-15-0. **DISTRICT 1**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 6. Z-23-36** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to approve with the conditions a petition by Bonnie Gregory on behalf of Donna Williams & Gail Cawley requesting a **rezoning from zone A (Agricultural) to zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property containing approximately 4.74 acres located at 3517 Wrightsboro Road. Tax Map #040-0-060-00-0. **DISTRICT 3**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 7. Z-23-37** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **APPROVE** with the conditions petition by Drayton Parker Companies on behalf of DOC MOB Augusta III, LLC requesting a rezoning from **zone A (Agricultural) and B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property containing approximately 2.54 acres located at **3645-Wheeler Road**. Tax Map #030-0-244-00-0. **DISTRICT 3**

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the September 5 Commission meeting.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 8. Z-23-38** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** with the conditions a petition by Drayton Parker Companies on behalf of COLCO Solutions LLC requesting a rezoning from **zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property containing approximately 5.66 acres located at **1924 Barton Chapel Road**. Tax Map #068-0-007-00-0. **DISTRICT 5**

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the September 5 Commission meeting.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Mr. Garrett votes No.

Motion carries 9-0.

- 9. SE-23-05** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** with the conditions a petition by HETRIP UNIT, LLC on behalf of Walter F. Tereshinski requesting a **Special Exception** to establish a convenience store per Section 21-2(b) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance affecting property containing approximately 1.04 acres located at **4495 Windsor Spring Road**. Tax Map #194-0-001-07-0. **DISTRICT 8**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 10. SV-23-02** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** with the conditions petition by Kenneth McCumbers requesting a subdivision variance to exceed the required length of a dead-end street per Section 400-F of the Land Subdivision Regulations affecting property containing approximately 53.42 acres located at 1700 Pine Ridge Drive N. Tax Map #232-0-001-30-0. **DISTRICT 8**

Motion to delete this item from the agenda.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

- 11.** A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition to rename the Utilities Building after former Director Thomas D. Wiedmeier.

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the Administrator.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

12. A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to **approve** the petition to rename the Diamond Lakes baseball field after former Commissioner Andrew Cheeks.

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the Administrator.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

PUBLIC SERVICES

13. Motion to **approve** New Ownership: A.N. 23-29: A request by Dipak Kumar Patel for a retail package **Liquor, Beer & Wine License** to be used in connection with Liquor Locker 214, LLC located at 214 Boy Scout Rd. **District 7. Super District 10. (Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

14. Motion to **approve** New Location: A.N. 23-30: A request by Christopher Banks for an on-premises consumption **Liquor, Beer & Wine License** to be used in connection with Another Broken Egg located at 1095 Alexander Dr Ste 100. There will be Sunday Sales. District 7. Super District 10. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

15. Motion to **approve** New Location: **A.N. 23-31**: A request by Venkata Chowdavarapu for a retail package **Beer & Wine License** to be used in connection with RK Food Mart located at 2618 Peach Orchard Rd. **District 2. Super District 9. (Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

16. Motion to **approve** new location: A.N. 23-32: A request by Africa Thomas for a retail package **Liquor, Beer & Wine License** to be used in connection with Dang Daiquiri dba Booze Pops located at 3062 Damascus Rd. **District 2. Super District 9. (Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

17. Motion to **approve** selection of Daniel Field Airport Consultant to MaesAwyr (RFQ #23-257) for Planning & Feasibility Study Services to be effective 8/21/2023. RFQ 23-257(**Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

18. Motion to **approve** selection of Daniel Field Airport Consultant to MaesAwyr (RFQ #23-256) for Engineering, Architectural & Construction Admin Services to be effective 8/21/2023.(**Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

19. Motion to **approve** the Daniel Field Airport FY2024 Tentative Allocation of \$2,152,726 for FAA & GDOT funding & approve Mayor Johnson signing the acceptance of the TA (**Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

20. Motion to **approve** and **adopt** the Amendment to the Rental Car Concessions Agreements for Avis, Budget, Enterprise, and National/Alamo. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on July 27, 2023 (ITB 23-299C). (**Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

21. Motion to **approve** the Land Lease Agreement with Burrell Aviation Augusta LLC.. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission on July 27, 2023. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

22. Motion to **approve** identifying ARP as the funding source regarding the installation of new park equipment at Eastview Park in an amount of **\$150,000**. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

23. Motion to **approve** Contract with Trapeze Software Group for the Upgrade of the PASS IVR System as a sole source procurement. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

24. Motion to **approve** scheduling a work session to be coordinated by the Administrator's Office to discuss grounds maintenance and to include every department that participates in any type of, right- of-way, vacant lot and tree maintenance along with the Warden and a representative from 311 and to hold the work session in the next 30 days. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

25. Motion to **authorize** condemnation to acquire title of a portion of property for right of way (Parcel 097-3-266-00-0) 2436 Lumpkin Road. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

26. Motion to **authorize** condemnation to acquire title of a portion of property for right of way (Parcel 097-3-253-03-0) 2504 Lumpkin Road. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

27. Motion to **authorize** condemnation to acquire title of a portion of property for right of way (Parcel 097-3-251-01-0) 2502 Lumpkin Road. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

28. Motion to **authorize** condemnation to acquire title of a portion of property for right of way (Parcel 097-3-265-00-0) 2438 Lumpkin Road. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

29. Motion to **authorize** condemnation to acquire title of a portion of property for right of way (Parcel 097-3-253-000) 2506 Lumpkin Road. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

30. **Motion to approve** adding the matter of the City hiring a full-time arborist to the workshop on grounds maintenance. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

31. Motion to Approve Award of “Augusta’s Grounds and Landscaped Improvements Maintenance” Contract Part2 to Pond Maintenance of Augusta for Attached EXHIBIT A Contract Services, subject to receipt of signed contract and proper insurance documents. The Contract is effective 10/1/2023 for four years with an option to renew for one additional one-year terms. Also, approve \$400,000/year to fund these contracted services. Requested by Engineering. RFP 22-301. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis

Voting Nay: Guilfoyle

Motion carries 9-1.

32. Motion to **approve** scheduling a work session to be coordinated by the **Administrator's Office** to discuss grounds maintenance and to include every department that participates in any type of right-of-way, grounds, vacant lot and tree maintenance along with the Warden and a representative from 311; and hold work session in the next 30 days; regarding the needs in the way of budgeting and schedule implementation for upkeep/maintenance on a rotation schedule versus a reactive schedule. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

33. Motion to **table** this item until a future date and have a town meeting at a date and time to be determined with the company and any interested citizens to discuss Renovatio Solution. LLC (RLS) "**Consistency Letter**" request for Construction & Operation of Renewable Energy (Biofuel) Facility at 1680 Dixon Airline Road, Augusta, Georgia. Also, authorize Augusta Engineering & Environmental Services Director providing requested “Consistency Letter” (draft Letter attached) to RLS. Requested by Engineering. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

34. Motion to **approve** the lease between Augusta, Georgia and the Downtown Development Authority of Augusta-Richmond County for property located at 600 Broad Street. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

35. Motion to **approve** Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD's) request to enter into agreement for Consultant Services with Point To Point Environmental for the Acquisition of one (1) Historic property located at 2403 Mount Auburn Street. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

36. Motion to **approve** HCD's request to enter into a service agreement with The Environmental Institute for one (1) Instructor to administer a Lead Worker and Renovation, Repair, and Paint (RRP) course. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

37. Motion to **approve** tasking the Administrator with scheduling a work session to explore the creation of an environmental justice ordinance with necessary staff and associated parties participating and to bring back a report at the second committee meeting in September. (**Approved by Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023**)

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

38. Motion to **ratify** the submission of the GICH Application on behalf of the Augusta by the Housing and Community Development Department.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

39. Motion to **award** Bid Item 23-164 Interior & Exterior Renovations at Fire Logistics Warehouse to Tyco Construction & Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$42,658.63. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

40. Motion to **accept** the FY 2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant \$788,734.79 from FEMA, utilize Fire Department Fund Balance for 10% match and authorize the mayor to sign all appropriate documentation. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

41. Motion to **accept** FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$45,000. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

42. Motion to **approve** the acceptance of a \$53,550 BOOST Grant from the Georgia Department of Education. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

43. Motion to **adopt** Amendment 4 to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefits System Master Plan Documents to conform with the action taken by the GMEBS Board of Trustees on December 2, 2022. **(Approved by the Pension Committee May 16, 2023)**

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

44. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held August 1, 2023 and Special Called Meeting held August 8, 2023.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

APPOINTMENT(S)

45. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Mr. Charles Black to the Augusta Public Transit's Citizen Advisory Committee representing District 10.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

46. Motion to **approve** the appointment of Ms. Heather Morales to the Augusta Public Transit Citizens Advisory Committee representing District 1.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

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

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REGULAR AGENDA

(Items 47-54)

PUBLIC SERVICES

47. Presentation of the Draft Comprehensive Plan to the Augusta Commission.

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be received as information without objection.

PUBLIC SERVICES

48. Direct Planning and Zoning to increase the size of rezoning/zoning signs. **(Requested by Commissioner Mason)**

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be received as information with Director Delaney to check into costs of increasing the size of the signs and come back with a report in two months..

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

49. Motion to **approve** RFP 23-850 Professional Services for Executive Recruiting Services to Developmental Associates, LLC in the amount of \$31,750. **(No recommendation from Administrative Services Committee August 8, 2023)**

Motion to approve and to acknowledge the receipt of a letter that the former Administrator would not be involved in any of the processes of moving forward with this RFP.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Lewis.

Voting Yea: Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Mr. Garrett out.

Motion carries 9-0.

50. Discuss FY2021 Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant. **(Requested by Commissioner Bobby Williams)**

Unanimous consent is given to delete this item from the agenda without objection.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

51. Discussion of cutting schedule for easements, ditches, and drains. **(Requested by the Mayor's Office)**

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the proposed work session on grounds maintenance.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

FINANCE

52. Motion to **approve** Resolution by Augusta – Richmond County Commission to approve plan of financing and the issuance of the Bonds from time to time in one or more series by the Authority for the benefit of Wellstar Health System in an aggregate principal amount currently estimated at not to exceed \$275,000,000

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

53. Motion to **approve** funding to replace irrigation system for the entire length of Henry Street. **(Requested by Commissioner Catherine McKnight)**

Motion to delete this item from the agenda and refer it to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation

B. Real Estate

C. Personnel

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

ADDENDUM ITEMS

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA:

Recognition:

1. Frank Anderson, Aquinas Discus State Champion. (Requested by the Mayor's Office)
It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be added to the agenda without objection.
Presentation is made to Mr. Anderson.

DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA:

Delegation:

2. Mr. Nike Meyer
It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be added to the agenda without objection.
Motion to approve referring this item be referred to the next Commission meeting.
Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.
Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle
Motion carries 10-0.

Planning:

3. A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to approve the petition to rename the Utilities Building after former Director Thomas D. Wiedmeier. (Requested by the Administrator's Office)
It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be added to the agenda without objection.
Motion to approve referring this item to the Administrator's Office.
Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.
Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle
Motion carries 10-0.

4. A request for concurrence with the Augusta Planning Commission to approve the petition to rename the Diamond Lakes baseball field after former Commissioner Andrew Cheek. (Requested by the Administrator's Office)

It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be added to the agenda without objection.

Motion to approve referring this item to the Administrator's Office.

Motion made by Frantom, Seconded by Garrett.

Voting Yea: Garrett, Johnson, Williams, Mason, Frantom, Scott, Smith-McKnight, Pulliam, Lewis, Guilfoyle

Motion carries 10-0.