



PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:00 PM

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Motion to **approve** the sole source upgrade purchase of hardware/software equipment for bus reporting data for ridership, and fare collections data.
2. Motion to approve a resolution designating Sunday February 8, 2026 as the designated Sunday for bars to be open for Super Bowl Sunday.
3. **A.N. 26-01** Existing Location, New Ownership: Samarth Kaushal, applicant for Express Lotto LLC, requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine located at 2657 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 4, Super District 9
4. A.N. 26-02 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Samarth Kaushal is the applicant for Sammy Food Mart LLC requesting Retail Package Beer, and Wine located at 2749 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
5. **A.N. 26-03** – Existing Location, New Ownership: Malay Patel applicant for Top Notch Liquor LLC, requesting Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine located at 2751 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
6. A.N. 26-04 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Mukesh Mahantwar, Applicant for PM Spirits LLC, requesting Retail Package of Liquor, Beer, and Wine located at 2372 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
7. A.N. 26-05 – New Location: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer, Wine and Sunday Sales. Bradley Usry is the applicant for Bradley's BBQ LLC, located at 1209 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9
8. A.N. 26-06 – Existing Location: Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine. Jonathon Kautter is the applicant for Broad Axe Throwing LLC, located at 1025 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9
9. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – **Award Bid Item #25-265 – 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc.** This item was approved during the December 17, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting.
10. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve the assignment of the Standard Aero facility lease from Brown & Gold to the Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission December 17, 2025.
11. Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between Augusta, Georgia and The City Owned Cemeteries Citizens Committee for raising funds for special cemetery projects at Cedar Grove, Magnolia, and Westview Cemeteries.

12. Discuss updated data and path forward for a divestment plan for underutilized Recreation & Parks parks/facilities.
13. Motion to **reject** the unsolicited proposal for the revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park (25-000)
14. Motion to **approve** the minutes of the November 25, 2025 Public Services Committee meeting.



Meeting Name: Public Services

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Item Name: TripSpark Hardware/Software Sole Source Upgrade

Department:	Augusta Transit
Presenter:	Sharon Dottery
Caption:	A motion to approve the sole source upgrade purchase of hardware/software equipment for bus reporting data for ridership, and fare collections data.
Background:	<p>Augusta Transit purchased the Trip/Spark Data System in 2016, and we are upgrading the technology. We recently upgraded our fare collection receiver, our Server and our mapping system with TripSpark.</p> <p>Augusta Transit has made a significant investment in TripSpark STREETS and PASS software as a core element of its transit management system. The myDrive and Ranger MDTs are the exclusive in-vehicle endpoints that enables real-time data transmission to STREETS and PASS. Attempting to install a non-proprietary TripSpark MDT would require substantial system reconfiguration posing risks of data loss, operational downtime, decreased maintenance efficiency, and considerable additional costs—far exceeding the cost of a sole source installation.</p> <p>Augusta will benefit from the leading industry Irma Matrix APC sensors, manufactured by iris Inc., which utilizes infrared (LED) time-of-flight technology that provides 3D image recognition and a count accuracy of over 98%. Most importantly, TripSpark’s STREETS ecosystem provides a 360-degree integration to Iris APCs - providing the highest return on investment possible for this technology. Specifically, STREETS ITS, myDrive MDTs, and TBox AVA, fully automate passenger counting, and provide real-time data transfer that is immediately accessible in STREETS reporting. Additionally, TripSpark’s APC integration with STREETS provides the following benefits that no other solution in the industry can match:</p>
Analysis:	<p>Data Linkage – Correctly linking APC data to stops, trips, and routes is critical for NTD and performances reporting. STREETS links the data the moment it is generated. This means it doesn’t matter whether you are early, late, or cancel a trip – the data will be correct. Solutions that “match” the ridership data with schedule information algorithmically, using static schedule data, locations, and timestamps, are not as reliable. With these solutions, a cancelled trip will break the linkage.</p> <p>Real-time Passenger Load – With TripSpark’s APC integration, Augusta will know how full buses are in real-time. With direct vehicle capacity feedback to your drivers via myDrive MDTs Augusta will no longer need to rely on drivers or radio for alerts. Instead, you will be able to leverage automatic events for dispatch when buses are nearly full and send out extra service before pass-bys occur.</p>

FTA Approved Algorithm – Not an add-on, this will be part of your default STREETS solution with TripSpark’s APC integration, allowing for block-level and trip-level load balancing. Further, Augusta will have access to real-time reporting on accurate passenger mile and average passenger trip length calculations, as well as the ability to account for passengers that stay on the bus past end-of-line.

APC Gateway - The APC Gateway is a tool that automates the process of loading, validating, and data cleansing the automatic passenger counting information. The Gateway utilizes numerous parameters to clean volumes of data coming from our ITS system and loads them into a relational model that can be further analyzed in STREETS.

Financial Impact: This purchase will be funded with Federal, Local GDOT TTFP grant funds from the Transit Department’s 2026 Capital Budget. The allocated funding breakdown is:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>
GDOT TTFP Grant	\$ 65,000	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
GDOT TTFP Grant	\$ 55,000	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
FTA Grant GA-2021-023-00	\$192,253	80/20	\$153,802.40	\$38,450.60
FTA Grant GA-2021-023-00	\$107,030	80/20	\$ 85,624.00	\$21,406.00
Total	\$419,283		\$239,426.40	\$59,856.60

Alternatives: Deny request.

Recommendation: Approve the sole source purchase of the software/hardware upgrade from TripSpark allowing continuity of the system and allowing Transit to move forward with this project.

Funds are available in the following accounts:

54709-1122/54-24210

54709-1122/54-24220

54709-1226/54-21160

54709-1226/54-24320

REVIEWED N/A

AND

APPROVED BY:



Sole Source Justification (Reference Article 6, Procurement Source Selection Methods and Contract Awards, § 1-10-56 SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT)

Vendor: Trapeze E-Verify Number: 486896

Commodity: APC's, MDT's and Rangers

Estimated annual expenditure for the above commodity or service: \$ 419,283

Initial all entries below that apply to the proposed purchase. Attach a memorandum containing complete justification and support documentation as directed in initialed entry. (More than one entry will apply to most sole source products/services requested).

1. SOLE SOURCE REQUEST IS FOR THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER OR PROVIDER, THERE ARE NO REGIONAL DISTRIBUTORS. (Attach the manufacturer's written certification that no regional distributors exist. Item no. 4 also must be completed.)
2. SOLE SOURCE REQUEST IS FOR ONLY THE AUGUSTA GEORGIA AREA DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER OR PROVIDER. (Attach the manufacturer's — not the distributor's — written certification that identifies all regional distributors. Item no. 4 also must be completed.)
- X 3. THE PARTS/EQUIPMENT ARE NOT INTERCHANGEABLE WITH SIMILAR PARTS OF ANOTHER MANUFACTURER. (Explain in separate memorandum.)
4. THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN ITEM OR SERVICE THAT WILL MEET THE SPECIALIZED NEEDS OF THIS DEPARTMENT OR PERFORM THE INTENDED FUNCTION. (Attach memorandum with details of specialized function or application.)
- X 5. THE PARTS/EQUIPMENT ARE REQUIRED FROM THIS SOURCE TO PERMIT STANDARDIZATION. (Attach memorandum describing basis for standardization request.)
6. NONE OF THE ABOVE APPLY. A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS SOLE SOURCE REQUEST IS CONTAINED IN ATTACHED MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned requests that competitive procurement be waived and that the vendor identified as the supplier of the service or material described in this sole source justification be authorized as a sole source for the service or material.

Name: Sharon Dottery Department: Transit Date: 01/06/26

Department Head Signature: Sharon Dottery Date: 01/06/26

Approval Authority: A. Penick Date: 1/6/26

Administrator Approval: (required — not required) Date:

COMMENTS: Commission Approval Required



AUGUSTA PUBLIC TRANSIT

SHARON DOTTERY, TRANSIT DIRECTOR

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Andy Penick, Director Procurement

FROM: Sharon Dottery, Director Transit *SD*

DATE: January 7, 2026

SUBJECT: Sole Source Purchase – Trapeze/TripSpark Software/Hardware Upgrade

REQUEST

Authorize Augusta Transit to purchase Trapeze/TripSpark Software/Hardware equipment APC's, MDT's and Rangers to maintain continuity with the System as a sole source. Transit currently utilizes Rangers, APCs and MDTs. This equipment is from 2016 and needs to be updated. Some of the equipment we have currently stopped working properly. This equipment will be utilized on the Fixed Route buses, and ADA Paratransit.

QUOTE

\$419,283

FUNDING SOURCE

FTA (X) GDOT (X) SPLOST VII () GENERAL FUND ()

ACCT.

54709-1122/54-24210 GDOT TTFP Grant	\$ 65,000
54709-1122/54-24220 GDOT TTFP Grant	\$ 55,000
54709-1226/54-21160 FTA Grant GA-2021-023-00	\$192,253
54709-1226/54-24320 FTA Grant GA-2021-023-00	\$107,030
	\$419,283

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIER NAME, ADDRESS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

TripSpark Technologies
5265 Rockwell Dr. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA USA 52402
(647) 823-7059

DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED ITEM(S) AND PURPOSE(S)

Trapeze/TripSpark is the "Sole Manufacturer and Distributor" of Augusta Transit system's existing APCs, MDT, and Ranger's equipment. Augusta will benefit from the leading industry Irma Matrix APC sensors, manufactured by iris Inc., which utilizes infrared (LED) time-of-flight technology that provides 3D image

recognition and a count accuracy of over 98%. Most importantly, TripSpark's STREETS ecosystem provides a 360-degree integration to Iris APCs - providing the highest return on investment possible for this technology. Specifically, STREETS ITS, myDrive MDTs, and TBox AVA, fully automate passenger counting, and provide real-time data transfer that is immediately accessible in STREETS reporting. Additionally, TripSpark's APC integration with STREETS provides the following benefits that no other solution in the industry can match:

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- **Experience** – TripSpark uses the same resources to support both PASS, STREETS ITS, and all peripheral integrations. For Augusta, this means a consistent understanding of your operation and how all TripSpark technology fits in. TripSpark consistently enhances functionality of our existing products, as well as developing new technology to the transit market. As the products are enhanced, Augusta immediately benefits from our employees' training and how to apply new changes to your operation.
- **Upgrades** – Every year TripSpark releases upgrades to the various modules mentioned above. Trying to coordinate these upgrades with various 3rd party vendors can be time consuming and costly, especially when there is no financial incentive for the other vendors to invest in maintaining interface compatibility for future releases.
- **Support** – In any deployment there will always be challenges, but when numerous 3rd party vendors are involved, it can add a level of complexity, and it can be unclear where the problem truly lies. This can result in finger pointing, delays and possible sunken costs.

OVERVIEW:

- Purchase 7 Rangers for ADA Paratransit vehicles, 21 MDTs and 21 APCs for Fixed Route Buses. This will help Augusta Transit to gather better data with current up-to-date equipment.

Augusta - myDrive Kits for 21 Vehicles



Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Total
1 In Vehicle Equipment					\$149,014.66
myDrive In-Vehicle MDT & Vehicle Gateway					
MD-M900P-LA/AG	myDrive MDT	21	each	\$2,468	\$51,818
VG-100-T	Vehicle Gateway	21	each	\$938	\$19,688
myDrive Mounting					
65T0125-001	Ball Mount Plate	42	each	\$20	\$840
65T0125-003	Mount Arm	21	each	\$32	\$672
myDrive Cabling					
Winmate 5 Meter Custom Cable	Winmate 5 Meter Custom Cable	21	each	\$59	\$1,234
1-RES-A080103J-00	10K Resistor	42	each	\$1	\$42
TextSpeak					
TTS-EN-M	TextSpeak Mobile Amplifier	21	each	\$1,648	\$34,609
Internal LED Next Stop Sign					
45T0250-001	IGN, ALTERED, SUNRISE W/PIGTAIL, TRIPSPARK	2	each	\$1,465	\$2,931
75T2078-002	CABLE, ADAPTER, RANGER TO WINMATE, J1939 PLUG	21	each	\$188	\$3,954
75T2129-001	CABLE, MYDRIVE, AFTERMARKET, PWR, 15FT UNT, J1708 PWR WITH APC AND ROUTER PWR	21	each	\$324	\$6,813
75T2131-001	CABLE, MYDRIVE, AFTERMARKET, DISCRETE, 30FT UNT.	21	each	\$111	\$2,322
50T0035-001	DISTRIBUTION BOX, J1708	21	each	\$162	\$3,405
75T2130-001	CABLE, MYDRIVE, TTS, AFTERMARKET, AUDIO, 20FT UNT.	21	each	\$193	\$4,053
75T0941-007	CABLE, CAT 5E, UTP, MOLDED BOOT, 350MHZ, GRAY, 7 FT	42	each	\$4	\$181
75T1342-020	CABLE, J1708 DAB TO INTERIOR SIGN, 20FT	21	each	\$82	\$1,716
25T0184-001	Ethernet Switch	21	each	\$630	\$13,227
VESA_002	Vesa Plate	21	each	\$32	\$667
WIN GPS ANT	Winmate Antenna	21	each	\$40	\$845
2 Licensing					\$0.00
myDrive In-Vehicle MDT & Vehicle Gateway		21	each	\$525	\$11,025
TextSpeak		21	each	\$525	\$11,025
License Transfer Discount		21	each	-\$1,050	-\$22,050
3 Services					\$58,931.25
Project Management and Deployment Services		1	lot	\$18,975	\$18,975
Expenses		1	lot	\$3,500	\$3,500
Third Party Installation Services		1	lot	\$36,456	\$36,456
4 Shipping					\$172.00
Shipping		1	lot	\$172	\$172
Total					\$208,117.91

Prices are budgetary only, in US dollars, and valid for 90 days.

All applicable sales taxes are additional and payment of such is the sole responsibility of the buyer.

Software Maintenance				\$0.00
System Support & Software Maintenance				1 year \$0
Maintenance commences with operational use of the software, is paid yearly, and is based on current license value of software in use.				
Customer must continue to pay existing maintenance - above fees are additional per year				
Extended Warranty Pricing				
myDrive	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
TextSpeak	\$2,751	\$3,045	\$3,318	
	\$2,604	\$2,814	\$3,129	

Warranty is valid for 90 days from delivery to the buyers location

Additional spare in-vehicle equipment should be purchased to support swap-out maintenance.

TripSpark recommends a minimum spare ratio of 5%

Assumptions

TripSpark will provide:

- 1 All of the equipment and services included above.

Customer will be responsible for providing the following if not Hosted by TripSpark:

- 1 Public data network activations and monthly airtime subscriptions for each vehicle.
- 2 Swap-out maintenance of in-vehicle equipment during and after the warranty period.
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- 4 Installation of equipment in Customer vehicles (unless provided by TripSpark within the above pricing).

Augusta - APCs 21 Vehicles



Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Total
1 In Vehicle Equipment					\$118,671.00
IRIS APCs - 2 Door Configuration					
45T0152-121	IRIS Sensor, Front Door, Flush Mount	21	each	\$2,172	\$45,612
45T0152-122	IRIS Sensor, Rear Door, Flush Mount	21	each	\$2,172	\$45,612
25T0251-202	Surface Mount Bracket for Flush Mount Sensor	42	each	\$338	\$14,196
25T0251-006	Ethernet Cable 10 Metres	21	each	\$328	\$6,888
25T0251-008	Ethernet Cable 20 Metres	21	each	\$277	\$5,817
2-FUS-MINI005A-00	5 Amp Mini Fuse	42	each	\$1	\$42
2-FUH-MINIWV00-00	Mini Fuse Holder	42	each	\$12	\$504
2 Licensing					Quantity of Net New Licenses \$0.00
3 Services					\$27,625.00
Project Management and Deployment Services		1	lot	\$4,125	\$4,125
Third Party Installation Services		1	lot	\$23,500	\$23,500
4 Shipping					\$172.00
Shipping		1	lot	\$172	\$172
Total					\$146,468.00

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November 6th, 2025

Sharon Dottery
Transit Director
Augusta Georgia Transit
2844 Regency Blvd. Augusta, GA 30904

Re: TripSpark Technologies - Sole Source Justification: myDrive/Ranger MDTs & Automatic Passenger Counters Acquisition

Dear Ms. Dottery,

TripSpark Technologies is pleased to present Augusta Transit with justification for the sole-source procurement of TripSpark's myDrive/Ranger Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), and Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs). Augusta has been utilizing TripSpark's PASS Demand Software since 1999 and Streets CAD/AVL solution since 2016, and this in-vehicle hardware addition is the only viable and proprietary solution for Augusta Transit.

MDT's are a critical component of Augusta's transit technology ecosystem, and only these devices and those trained in this proprietary solution can perform the work to maintain and enhance required standards. TripSpark is the only provider of the myDrive and Ranger MDTs, and as such - TripSpark's authorized personnel are uniquely qualified to perform both hardware and software installation, as well as configuration/support services.

This letter details the unique capabilities, compatibility requirements, and specialized expertise that make this proposal a noncompetitive procurement, while also ensuring the continued success of Augusta's transit operations.

Justification for Sole Source Procurement – myDrive/Ranger MDTs

Unique Proprietary Functionality

The Ranger and myDrive MDTs are exclusive to the TripSpark suite of products. Since Augusta Transit utilizes this specialized hardware—designed specifically for a seamless integration with TripSpark STREETS and PASS software platforms—its proprietary design requires installation, and configuration by TripSpark.

Compatibility with Existing Systems

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Proven Performance and Reliability

TripSpark has extensive experience with myDrive and Ranger MDT installation and configuration, ensuring devices perform as designed. This expertise reduces technical errors and mitigates delays in transit vehicle operations.

Time and Cost Efficiency

Utilizing TripSpark for the acquisition and installation of the myDrive and Ranger MDTs eliminates delays and costs associated with competitive procurement, system redesign, and staff retraining. Given that STREETS and PASS are mission-critical platforms for Augusta Transit's operations, and the myDrive and Ranger MDTs are integral components, any disruption could negatively affect service delivery and public perception. This sole source procurement aligns with federal guidance permitting such awards when only one supplier can meet the requirement (FTA Circular 4220.1F, Ch. VI, 3.i).

By leveraging TripSpark's exclusive expertise, Augusta ensures a seamless integration of the myDrive and Ranger MDTs with the STREETS and PASS platforms. We believe this justification fully meets the criteria for a sole source procurement and supports Augusta Transit's commitment to high-quality, uninterrupted service delivery.

Justification for Sole Source Procurement – Automatic Passenger Counters

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Above and beyond the clear functional requirements that only TripSpark can provide, there are additional key operational advantages to a consolidated approach:

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TripSpark looks forward to continuing to support Augusta Transit with this important hardware upgrade initiative. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 647-823-7059 or by e-mail at jamie.hepburn@tripspark.com.

Sincerely,

Jamie Hepburn

Jamie Hepburn
Inside Account Manager

7 ADA Rangers - Paratransit



Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price	Total
1 In Vehicle Equipment					\$29,883.00
Ranger 4 (Internal Verizon Modem, GPS, WiFi)					
R44-V110T-01	Ranger 4.4 MDT - power cables included	7	each	\$4,217	\$29,519
Ranger Mounting					
65T0125-001	RAM Mount	7	each	\$20	\$140
65T0125-003	RAM Arm	7	each	\$32	\$224
2 Licensing					\$15,687.00
Ranger - Mobile Application License		7	each	\$262	\$1,834
Ranger - XGate License		7	each	\$131	\$917
Ranger - XMM License		7	each	\$131	\$917
Ranger - FastNav License		7	each	\$262	\$1,834
PASS Ranger Interface		7	each	\$1,455	\$10,185
3 Services					\$10,562.50
Project Management and Deployment Services		1	lot	\$2,063	\$2,063
Third Party Installation Services		1	lot	\$8,500	\$8,500
4 Shipping					\$72.00
Shipping		1	lot	\$72	\$72
Total					\$56,204.50

Prices are budgetary only, in US dollars, and valid for 90 days.

All applicable sales taxes are additional and payment of such is the sole responsibility of the buyer.

Software Maintenance				\$3,137.40
System Support & Software Maintenance	1	year	\$3,137	
Maintenance commences with operational use of the software, is paid yearly, and is based on current license value of software in use.				
Customer must continue to pay existing maintenance - above fees are additional per year				
Extended Warranty Pricing		Year 1	Year 2	
Ranger		\$917	\$1,015	

Warranty is valid for 90 days from delivery to the buyers location

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Augusta Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Super Bowl Sunday 2026

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	Motion to approve Resolution designating Sunday February 8, 2026 , as the Sunday designated for Bars to be open for Super Bowl Sunday.
Background:	Section 6-2-77(3a) of the City of Augusta's Alcohol Ordinance provides that by resolution the Augusta Commission can designate one Sunday each calendar year that Bars can be open.
Analysis:	The following dates have been approved in the past: Super Bowl Sunday February 7, 2021, Super Bowl Sunday February 13, 2022, Super Bowl Sunday February 12, 2023, Super Bowl Sunday February 11, 2024 and Super Bowl Sunday February 9, 2025. There are no recognized national holidays falling on Sunday in 2026. The proposed date to select for the calendar year 2026 is Super Bowl Sunday February 8, 2026
Financial Impact:	Bars choosing to be open will pay between \$100.00 - \$325.00 for the One Day Sunday License
Alternatives:	Do not approve
Recommendation:	Approve
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BARS TO BE OPEN ON ONE SUNDAY IN THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2026

WHEREAS, the Augusta, Georgia Commission (the Commission) has determined that in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 3-3-37, bars will be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on one designated Sunday in the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, The Commission approved City of Augusta's Alcohol Ordinance allows for Sunday Sale Single Event for bars upon resolution by the Commission designating the date; provides the hours of sale for alcohol beverages; provides the hour that premises are to be vacated; and provides the associated fee; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for a resolution to be adopted by the Augusta Commission designating the calendar date for the year 2026 that bars can be open:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED BY THE AUGUSTA, GEORGIA COMMISSION.

Section 1: The Commission designates February 8, 2026, as the Sunday for the calendar year 2026 that bars can apply for a Sunday Single Sales Event license.

Duly adopted by the Augusta Commission this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST:

Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission

Seal:

CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned Clerk of Commission, Lena J. Bonner, hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Augusta Commission on _____, 2026 and that such Resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof and that undersigned further certifies that attached hereto is a true copy of the Resolution which was approved and adopted in the forgoing meeting(s).

Lena J. Bonner, Clerk of Commission



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development Department
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-01 Existing Location, New Ownership: Samarth Kaushal, applicant for Express Lotto LLC, requesting Retail Package Beer and Wine located at 2657 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 4, Super District 9
Background:	Existing location, new ownership
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta's Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant will pay a fee of \$1,330.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements. Sheriff's Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicant's statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Case Number: A.N. 26-01

Application Type: Retail Package Beer, and Wine – Exiting Location, New Ownership

Business Name: Express Lotto LLC

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager

Applicant: Samarth Kaushal,

Property Owner: Jay Maa Kali Investment LLC

Address of Property: 2657 Barton Chapel Road

Tax Parcel #: 095-0-084-01-0

Commission Districts: District 4,
Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** Neighborhood Business B-1
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant’s reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to



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the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.
- **Dancing** – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled of supervised by them, the manner in which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.
- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issue dunder the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
- **Prior Incidents** - Evidence that a substantial number of incidents requiring police intervention have occurred within a square city block of the proposed location during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$1,330.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

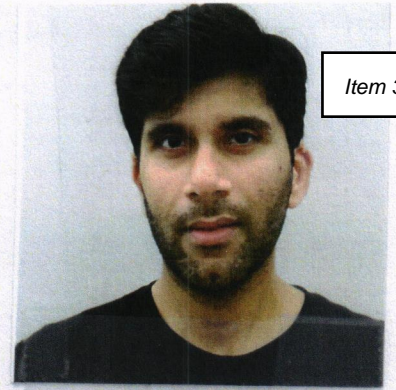
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NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserves the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.

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Augusta, GA 30904
706-312-5038

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Item 3.

Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20250001959

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: Express Lotto LLC
If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 2657 Barton Chapel Rd Augusta, GA 30906
(Complete Street Address— City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 095-0-084-01-0 Zoning: C-3

Business Phone: 706 869-3349 Home Phone: ()

Applicant Name: Samarth Kaushal

Applicant's Address: 2200 [REDACTED]
(Complete Street Address – City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

Location Manager(s): 1. Sushil kumar

2. _____

3. _____

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: 9/29/25

Mailing Address:

Name of Business: Lotto Express

Attention: Samarth Kaushal

Address: 2657 Barton Chapel Rd

City/State/Zip: Augusta, GA 30906

Ownership Type: ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: Express Lotto LLC

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Samarth Kaushal	owner	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100%
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

What type of business will you operate in this location?

☐ Restaurant – Full
 ☐ Restaurant – Limited
 ☐ Hybrid
 ☐ Lounge
 ☒ Convenience Store
☐ Package Store
☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 1330 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY): \$ 665

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: SK

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give full details:

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

List owner or owners of the building and property.

Malay Patel (912) 536-2810

List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

Samarth Kaushal

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: _____

C) School: _____

B) Library: _____

D) Public Recreation: _____

State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, Samarth Kaushal, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Samarth Kaushal
Applicant Signature

x I hereby certify that Samarth Kaushal is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 17th day of October, in the year 2025.



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Department Recommendation	Approve	Depry	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Cwaching</u>
Sheriff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>[Signature]</u>
Fire Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, (Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development Department
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-02 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Samarth Kaushal is the applicant for Sammy Food Mart LLC requesting Retail Package Beer, and Wine located at 2749 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
Background:	Existing location, new ownership
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant will pay a fee of \$1,330.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements. Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicant’s statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Case Number: A.N. 26-02

Application Type: Retail Package Beer, and Wine – Exiting Location, New Ownership

Business Name: Sammy Food Mart LLC

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager

Applicant: Samarth Kaushal

Property Owner: Jay Jay Bajrangbali LLC

Address of Property: 2749 Barton Chapel Road

Tax Parcel #: 107-0-920-0-0

Commission Districts: District 5,
Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** Neighborhood Business B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant's reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to



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the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.
- **Dancing** – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled of supervised by them, the manner in which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.
- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issue dunder the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$1,330.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

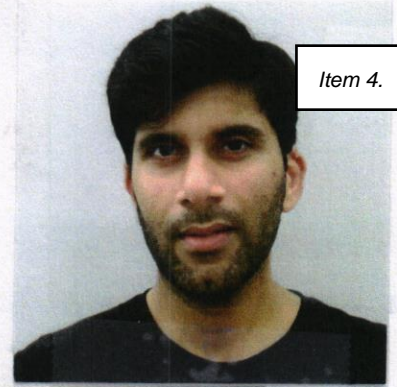
Sherrif's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

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Item 4.

Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20250001958

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: Sammy Food Mart LLC
If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 2749 Barton Chapel Rd Augusta, GA 30906
(Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 107-0-920-00-0 Zoning: C-3

Business Phone: 706 524-7737 Home Phone: ()

Applicant Name: Samarth Kaushal

Applicant's Address: 2200 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

Location Manager(s): 1. Suyhil Kumar
2. _____
3. _____

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: 9/29/25

Mailing Address:

Name of Business: Sammy Food Mart Sammy Food Mart
Attention: Samarth Kaushal
Address: 2749 Barton Chapel Rd
City/State/Zip: Augusta, GA 30906

Ownership Type: ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: Sammy Food Mart LLC

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Samarth Kanya</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>owner</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>100%</u>
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

☐ Restaurant – Full ☐ Restaurant – Limited ☐ Hybrid ☐ Lounge ☒ Convenience Store
☐ Package Store ☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 1330 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY): \$ 1005

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: SK

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give full details:

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

List owner or owners of the building and property.

Samarth Kaushal Malay Patel
(912) 536-2810

List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

Samarth Kaushal

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: _____ C) School: _____
B) Library: _____ D) Public Recreation: _____

x State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, Samarth Kaushal, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Samarth Kaushal
Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that Samarth Kaushal is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 31 day of Oct., in the year 2025.



Office Use Only

Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Good</u>
Sheriff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>SP</u>
Fire Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, (Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-03 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Malay Patel applicant for Top Notch Liquor LLC, requesting Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine located at 2751 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
Background:	New Location, Retail Package – Top Notch Liquor 2 Inc
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant will pay a fee of \$4,660.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	<p>Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements.</p> <p>Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants’ statements.</p>
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Case Number: A.N. 26-03

Application Type: New Location -Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine

Business Name: Top Notch Liquor 2 Inc

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager

Applicant: Malay Patel

Property Owner: Arav & Sanvi LLC

Address of Property: 2751 Barton Chapel Rd

Tax Parcel #: 107-0-023-01-0

Commission Districts: District 5, Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant’s reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
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FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$4,660.00

RECOMMENDATION:

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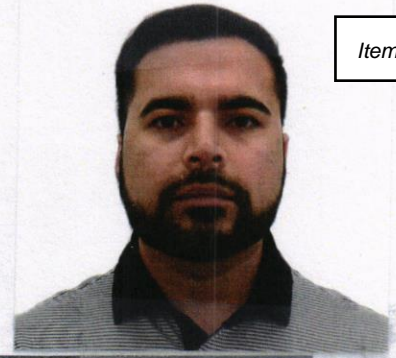
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Item 5.

Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20250001976

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: Top Notch Liquor 2 Inc.
If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 2751 Barton Chapel Rd Augusta, GA 30906
(Complete Street Address— City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 107-0-023-01-0 Zoning: C-3

Business Phone: 706 504-4525 Home Phone: ()

Applicant Name: Malay Patel

Applicant's Address: 411 Pottery Drive Martinez, GA 30907
(Complete Street Address – City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

Location Manager(s): 1. Malay Patel

2. _____

3. _____

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: Top Notch Liquor 2 Inc. / 10/3/2025

Mailing Address:

Name of Business: Top Notch Liquor

Attention: Malay Patel

Address: 2751 Barton Chapel Rd

City/State/Zip: Augusta, GA 30906

Ownership Type: ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: Top Notch Liquor 2 Inc.

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Malay Patel</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>Owner</u>	Click or tap here to enter text. [REDACTED]	Click or tap here to enter text. [REDACTED] GA	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>100%</u>
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

☐ Restaurant – Full ☐ Restaurant – Limited ☐ Hybrid ☐ Lounge ☐ Convenience Store
☒ Package Store ☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 4660 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY: \$ 2330

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: MP

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give full details:

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

List owner or owners of the building and property.

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List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

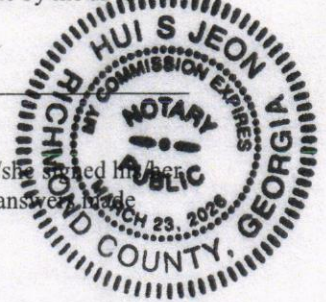
Malay Patel - 100%

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: _____ C) School: _____
B) Library: _____ D) Public Recreation: _____

State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, Malay Patel,
do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Malay Patel
Applicant Signature



I hereby certify that Malay Patel is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 05 day of Nov., in the year 2025.

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Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Sheriff <u>ES</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fire Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____,
(Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date

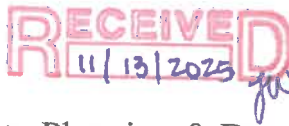


Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-04 – Existing Location, New Ownership: Mukesh Mahantwar, Applicant for PM Spirits LLC, requesting Retail Package of Liquor, Beer, and Wine located at 2372 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta GA 30906. District 5, Super District 9
Background:	Existing location, New Ownership- PM Spirits LLC
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta's Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant will pay a fee of \$4,660.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements. Sheriff's Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants' statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



ORIGINAL

Augusta-Richmond County Planning & Development Department
1803 Marvin Griffin Road
Augusta, GA. 30906

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE APPLICATION

Alcohol Number 26-04 Year 2025 Alcohol Account Number 25-1375

1. Name of Business PM SPIRITS LLC
2. Business Address 2312 BARTON CHAPEL RD
3. City AUGUSTA State GA Zip 30906-9064
4. Business Phone (706) 869-4118 Home Phone ()
5. Applicant Name and Address: MUKESH MAHANTWAR
152 ST PAULS AVE
Email address CAMAHANT@YAHOO.COM
6. Applicant Social Security # [REDACTED] D.O.B. [REDACTED]
7. If Application is a transfer, list previous Applicant:

8. Business Location: Map & Parcel 083-0-037-03-0 Zoning B2
9. Location Manager(s) [REDACTED]
10. Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency?
() Yes () No

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

11. Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: 5/1/2025
12. Mailing Address:
Name of Business PM SPIRITS LLC
Attention MUKESH MAHANTWAR
Address 675 RIVER OAKS LANE
City/State/Zip EVANS AUGUSTA GA 30809
13. Ownership Type: () Corporation () Partnership (X) Individual
14. Corporate Name: Single Member LLC
List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO#	Address	Interest
Mukesh Mahantwar	Member	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100%

15. What type of business will you operate in this location?
() Restaurant - Full () Lounge () Convenience Store
() Restaurant - Limited () Package Store () Hybrid
(X) Other: Retail

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer	X	X	X		X
Consumption on Premises					
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 4660
Prorated License Fee: (After July 1 ONLY) \$ 2330

16. Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before: _____
If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____
17. Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages? (X) Yes () No If so, please initial [Signature]



18. Attach a passport-size photograph (front view) taken within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

19. Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulations of Augusta--Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? () Yes (X) No
If yes, give full details: _____

20. Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance: (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offenses pertaining to alcohol or drugs). All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. () Yes (X) No
If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition. _____

21. List owner or owners of building and property. _____

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22. List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business. _____

23. If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are sold.

A) Church _____ C) School _____
B) Library _____ D) Public Recreation _____

24. State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, MUKESH MAHANTWAD
Do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

M. Mahantwade
Applicant Signature

25. I hereby certify that Mukesh D Mahantwade is personally known to be, That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath actually administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.
This 17th day of JUNE, in the year 2025.

Notary Public Ashwani Bansal

ASHWANI BANSAL

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERS

My Commission Expires 1/22/20

Commission No. 50120621

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Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspector	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Sheriff	<u>[Signature]</u>		
Fire Inspector			

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____.
(Approved, Disapproved) the forgoing application

Administrator

Date



Augusta-Richmond County
Planning & Development Department
Alcohol License Staff Report

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Case Number: A.N. 26-04

Application Type: New Location -Retail Package Liquor, Beer, and Wine

Business Name: PM Spirits LLC

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager

Applicant: Mukesh Mahantwar

Property Owner: Patel Ashabn N

Address of Property: 2372 Barton Chapel Rd

Tax Parcel #: 083-0-037-03-0

Commission Districts: District 5, Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant's reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to



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the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.
- **Dancing** – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled or supervised by them, the manner in which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.
- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issued under the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
- **Prior Incidents** - Evidence that a substantial number of incidents requiring police intervention have occurred within a square city block of the proposed location during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$4,660.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

Sherrif's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserves the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-05 – New Location: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer, Wine and Sunday Sales. Bradley Usry is the applicant for Bradley’s BBQ LLC, located at 1209 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9
Background:	New Location- Full Restaurant
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant to pay a fee of \$5,610.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements. Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants’ statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



Augusta-Richmond County
Planning & Development Department
Alcohol License Staff Report

Case Number: A.N. 26-05

Application Type: Consumption on Premises Liquor, Beer, Wine and Sunday Sales– New Location (Full-Service Restaurant)

Business Name: Bradley's BBQ LLC

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager, Planning and Development Department

Applicant: Bradley Usry

Property Owner: Project Sunshine LLC

Address of Property: 1209 Broad St

Tax Parcel #: 036-4-146-01-0

Commission Districts: District 1,
Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant's reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

- **Location** - The location for which the license is sought, as to traffic congestion, general character of neighborhood, and the effect such an establishment would have on the adjacent surrounding property values.
- **Number of Licenses in a Trading Area** – The number of licenses already granted for a similar business in the trading area of place for which the license is sought.

Dancing – If dancing is to be permitted upon the premise for which the license is sought and the applicant has previously permitted dancing upon the premises controlled or supervised by them, the manner with which they controlled or supervised such dancing to prevent any violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance.

- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issued under the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
- **Congregation of Minors** – Any circumstances which may cause minors to congregate in the vicinity of the proposed location, even if the location meets the distance requirements under Section 6-2-64(b) herein.
- **Prior Incidents** - Evidence that a substantial number of incidents requiring police intervention have occurred within a square city block of the proposed location during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of application.
- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$5,610.00

RECOMMENDATION:

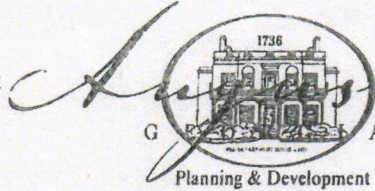
Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

Sherrif's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserve the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.

ORIGINAL

Alcohol License Application
 Physical Address:
 Augusta Planning & Development
 1803 Marvin Griffin Rd
 Augusta, GA 30906
 706-312-5038



Alcohol License Application
 Mailing Address:
 Augusta Planning & Development
 P.O. Box 9270
 Augusta, GA 30906

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Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only): LCB20250001950

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name: BRADLEY'S - BBQ LLC
 If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location: 1209 BROAD ST
 (Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

Business Location: Map & Parcel #: 036-4-146-01-0 Zoning: B2

Business Phone: (706) 394-2985 Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Applicant Name: BRADLEY H USRY

Applicant's Address: 1112 COUNCIL DR
 (Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security: [REDACTED] Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant: _____

Location Manager(s): 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered: BRADLEY'S - BBQ LLC 2025

Mailing Address:

Name of Business: BRADLEY'S BBQ

Attention: 1209 BROAD ST

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: Augusta, GA 30901

Ownership Type: ☒ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Individual

Corporate Name: BRADLEY'S - BBQ LLC

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

☒ Restaurant – Full ☐ Restaurant – Limited ☐ Hybrid ☐ Lounge ☐ Convenience Store
☐ Package Store ☐ Other: _____

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer					
Consumption on Premises	✓	✓	✓		
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 5610 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY): \$ 2805

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: 2007, CURRENT

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: he

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

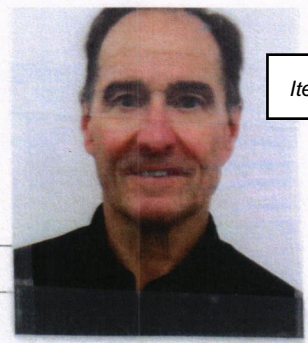
If yes, give full details:

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

List owner or owners of the building and property.

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List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold.

A) Church: _____

C) School: _____

B) Library: _____

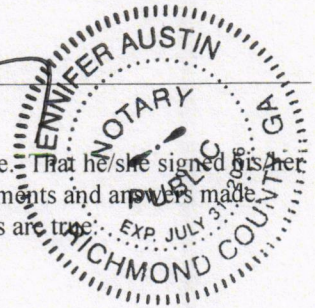
D) Public Recreation: _____

State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, BRADLEY H. USRY, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that BRADLEY H. USRY is personally known to be. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 6th day of November, in the year 2025



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Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>C Woodruff</u>
Sheriff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text. <u>EB</u>
Fire Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, (Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 6, 2026

Alcohol License

Department:	Planning & Development
Presenter:	Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager
Caption:	A.N. 26-06 – Existing Location: Consumption on Premises Beer and Wine. Jonathon Kautter is the applicant for Broad Axe Throwing LLC, located at 1025 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901. District 1, Super District 9
Background:	Existing Location
Analysis:	Applicant meets the requirements of the City of Augusta’s Alcohol Ordinance.
Financial Impact:	Applicant to pay a fee of \$1,250.00
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Planning & Development Department approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant’s statements. Sheriff’s Office approved the application subject to additional information not contradicting applicants’ statements.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



Augusta-Richmond County
Planning & Development Department
Alcohol License Staff Report

Case Number: A.N. 26-06

Application Type: Existing Location: Consumption on Premises Beer, Wine

Business Name: Broad Axe Throwing LLC

Hearing Date: January 6, 2026

Prepared By: Cecilia Woodruff, Planning Services Branch Manager, Planning and Development Department

Applicant: Jonathon Kautter

Property Owner: Osbon Julian W Family Partnership LLLP

Address of Property: 1025 Broad St

Tax Parcel #: 036-4-165-00-0

Commission Districts: District 1,
Super District 9



ANALYSIS:

Location Restrictions:

- **Zoning:** General Business, B-2
- **Distance Requirements:** The proposed location for retail package Beer & Wine meets the minimum distance to churches, schools, libraries, and public recreational areas.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Reputation, Character** – The applicant's reputation, character, trade and business associations or past business ventures, mental and physical capacity to conduct business.
- **Previous Violations of Liquor Laws** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, whether they have violated any laws, regulations, or ordinances relating to such business.
- **Manner of Conducting Prior Liquor Business** – If the applicant is a previous holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquors, the manner in which they conducted the business thereunder especially as to the necessity for unusual police observation and inspection to prevent the violation of any law, regulation, or ordinance relating to such business.

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- **Previous Revocation of License** – If the applicant is a person whose license issued under the police powers of any governing authority has been previously suspended, or revoked, or who has previously had an alcoholic beverages license suspended or revoked.
- **Payment of Taxes** - If the applicant and business are not delinquent in the payment of any local taxes.
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- **Previous Denial or Revocation** – The denial of an application or revocation of a license, occurring within the preceding twelve (12) months, which was based on the qualifications of the proposed location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The applicant will pay a fee of \$1,250.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning and Development Department recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

Sherrif's Office recommends approval of the application subject to additional information not contradicting the applicant's statements.

NOTE: The staff report includes information available approximately two (2) weeks prior to the Public Services Committee meeting. It represents an evaluation of the facts presented by the applicant; research done by staff, and consideration of the relevant factors in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and the Alcohol Ordinance of Augusta, Georgia. New facts may emerge, and staff reserve the right to make an oral recommendation at the hearing based on all information available at that time.

Alcohol License Application
Licensing Division
1803 Marvin Griffin Rd
Augusta, GA 30904
706-312-5038



Alcohol License Number (Office Use Only):

LCB20250001641

Alcohol Beverage Application

Business Legal Name:

Broad AXE Throwing LLC

If registered with the Georgia Secretary of State, a copy of the current year registration is required. Out of state businesses must register as a foreign entity with the Georgia Secretary of State. If you are a sole proprietor, provide your legal name.

Physical Location:

1025 Broad ST Augusta GA 30901
(Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

• Business Location: Map & Parcel #:

• Zoning:

Business Phone:

(762) 222-8532

Home Phone: ()

Applicant Name:

Jonathon Kauter

Applicant's Address:

(Complete Street Address - City, State, Zip Code)

Applicant's Social Security:

Date of Birth:

If Applicant is a transfer, list previous Applicant:

• Location Manager(s): 1. •

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2.

3.

Is Applicant an American Citizen or Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ownership Information

Corporation (if applicable): Date Chartered:

Mailing Address:

Name of Business:

1025 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901

Attention:

Jonathon Kauter

Address:

1025 Broad Street, Augusta GA 30901

City/State/Zip:

Augusta GA 30901

Ownership Type: ☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☒ Individual

Corporate Name:

List name and other required information for each person having interest in this business.

Name	Position	SSNO #	Address	Interest
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What type of business will you operate in this location?

- ☐ Restaurant – Full
 ☐ Restaurant – Limited
 ☐ Hybrid
 ☐ Lounge
 ☐ Convenience Store
☐ Package Store
☒ Other: Entertainment

License Information	Liquor	Beer	Wine	Dance	Sunday Sales
Retail Package Dealer					
Consumption on Premises		X	X		
Wholesale					

Total License Fee: \$ 1250 Prorated License Fee (After July 1 ONLY): \$ _____

Have you ever applied for an Alcohol Beverage License before: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, give year of application and its disposition: _____

Are you familiar with Georgia and Augusta-Richmond County laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages?

☒ Yes ☐ No If so, please initial: JK

Attach a passport-sized photograph (front view) take within two years. Write name on back of the dealer submitting the license application.

Has any liquor business in which you hold, or have held, any financial interest, or are employed, or have been employed, ever been cited for any violation of the rules and regulation of Augusta – Richmond County or the State Revenue Commission relating to the sale and distribution of distilled spirits? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, give full details:

Have you ever been arrested, or held by Federal, State, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal law, regulation or ordinance? (Do not include traffic violations, with the exception of any offense pertaining to alcohol or drugs.) All other charges must be included, even if they are dismissed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, give reason charged or held, date and place where charged and its disposition.

The case is ongoing - Fleeing / Attempting to Elope Police -
Speeding - DHS - Reckless driving.

- List owner or owners of the building and property.

List the name and other required information for each person, firm or corporation having any interest in the business.

- If a new application, attach a surveyor's plat and state the straight-line distance from the property line of school, church, library, or public recreation area to the wall of the building where alcohol beverages are being sold. MP

A) Church: _____

C) School: _____

B) Library: _____

D) Public Recreation: _____

State of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, I, Jonathan Kautler, do solemnly swear, subject to the penalties of false swearing, that the statements and answers made by me as the applicant in the forgoing alcoholic beverage application are true.

Applicant Signature

I hereby certify that Jonathan Kautler is personally known to me. That he/she signed his/her name to the forgoing allocation stating to me that he/she knew and understood all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This 12th day of November, in the year 2025

Office Use Only

Department Recommendation	Approve	Deny	Comments
Alcohol Inspection <u>Carey</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Sheriff <u>AK</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fire Inspector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

The Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, (Approved/Disapproved) the forgoing application.

Administrator

Date



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Meeting Date: 01/13/2026

Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Award Bid Item #25-265 –

6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc.

Department:	Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)
Presenter:	Herbert L. Judon, Jr., Airport Executive Director
Caption:	Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Award Bid Item #25-265 – 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc. This item was approved during the December 17, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Meeting.
Background:	Each year, Augusta Regional Airport prepares for multiple airport events, including the Masters® Golf Tournament. Historically, portable restrooms were rented to accommodate patrons during these events. To reduce recurrent rental costs and improve operational readiness, Airport Staff determined that a one-time investment in a towable restroom trailer would better support year-round airport needs.
Analysis:	In coordination with the Procurement Department, an Invitation to Bid (ITB) was issued for the purchase of a 6-stall towable restroom trailer. The solicitation was distributed to several qualified vendors, and five compliant bids were received. After a thorough review and evaluation of all submissions, Airport Staff recommend awarding the contract to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$66,994.00.
Financial Impact:	Procuring a six-stall towable restroom trailer will reduce long-term operating expenses by eliminating recurring rental fees, delivery charges, and emergency call-out costs associated with special events and irregular operations. This purchase represents a one-time capital investment that is expected to yield measurable cost savings while increasing operational flexibility.
	Airport Enterprise Fund Account Number: 551081106-5311115
Alternatives:	N/A

Recommendation: Award Bid Item #25-265 – 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc.

Item 9.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Airport Enterprise Fund Account Number: 551081106-5311115

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: N/A

Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received at this office until **Friday, November 7, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.** via ZOOM Meeting ID: 813 9787 2677; Passcode: 25265 for furnishing:

Bid Item #25-265 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer for Augusta, GA – Augusta Regional Airport

Bids will be received by Augusta, GA Commission hereinafter referred to as the OWNER at the offices of:

Andy Penick, Director
Augusta, GA. Procurement Department
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Bid documents may be obtained through the Augusta, Georgia web site under the Procurement Department **ARCbid, Euna OpenBids, or Georgia Procurement Registry**. Bid documents may also be obtained at the offices of Augusta, GA Procurement Department, 535 Telfair Street – Suite 605, Augusta, GA 30901 (706-821-2422).

All questions must be submitted in writing by email to procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department by Friday, October 24, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M. No bid will be accepted by email; all bids must be received by mail or hand delivered. All submittals must be received during our normal office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after bids have been opened, pending the execution of contract with the successful bidder.

Invitation for bids and specifications. An invitation for bids shall be issued by the Procurement Office and shall include specifications prepared in accordance with Article 4 (Product Specifications), and all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement. **All specific requirements contained in the invitation to bid including, but not limited to, the number of copies needed, the timing of the submission, the required financial data, and any other requirements designated by the Procurement Department are considered material conditions of the bid which are not waivable or modifiable by the Procurement Director.** All requests to waive or modify any such material condition shall be submitted through the Procurement Director to the appropriate committee of the Augusta, Georgia Commission for approval by the Augusta, Georgia Commission. Please mark BID number on the outside of the envelope.

The local bidder preference program is applicable to this project. To be approved as a local bidder and receive bid preference an eligible bidder must submit a completed and signed written application to become a local bidder at least thirty (30) days prior to the date bids are received on an eligible local project. An eligible bidder who fails to submit an application for approval as a local bidder at least thirty (30) days prior to the date bids are received on an eligible local project, and who otherwise meets the requirements for approval as a local bidder, will not be qualified for a bid preference on such eligible local project.

GEORGIA E-Verify and Public Contracts: The Georgia E-Verify law requires contractors and all sub-contractors on Georgia public contract (contracts with a government agency) for the physical performance of services over \$2,499 in value to enroll in E-Verify, regardless of the number of employees. They may be exempt from this requirement if they have no employees and do not plan to hire employees for the purpose of completing any part of the public contract. Certain professions are also exempt. All requests for proposals issued by a city must include the contractor affidavit as part of the requirement for their bid to be considered.

Bidders are cautioned that acquisition of BID documents through any source other than the office of the Procurement Department is not advisable. Acquisition of BID documents from unauthorized sources placed the bidder at the risk of receiving incomplete or inaccurate information upon which to base his qualifications.

Submit correspondence via mail or email as follows:

Augusta Procurement Department
Attn: Andy Penick, Director of Procurement
535 Telfair Street, Room 605
Augusta, GA 30901
Email: procbidandcontract@augustaga.gov

No bid will be accepted by email; all bids must be received by mail or hand delivered.

ANDY PENICK, Procurement Director

Publish:

Augusta Chronicle	October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
Metro Courier	October 2, 2025



Bid Item #25-265 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer
for Augusta, Georgia-Augusta Regional Airport
Bid Due: Friday, November 7, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

Total Number Specifications Mailed Out: 9
Total Number Specifications Download (Demandstar): 7
Total Electronic Notifications (Demandstar): 177
Georgia Procurement Registry: 688
Total Packages Submitted: 5
Total Non-Compliant: 0

VENDORS	Comforts of Home Services, Inc. 410 Rathbone Ave. Aurora, IL 60506	Elk Creek Trailer, LLC 2205 Hwy 260 Overgaard, AZ 85933	Mission Ready Services, Inc. 778 Augusta Road Edgefield, SC 29824	Ready2Go Trailer Sales, LLC 1520 Park Manor Blvd. #300 Pittsburg, PA 15205	Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc. 1532 Old McDonough Rd Conyers, GA 30094
Attachment B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Addendum 1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E-Verify Number	686208	2377242	1472737	2448111	1889309
SAVE Form	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Exceptions	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
6- Stall Towable Restroom Trailer					
Year	2026	2026	2023	2026	2025
Make	COHSI	Elk Creek	JAG Mobile Solutions	Optimus Industries	Rocksolid Cargo
Model	6-Station 21' Restroom Trailer	ECT 6 Stall Entry Unisex Private Restroom Trailer 20'x8'	24' Restroom Trailer	6 Stall Restroom Trailer	8.5 x 28 TA-SB
Base Bid	\$66,090.00	\$58,875.00	\$89,480.00	\$70,806.00	\$66,994.00
Approximate Delivery Date	120-150 Days ARO	90 Days or less 1-15-26	2 DAYS	6 Weeks ARO	Late March to Late April 2026

Phone: (706) 798-3236 Fax: (706) 798-1551

1501 Aviation Way
Augusta, Georgia • 30906

Date: November 26, 2025

TO: Andy Penick, Procurement Director

From: Herbert Judon, Executive Director

Re: **Bid Item #25-265 6-Stall Towable Restroom Trailer**

Director Penick,

Following the solicitation for Bid Item #25-265 6-Stall Towable Restroom Trailer on September 24, 2025, the submitted proposal was carefully reviewed for responsiveness and compliance with the bid requirements.

After evaluation, Rockland Cargo Equipment INC submitted the lowest responsive bid as requested. Based on the bid results, staff recommends awarding Bid No. 25-265 to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Inc., pending Aviation Commission approval.

As always, we sincerely appreciate your guidance and the continued support of you and your staff throughout this process.

CAROLINA RESTROOM
P. O. BOX 424
SULLIVAN ISLAND, SC 29482

LUXLAV
26919 KANIS RD.
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223

PORTABLE RESTROOM TRAILER, LLC
4607 CHARLOTTE HWY STE. 11
LAKE WYLIE, SC 29710

MONTONDO TRAILER
275 WOODWARD AVE.
KENMORE, NY 14217

BLACK TIE PRODUCTS, LLC
3111 W 167TH STREET
HAZEL CREST, IL 60429

NEW SOUTH RESTROOM, LLC.
P. O. BOX 2516
CARTERSVILLE, GA 330120

AMERI-CAN
775 MICHIGAN STREET
ARGOS, INDIANA 46501

ELVIS SERVICE COMPANY
2200 EXECUTIVE AVENUE
MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577

BARNHILL PUMPING & PORT-A-JOHN'S
1022 TWO NOTCH ROAD
LEXINGTON, SC 29073

HERBERT JUDON
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KENNETH HINKLE
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YOLANDA JACKSON
COMPLIANCE

BID ITEM #25-265
6 STALL TOWABLE RESTROOM TRAILER
FOR – AUGUSTA REGIONAL AIRPORT
MAILED: THURS., 10/02/25

BID ITEM #25-265
6 STALL TOWABLE RESTROOM TRAILER
FOR – AUGUSTA REGIONAL AIRPORT
BID DUE: FRIDAY, 11/07/25 @ 11:00 A.M.

Tywanna Scott

From: bidnotice.donotreply@doas.ga.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 5:21 PM
To: Tywanna Scott
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Confirmation of the Event Batch Email process - PE-72155-NONST-2025-000000158

Dear Tywanna Scott,
tscott@augustaga.gov

Please review the particulars of an event for 72155-AUGUSTA, CITY OF furnished below.

Event Number: PE-72155-NONST-2025-000000158

Event Title: 25-265

Event Type: Non-State Agency

Process Log
2025/10/02 17:16:20 : Log starts for - 35191547 - EVENT_RELEASE_TO_SUPL
2025/10/02 17:16:24 : Email Process Log for the Event#: PE-72155-NONST-2025-000000158
2025/10/02 17:16:24 : Email Batch# 2510026733
2025/10/02 17:16:24 : Notification Type: EVENT_RELEASE_TO_SUPL
2025/10/02 17:18:44 : Bad Email not sent to cschaffer@speroslcom of SPEROS INC
2025/10/02 17:20:11 : Bad Email not sent to ATTN: Trsargo Direct Procurement (trsargodirect@trsives.com) of Trsargo Direct
2025/10/02 17:20:45 : Total No of Contacts found for sending Email: 688
2025/10/02 17:20:45 : No of Email(s) not sent due to Bad Email Address: 2

The sourcing event can be reviewed at:

<https://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/gpr/eventDetails?eSourceNumber=PE-72155-NONST-2025-000000158&sourceSystemType=gpr20>

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Supplier (7)

Supplier 	Download Date
Coastal Waste & Recycling Inc.	10/03/2025
Dodge Data	10/02/2025
Legacy Brothers INC	10/13/2025
McMichael Waste Services LLC	10/02/2025
Niu Corporation	10/03/2025
Onvia, Inc. - Content Department	10/02/2025
The Glamour Maids	10/03/2025

Add Supplier

Supplier Details

Supplier Name	Coastal Waste & Recycling Inc.
Contact Name	John Casagrande
Address	4950 Communication Ave Ste 920 , Boca Raton, FL 33431
Email	jasagrande@coastalwasteinc.com
Phone Number	954-947-4000

Remove

Documents

Filename	Type	Action
25-265_ITB	Bid Document / Specifications	View History



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**Augusta Aviation Commission
Special Called Meeting
December 17, 2025
10:00 A.M.
Orwen Aviation Commission Chambers
2nd Floor - Terminal Building**

Commission Members: Commissioner Ronic West; Commissioner Michael Cioffi;
Commissioner Dan Troutman; Commissioner Larry Harris;
Commissioner Randy Sasser; Commissioner Marshall McKnight;
Commissioner Davis Beman; Commissioner William Fennoy;
Commissioner Kay Roland

Absent: Commissioner Dr. Charles Larke;
Commissioner Wilbert Barrett; Commissioner James Germany;

Staff: Mr. Herbet Judon; Ms. Lauren Smith;
Mr. Robert Kerr – Staff Attorney; Ms. Elizabeth Giles;
Ms. Risa Bingham; Ms. Diane Johnston; Chief Michael Beal;
Ms. Catherine Highsmith; Ms. Jennifer Humphrey; Mr. DeAndre Davis

Others: Mr. Edwin Scott – Mead & Hunt;
Lt. Larry Bracken – AGS Marshal Department;
Ms. Dana Lynn McIntyre – Augusta Business Daily

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & PRAYER – Chairwoman Ronic West called the meeting to order at 10:09 am, prayer offered by Commissioner Harris.

*Motion by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Beman to add item II.C, Brown & Gold Lease Assignment, to the December 17, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Special Called Meeting Agenda
No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries*

- I. AGENDA, MINUTES & CONSENT** – Chairwoman Ronic West
 - A. December 17, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Special Called Meeting Agenda



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B. June 16, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Special Called Meeting Minutes

C. Consent Items

1. Director Action Requests – II. A-B (Approved in Masters® Committee Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Sasser to approve December 17, 2026, Augusta Aviation Commission Special Called Meeting Agenda, June 16, 2025, Augusta Aviation Commission Special Called Meeting Minutes, and Consent Items.

No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

II. DIRECTOR ACTION REQUESTS

A. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Award Bid #25-265 – 6 Stall Towable Restroom Trailer to Rockland Cargo Equipment, Co. – Kenneth L. Hinkle

B. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Award RFP #26-004 – Temporary FBO Tent Structure to Beachview Events – Kenneth L. Hinkle

C. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Brown & Gold Lease Assignment – Herbert L. Judon, Jr.

Motion by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Fennoy to approve Brown & Gold Lease Assignment subject to FAA, staff and Airport Attorney approval.

Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Cioffi

No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am

Ronic West, Chairwoman
Augusta Aviation Commission

Date



Public.Service.Committee.Meeting

Meeting Date: 01/13/26

Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Brown & Gold Lease Assignment

Department:	Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)
Presenter:	Herbert L. Judon, Jr., Airport Executive Director
Caption:	Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve the assignment of the Standard Aero facility lease from Brown & Gold to the Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia. Approved by the Augusta Aviation Commission December 17, 2025.
Background:	StandardAero agreed to develop a new facility at AGS, and hire up to 90 employees, in part based on certain economic incentives including an Industrial Revenue Bond provided by the Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia. This is the same tax abatement schedule provided to many new and expanding industries in Augusta-Richmond County. To complete the transaction, the Augusta Aviation Commission has to approve the assignment of the ground lease for the property to the Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia.
Analysis:	This assignment would serve as an economic incentive to StandardAero by allowing them to save money on taxes that otherwise would be paid to the County. Approval of the assignment is necessary in order for StandardAero to receive the incentives. Rent will continue to be paid to Augusta Regional Airport. Title to the land remains in the name of Augusta Regional Airport.
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	There are no other alternatives in this case if the project is to move forward.
Recommendation:	Approve Brown & Gold Lease be assigned to the Development Authority of Augusta, Georgia.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A



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Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Troutman 2nd by Commissioner Cioffi

No Discussion; Unanimous Ayes; Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am

Ronic West, Chairwoman
Augusta Aviation Commission

Date



Public Services Committee

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

MOU with The City Owned Cemeteries Citizens Committee

Department:	Administrator's Office
Presenter:	Administrator Tameka Allen
Caption:	Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between Augusta, Georgia and The City Owned Cemeteries Citizens Committee for raising funds for special cemetery projects at Cedar Grove, Magnolia, and Westview Cemeteries.
Background:	On September 16, 2025, Moses Todd on behalf of I Love Augusta proposed that I Love Augusta enter into an agreement with Augusta for the raising of funds special projects at Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview cemeteries. The Commission directed the Administrator and Legal to work with I Love Augusta to draft an acceptable MOU. This has been accomplished and approval by the Commission is now needed to move forward.
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding between Augusta, Georgia and The City Owned Cemeteries Citizens Committee for raising funds for special cemetery projects at Cedar Grove, Magnolia, and Westview Cemeteries.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF RICHMOND)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (the “Memorandum”) made this _____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **Augusta, Georgia**, a Political Subdivision of the State of Georgia, (hereinafter known as “Augusta”) and **The City Owned Cemeteries Citizens Committee**, (hereinafter known as "The Committee).

WHEREAS, Augusta owns and operates several historic cemeteries, including Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview Cemeteries which are significant historical and cultural landmarks within the community;

WHEREAS, these Augusta-owned cemeteries are the final resting places for many notable citizens and reflect the rich history and development of Augusta;

WHEREAS, the Committee is a volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, beautification, and improvement of these vital historical sites;

WHEREAS, the Committee desires to undertake special projects within Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview Cemeteries that require additional funding beyond Augusta's regular budget allocations to ensure their continued historical integrity;

WHEREAS, Augusta recognizes the valuable contributions of the Committee and wishes to facilitate its fundraising efforts for these designated projects, ensuring proper oversight and financial management;

WHEREAS, for accountability and proper financial management, all funds raised by the Committee for special cemetery projects shall be received and managed by Augusta;

WHEREAS Augusta and the Committee desire to and have agreed to enter into this Memorandum as a collaborative agreement setting forth the general and basic terms, conditions, services, rights, duties, and obligations to be provided by respective parties through this Memorandum;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation between Augusta and the Committee. This MOU specifically authorizes the Committee to raise funds for special cemetery projects, with all checks made payable to Augusta. The funds raised will be used exclusively for the agreed-upon special cemetery projects.

2.0 **BACKGROUND**

Augusta owns and operates several historic cemeteries, including Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview Cemeteries, which are significant historical and cultural landmarks within the community. The Committee desires to undertake special projects within Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview Cemeteries that require additional funding beyond Augusta's regular budget allocations to ensure their continued historical integrity. Augusta and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Memorandum as a collaborative agreement.

3.0 **UNDERSTANDING**

3.1 Roles and Responsibilities: The following explains the agreed upon roles and responsibility of each Party:

a. **The Committee agrees to the following:**

- i. **Fundraising:** The Committee is authorized to solicit donations and raise funds for special projects within Cedar Grove, Magnolia and Westview Grove Cemeteries.
- ii. **Donations:** All checks and/or money orders received as donations for these special projects shall be made payable directly to Augusta.
- iii. **Project Identification:** The Committee shall identify, propose, and define specific special cemetery projects for which funds are to be raised.
- iv. **Reporting:** The Committee shall provide regular reports to Augusta, detailing fundraising activities, amounts raised, and proposed allocation of funds for approved projects.

- v. Compliance: The Committee shall conduct all fundraising activities in compliance with applicable federal, state, local laws and regulations, and established Augusta policies.

b. **Augusta agrees to the following:**

- i. Fund Management: Augusta shall receive, deposit, and manage all funds raised by the Committee, ensuring they are held and accounted for as a fund specifically for approved special cemetery projects.
- ii. Project Approval: Augusta, by and through its Recreation and Parks Department in conjunction with the Administrator's Office, will review and approve special cemetery projects proposed by the Committee, ensuring alignment with Augusta policies and cemetery needs.
- iii. Disbursement of Funds: Augusta will disburse available funds for approved projects as requested by the Committee, following standard Augusta financial procedures.
- iv. Financial Reporting: Augusta shall provide the Committee with regular financial statements detailing the funds received, expenditures, and remaining balances for the special cemetery projects.
- v. Support: Augusta may provide administrative and logistical support to the Committee's fundraising efforts as deemed appropriate and necessary by Augusta. As deemed appropriate by Augusta, Augusta will provide authorization for the committee to do fundraising for the city owned cemeteries, i.e. use of the Augusta-owned cemetery properties for agreed upon fundraising events.

4.0 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- a. All funds raised by the Committee for special cemetery projects shall be made payable to Augusta.
- b. Augusta will account for the funds in a separate account or sub-account to ensure transparency and proper allocation.
- c. Expenditures from this account will only be made for projects approved by Augusta, based on proposals from the Committee.

- d. Augusta will provide bi-annual financial reports to the Committee detailing all transactions related to these designated funds.
- e. All seed monies used in advance by the Committee to support fundraising events or approved projects shall be reimbursed upon the Committee provide supporting documents, including, but not limited to receipts for products purchased. The reimbursements shall be in accordance with established and accepted non-profit standards and the Committee shall not seek more than 15% funds expended on said products. The Committee shall not seek reimbursement for payment to its staff or any volunteer.

5.0 TIME/TERMINATION

a. Term: This MOU shall become effective upon the date of the last signature below and shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year, unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

b. Renewal: This MOU may be renewed for three additional one (1) year terms upon mutual written agreement of the Parties.

c. Termination: Either Party may terminate this MOU upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination, the Parties shall cooperate to ensure a smooth transition and proper accounting of all funds and projects.

6.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- a) This Memorandum shall be executed in duplicate, so that both Augusta and the Committee will each have an original executed Memorandum, either of which may be considered the original.
- b) This Memorandum shall be controlled by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, and venue shall be in Richmond County Georgia.
- c) No Partnership: This MOU does not create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the Parties.

- d) No Contractual obligations: This MOU is intended to be a statement of mutual understanding and intent, and is not intended to be a legally binding contract. However, the Parties agree to honor the commitments made herein in good faith.
- e) Modification: Any modification or amendment to this MOU must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
- f) This Memorandum is the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, and agreements, whether written or oral, and may not be amended, except by a writing executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Augusta and the Committee have caused the execution of this Memorandum by and through their respective representative, with their respective seals being affixed hereto, as of the day and year first above written.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

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By: _____
PRINTED NAME _____
TITLE: _____

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RICHMOND COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

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Public Services Committee Meeting

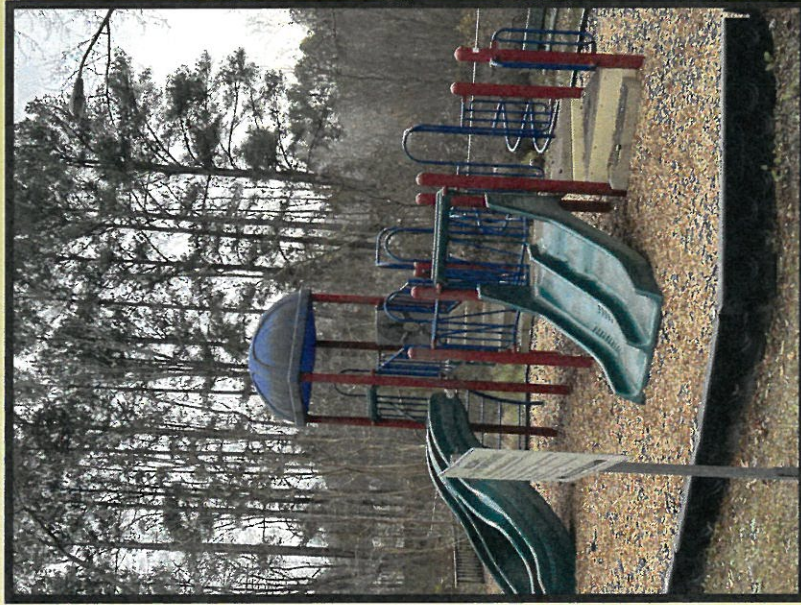
Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Parks Divestment Plan Discussion

Department:	Recreation & Parks
Presenter:	Tameka Williams, Director Dr. Abie Ladson, Infrastructure Systems Management
Caption:	Discuss updated data and path forward for a divestment plan for underutilized Recreation & Parks parks/facilities.
Background:	Recreation & Parks maintains a large portfolio of parks and facilities, which presents a significant maintenance challenge and cost burden for Augusta. Recreation has partnered with Infrastructure Systems Management (ISM) to identify underutilized parks/facilities that may be candidates for divestment.
Analysis:	ISM previously presented a Divestment Matrix evaluation tool to the Commission. The final component needed to complete the matrix was park usage data, which was initially presented on September 30, 2025. ISM has since conducted further analysis and will present an update.
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Discuss updated path forward for a divestment plan for underutilized Recreation & Parks parks/facilities.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A

REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:

Proposed ARPD Decision Support System (DSS) for Underutilized Park Facilities



November 25, 2025

Augusta
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RECREATION & PARKS



Infrastructure Systems
Management, LLC
SPECIALIZED CONSULTING SERVICES

List of ARPD Funded Projects

DISTRICT 1 - Projects	Funding Source
Dyess Park	SPLOST 6, 7, 8
Eastview Park	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
May Park	Fed Grant: Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities
Riverwalk	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

DISTRICT 3 - Projects	Funding Source
Hickman Park	SPLOST 7, 8
M. M. Scott Park	SPLOST 8
Newman Tennis Center	SPLOST 8

DISTRICT 5 - Projects	Funding Source
Henry H. Brigham Park	SPLOST 6, 7

District 7 - Projects	Funding Source
Big Oak Park	SPLOST 8

DISTRICT 2 - Projects	Funding Source
Carrie J. Mays Park	
Fleming Park	SPLOST 7, 8
Fleming Tennis Center	SPLOST 7, 8

DISTRICT 4 - Projects	Funding Source
Diamond Lakes Regional Park	SPLOST 8

District 6 - Projects	Funding Source
Boykin Road Park	Fed Grant: Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities

District 8 - Projects	Funding Source
Blythe Park	SPLOST 8
Jamestown Park	SPLOST 6, 7
McBean Park	SPLOST 8

Methodology

4) Proximity to Other Parks (Distance to park in radius miles)

- a. ≤ 0.50 miles (3 pts.)
- b. 0.75 miles (6 pts.)
- c. 1.00 miles (9 pts.)
- d. ≥ 1 mile (12 pts.)

5) Park Size

- a. ≤ 1 acre (1 pts.)
- b. 1 - 5 acres (2 pts.)
- c. 5-10 acres (3 pts.)
- d. 10-20 acres (4 pts.)
- e. ≥ 20 acres (5 pts.)

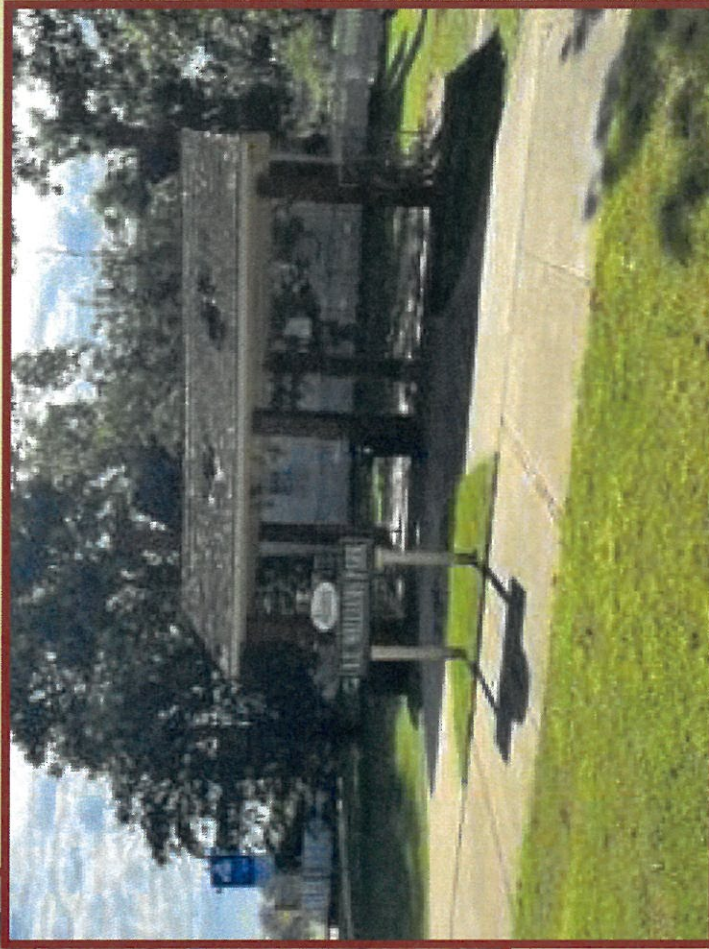
6) Park Usage

- a. High – (68% to 100%) (45 pts.)
- b. Medium – (33% to 67%) (25 pts.)
- c. Low – (0% to 32%) (5 pts.)

A.L. Williams Park



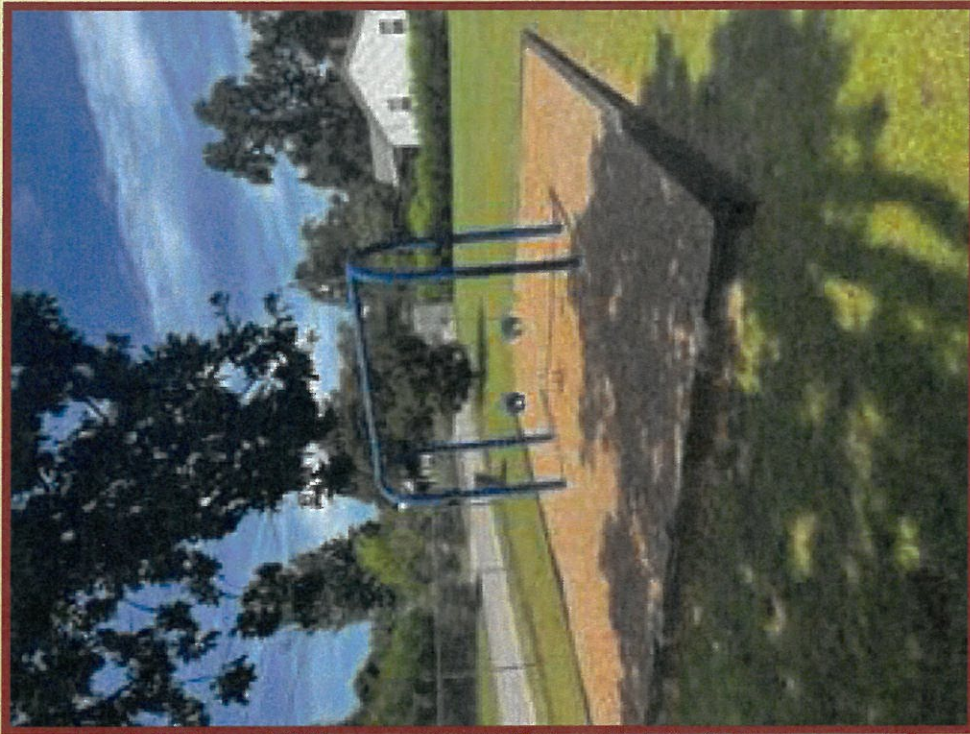
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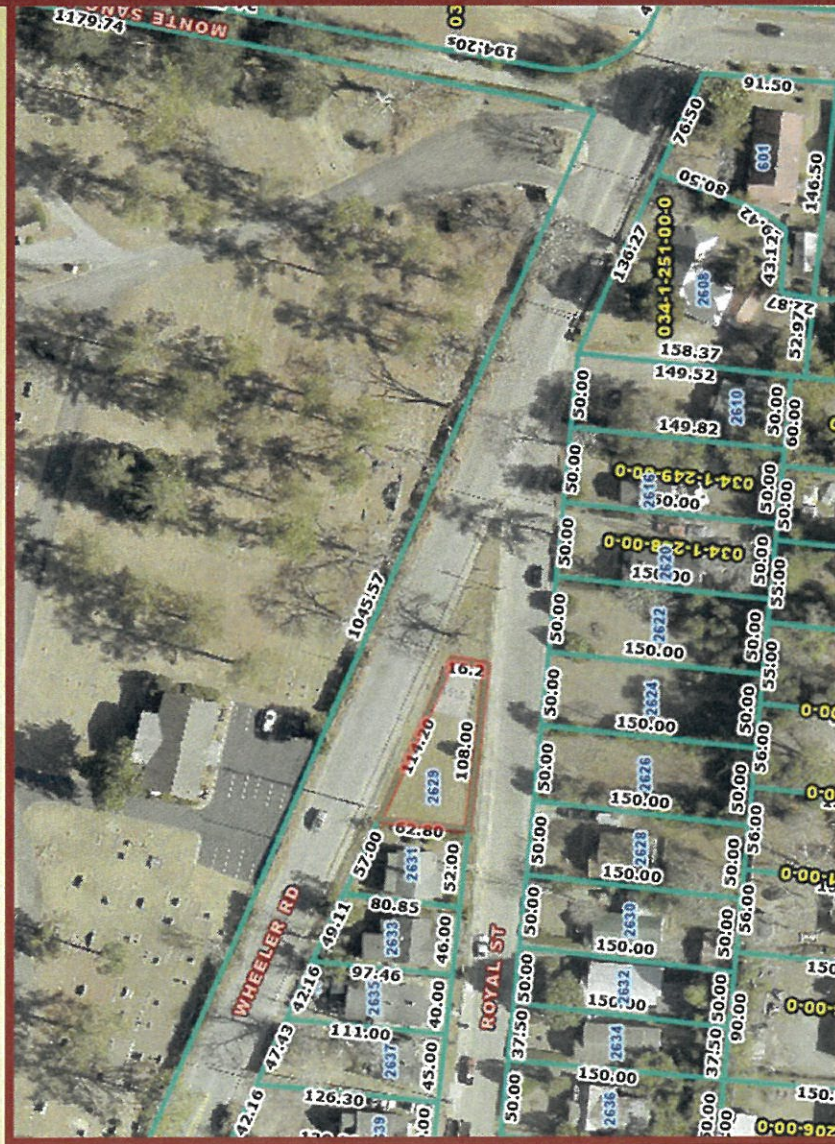
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Alexander Barrett Park

Park Utilization Score: 12

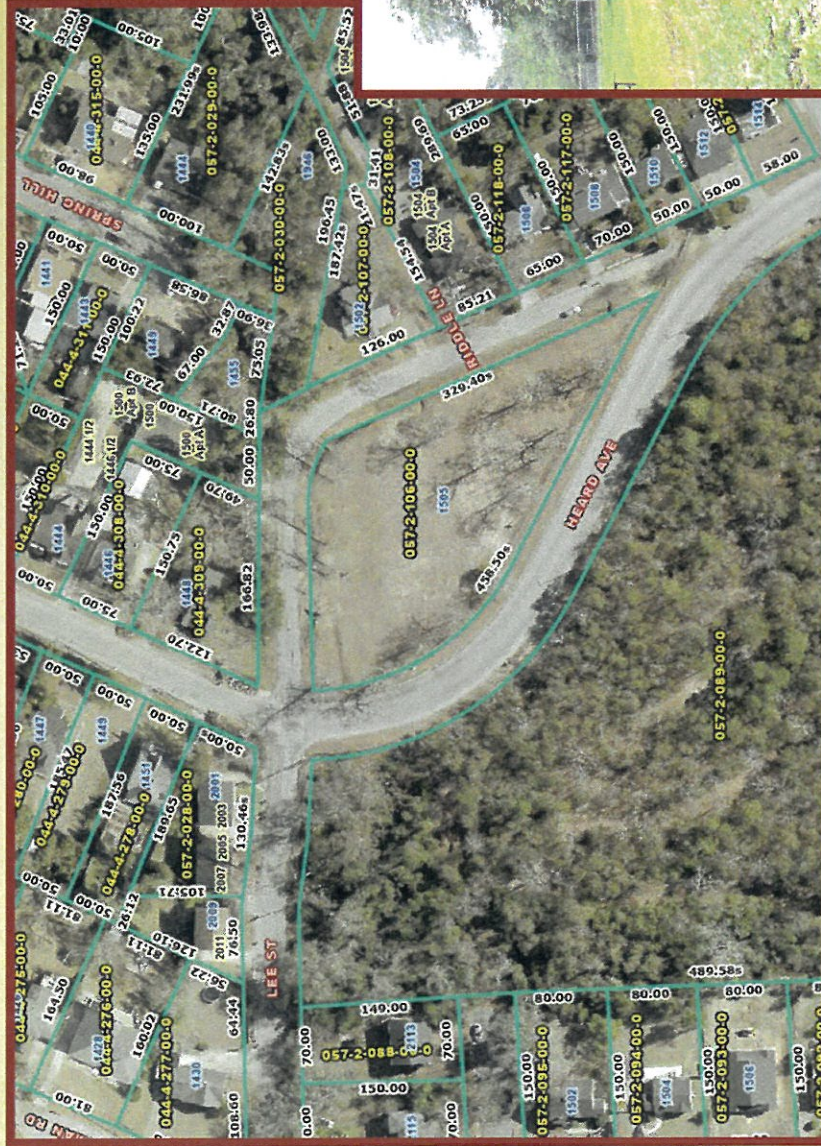


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Aerial View

Heard Avenue Park Park Utilization Score: 13



Aerial View



Elevation View

Vernon Forrest (Hillside) Park

Park Utilization Score: 13



Aerial View



Elevation View

Bedford Heights Park



Aerial View



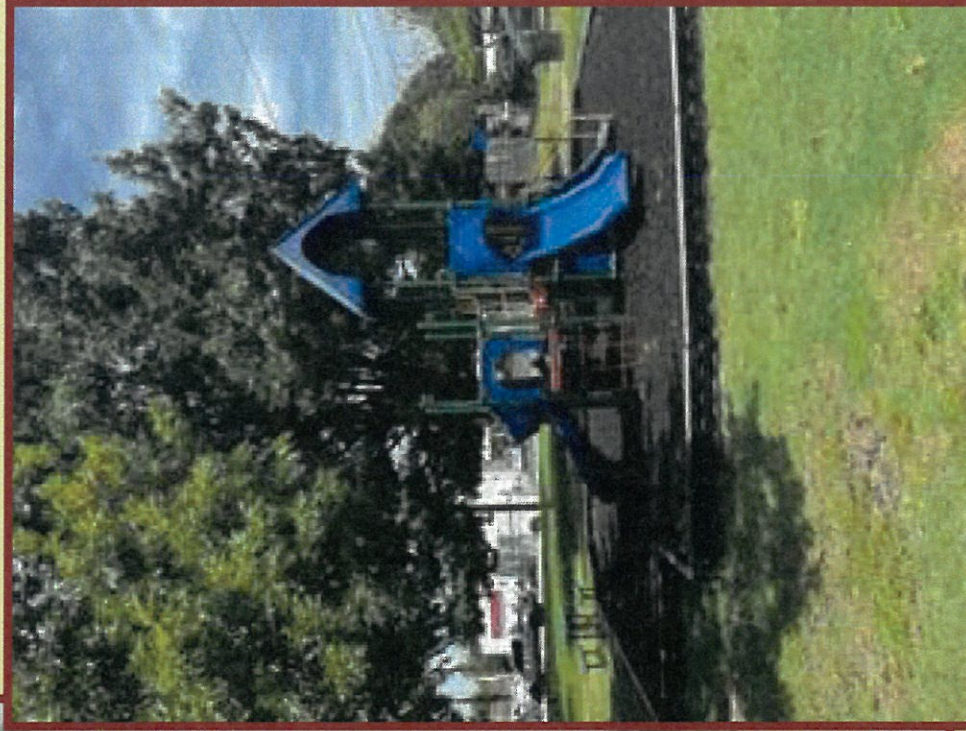
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Elliott Park

Park Utilization Score: 14



Aerial View



Elevation View

Valley Park

Park Utilization Score: 16

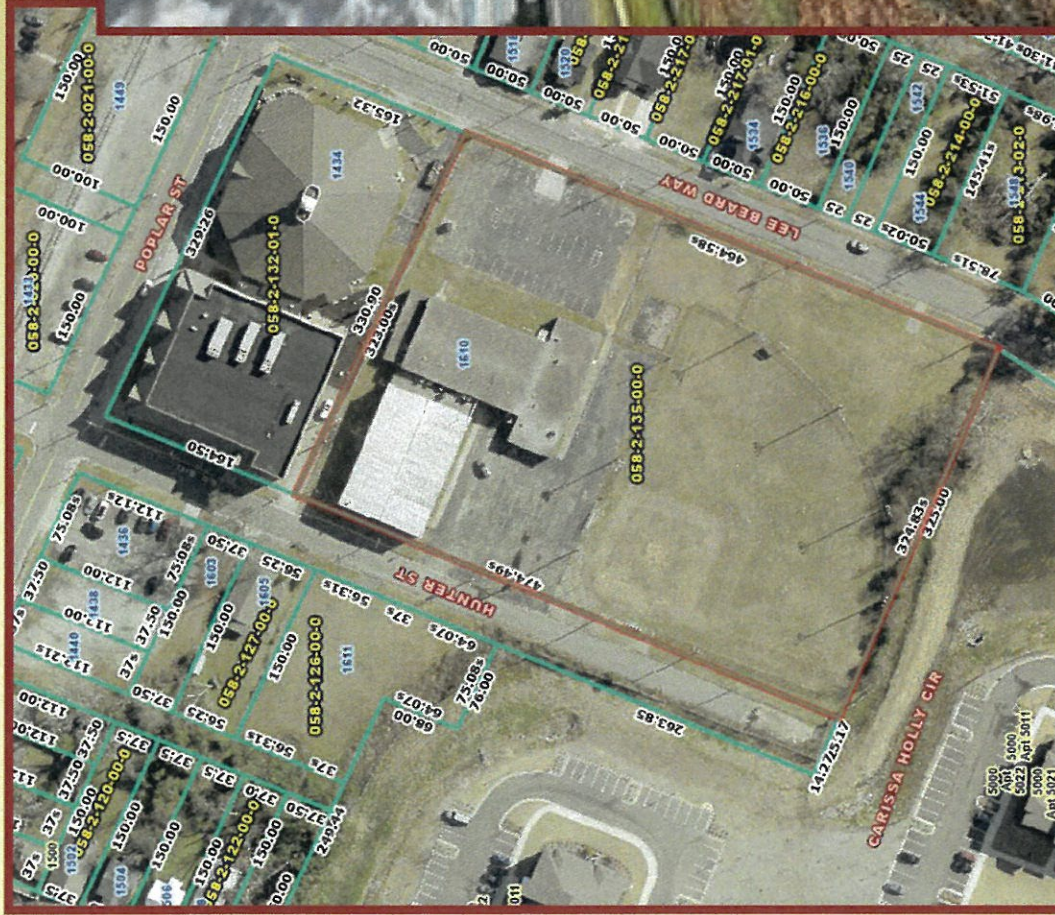


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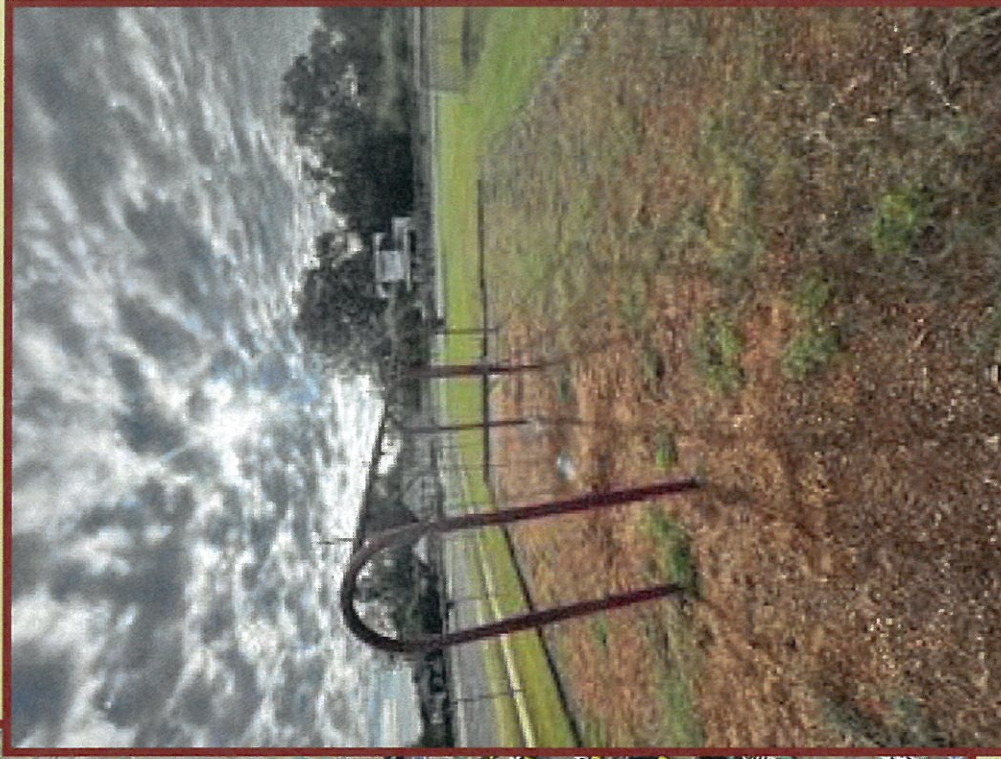


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W.T. Johnson Center/Park Park Utilization Score: 18



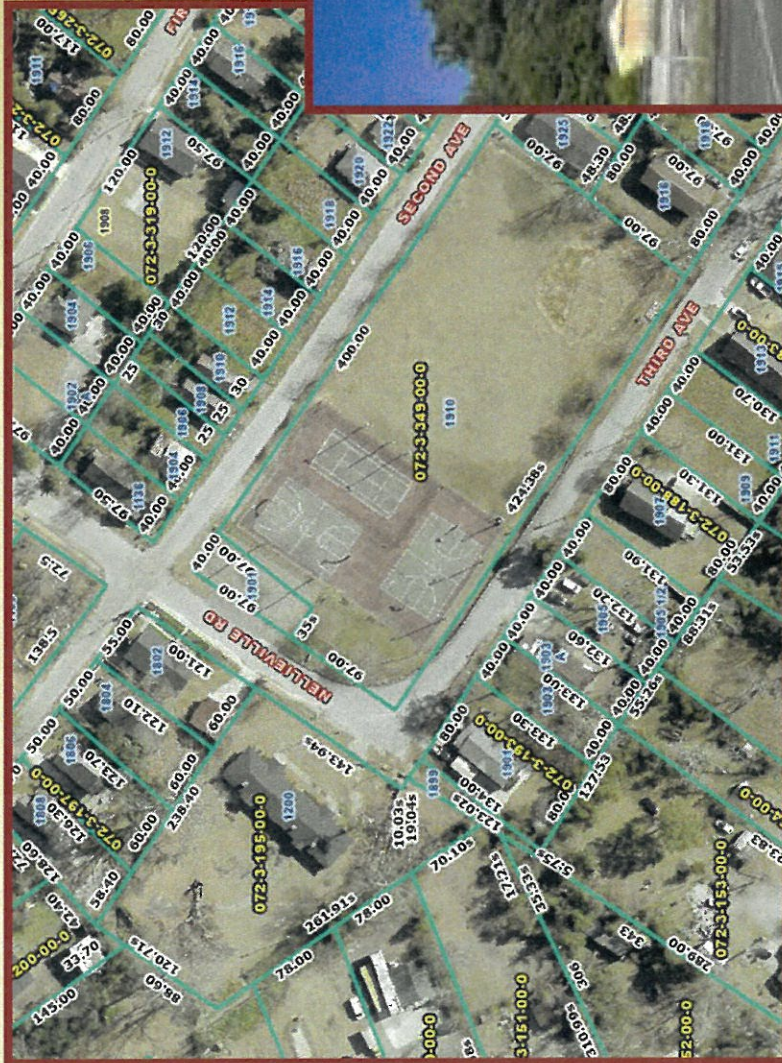
Aerial View



Elevation View

Doughty Park

Park Utilization Score: 19



Aerial View



Elevation View

Discussion, Comments, and Questions



Administrative Services Committee

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Motion to Reject Unsolicited Proposal #25-000 Revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park

Department:	Procurement / Recreation and Parks
Presenter:	Andy Penick / Tameka Williams
Caption:	Motion to reject the unsolicited proposal for the revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park (25-000)
Background:	<p>Georgia adopted the Public-Private Facilities Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the "PPFIA")(OCA section 36-91-110 et seq.) on July 18, 2017, Augusta, Georgia provides a process to partner with private entities for the development of a wide range of projects for public use if the public entities determine there is a need for such projects and that private involvement may provide such projects to the public in a timely or cost-efficient fashion. Procurement solicits proposals via an advertisement each year for unsolicited proposals. The deadline for the unsolicited proposal was March 31, 2025.</p> <p>Augusta received an unsolicited proposal from Turn Back the Block / Ashley Brown for the revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park located in Harrisburg Community. Per the process and procedures, an Advisory Committee and Evaluation Committee was created to review the proposal. The proposal was reviewed by an evaluation committee, including representatives from Recreation and Parks, Housing and Community Development Department, Planning and Development Department, Finance and the Administrator's Office. After a thorough review, the evaluation committee recommends rejecting the proposal.</p>
Analysis:	<p>After careful evaluation of the unsolicited proposal for revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park, it is recommended that the proposal be denied. The recommendations are based on several factors outlined below.</p> <p>Funding Source: The recommended funding source is probable and no definite funding is identified and secured. Municipal funding has not been allocated for this location to contribute.</p> <p>Site Design: The proposal does not show true concept design of Vernon Forrest Park.</p> <p>Maintenance: A long-term plan for the implementation of site maintenance and what future funding be available from Augusta-Richmond County.</p> <p>In light of the above considerations, it is recommended that the unsolicited proposal revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park be denied.</p>
Financial Impact:	<p>The proposed cost is estimated between \$242,000 - \$378,000. Augusta currently does not have a specific renovation project designated for Vernon Forrest Park. Accepting the proposal could result in significant financial strain on Augusta.</p> <p>The proposer did include the University of Georgia's Archway Partnership as a partner. They have stated that the University Georgia's Archway Partnership has demonstrated a history of securing substantial public and private funding to support community driven project through state and federal grants. Additional funding sources were listed as local</p>

government funding from the current budget, SPLOST and or municipal bonds, private nonprofit partnerships and community fundraiser.

Alternatives: N/A

Recommendation: Reject the unsolicited proposal. It is recommended that the unsolicited proposal for the Revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park be denied.

Funds are available in the following accounts: N/A

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY: N/A

Unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects will be received by Augusta, Georgia. Proposals will be received by 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday beginning the first business day of JANUARY and ending on the last business day of MARCH of each year. Such unsolicited proposals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to:

Darrell White, Interim Director
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street – Suite 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Please submit six (6) copies: Five (5) bound and One (1) unbound copy of the proposal.

All questions must be submitted in writing by fax to 706 821-2811 or by email to unsolicitedproposal@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department. No Unsolicited Proposal will be accepted by fax, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

Format for Submissions. Unsolicited proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) a project description, (b) a project feasibility statement, (c) a proposed project schedule, (d) a project financing plan, (e) a business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data, (f) a description of any anticipated public support or opposition, (g) qualifications and experience (h) names and addresses of persons who may be contact and (g) any additional information as Augusta, Georgia (local government) may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the “PPFIA”). Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a concise description of the proposer’s capabilities to complete the proposed qualifying project and the benefits to be derived from the project by Augusta, Georgia. Such proposals may also include any additional pertinent information as determined by the proposer.

Only proposals complying with the requirements of these guidelines and the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the “PPFIA”) that contain sufficient information for a meaningful evaluation and that are provided in an appropriate format should be considered by the local Government for further review. If any information necessary to make a meaningful evaluation is missing, the Local Government may request such information from the proposer. Unsolicited proposals maybe subject to the Open Records Act.

Note: “**Unsolicited Proposal**” means a written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by the local Government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by the local Government.


Process and procedures concerning unsolicited proposals can be found:

www.augustaga.gov/unsolicitedproposal

Publish:

Augusta Chronicle: October 31, November 6, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2024

Metro Courier: October 31, 2024

<div>  <div> RFPUP 25-000 Unsolicited Proposal for Augusta, GA Procurement Department RFPIP Opening: April 1, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. </div> </div>			
VENDORS	Processing Fee	Original 1	Copies 5
Creative Outdoor Advertising 8875 Hidden River Parkway, Suite 300 Tampa, FL 33637	No	Yes	Yes
Turn Back the Block P.O. Box 3366 Augusta, GA 30914	No	Yes	Yes
Dink'd Pickleball and T&T Developers, LLC 1024 Peninsula Xing Evans, GA 30809	Yes	Yes	Yes



Unsolicited Proposal Evaluation Form 25-000

Strategic Committee Review

Unsolicited Proposal Number: UP# 25-000

Project Name: Revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park Located in Harrisburg

Date of Evaluation: 5/29/2025 Recommendation Date to Committee: 10/2/25

- The priorities of Augusta, Georgia (Government);
- Consideration of the submission's value proposition and merit to the Government; and
- Whether certain criteria outweigh others in the context of the proposal being reviewed.

Evaluation Criteria	Scoring Range 1 - 5
1. Does the proposal strategically align with current Government policy and objectives? 1 = Weak / 5 = Strong	4.0
2. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will deliver net economic benefits to the Government? (i.e. will it generate jobs, business activity, stimulate urban renewal, etc. that would otherwise be foregone) 1 = No benefits; 5 = High benefits	2.3
3. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have a net financial impact on Government? (I.e. will Government have to incur expenditure?) 1 = High impact; 5 = No impact	3.0
4. Does the proposal have the ability to generate additional cash flow revenues for the Government? 1 = No revenues; 5 = Substantial revenues	1.3
5. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have an impact on the community? 1 = Negative impact; 5 = Positive impact	4.5
6. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have an impact on the environment? 1 = Negative impact; 5 = Positive impact	3.8
7. Are the risks associated with the proposal acceptable to Government? 1 = Not acceptable; 5 = Acceptable?	3.0
8. Is the proposal achievable in terms of delivery with respect to Government changes required and timeliness? 1 = Not achievable; 5 = Achievable	3.0
9. Intuitively, does the Committee believe that the proposal may be viable but lack adequate information to make a decision? 1 = Not viable, no further info required; 3 = Possibly viable, more info required; 5 = Viable, no further info required	2.8
10. Does this proposal represent a value proposition that the Government should consider? 1 = No; 5 = Yes	3.3
Total	30.8
Recommendation to Accept or Reject	Reject

Additional Reason for Acceptance / Rejection: Currently, there is no funding available to put towards this project.

Funding Source: The recommended funding source is probable and no definite funding is identified and secured.

Municipal funding has not been allocated for this location to contribute.

Site Design: ☒ The proposal does not show true concept design of Vernon Forest Park.

Maintenance: ☒ A long-term plan for the implementation of site maintenance and what future funding be available from Augusta-Richmond County.

Is additional information needed from Proponent: No

Evaluation Committee Number: ___ Cumulative _____ **DATE:** ___10/2/25_____

Procurement Review: ___Nancy Williams_____ **DATE:** ___10/2/25_____

MEMORANDUM

TO: Andy Penick, Procurement Director

FROM: Tameka D. Williams, CPRP, CYSA, Director-Recreation & Parks

DATE: October 2, 2025

RE: 25-000 Unsolicited Proposal: Revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park

After careful evaluation of the unsolicited proposal for revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park, it is recommended that the proposal be denied. The recommendations are based on several factors outlined below.

Funding Source: The recommended funding source is probable and no definite funding is identified and secured. Municipal funding has not been allocated for this location to contribute.

Site Design: The proposal does not show true concept design of Vernon Forest Park.

Maintenance: A long-term plan for the implementation of site maintenance and what future funding be available from Augusta-Richmond County.

In light of the above considerations, it is recommended that the unsolicited proposal revitalization of Vernon Forrest Park be denied. The Committee recommends that Augusta should adhere to the decision unless further information is needed to overturn decision.

Description of Project:

Turn Back the Block has partnered with the University of Georgia Connected Resilient Communities program, facilitated by the Archway Partnership, to advance housing and neighborhood revitalization efforts in Harrisburg. This collaboration brings together Turn Back the Block's established, community-driven approach to homeownership with UGA CRC's expertise in resilience-building, research, and resource development. As a participant in the CRC program, Turn Back the Block will engage with UGA faculty, students, and technical experts to implement three targeted resilience-building projects over the next 12-18 months.

One proposed project is the revitalization of a park in Harrisburg. The park is in the heart of the community and provides recreational activities for community members. However, these amenities are in need of repair and repurpose, and thus the CRC program has connected Turn Back the Block with a UGA College of Environment and Design student to re-conceptualize the park for the community to better the quality of life for citizens in the area. Turn Back the Block, the city of Augusta, and UGA will work collaboratively to engage community members to ensure the park is enhanced and maintained to meet the needs and interests of community members. This effort aims to enhance the park's functionality, improve quality of life for residents, and create a more inviting and accessible space for the community.

Financing Plan

The University of Georgia's Archway Partnership™ has a demonstrated history of securing substantial public and private funding to support community-driven projects. Through strategic partnerships and targeted grant initiatives, the program has successfully leveraged its expertise to attract financial support for local revitalization efforts.

Many Archway partners have utilized project concepts, technical research, and design renderings developed through the program as key components of grant proposals. This approach has proven highly effective in securing significant financial assistance from federal, state, and philanthropic sources, enabling communities to implement transformative projects with lasting impact.

Additionally, the Archway Partnership™ has cultivated strong relationships with private donors, whose contributions have played a crucial role in both community project implementation and the expansion of the program's proven community resilience model. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, Archway and UGA's innovative approach to community engagement have won a number of national awards and garnered a return on investment of more than \$7.6 million for Georgia communities last year. This track record positions Turn Back the Block to benefit from similar funding opportunities, ensuring that the partnership with UGA CRC not only enhances project development but also strengthens the financial sustainability of revitalization efforts in Harrisburg.

Vernon Forest Park: Preliminary Proposal
*Prepared for Augusta-Richmond County Planning Department
(Parcel ID #0351083000)*

I. Introduction and Purpose

This document presents two preliminary concept plans for the development of Vernon Forest Park in Augusta, Georgia. Both concepts focus on providing:

- Diverse Recreation: Courts, open lawns, and walking trails
- Community Engagement: Gathering areas, gardens, volunteer opportunities
- Sustainability: Use of native plants, erosion control measures, compliance with local ordinances

The site, under Parcel ID #0351083000, appears zoned for public/park use.¹ Each concept is designed to meet standards set forth in the Augusta Code of Ordinances, relevant state and federal regulations, and local stakeholder input.

II. Concept Plans



LEGEND

- Accessible Spaces
- Existing Park Structure
- Open Space
- Carousing Space
- Garden Space
- Multi-Surface Space
- Shade Structure

VERNON FOREST PARK
PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN #1
Drafted by: Jabari A.S Lottie

A. Concept Plan #1

1. Perimeter Walkway (Yellow): An accessible loop path for walking/jogging.
2. Existing Structure (Orange): Retrofitted as a small event or storage facility.
3. Open Lawn (Green): Flexible turf area for recreation or community events.
4. Garden Area (Light Green): Community Garden plots with potential educational programming.
5. Gathering Space (Blue): Hardscaped event zone for concerts, markets, or gatherings.
6. Multi-Purpose Space (Purple): Large rectangle for sports courts or playgrounds.
7. Shade Structures (Pink): Small pavilions or canopies around high-traffic areas.



LEGEND

- Accessible Spaces
- Existing Park Structure
- Open Space
- Shedding Space
- Garden Space
- Wild Playzone Space
- Shade Structures

VERNON FOREST PARK
PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN #2
Drafted by: Jabari A.S Lottie

B. Concept Plan #2

1. Open Lawn (Green): Large continuous green space for informal activities.
2. Multipurpose Zone (Purple): Flexible sports or communal recreation area.
3. Accessible Spaces (Yellow): Network of ADA-compliant walkways.
4. Gathering Space (Blue): Plaza or pavilion designed for group events.
5. Existing Park Structure (Orange): Possible restrooms, storage, or meeting rooms.
6. Shade Structures (Pink): Pavilions or canopies near seating areas.

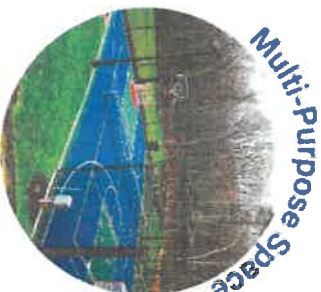
(A community garden could be introduced in a portion of the open lawn if there is sufficient demand and suitable soil conditions.)

VERNON FOREST PARK

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT FEATURE

EXAMPLES

Drafted by: Jabari A.S Lottie



III. Feasibility Analysis

A. Suitability

- **Zoning & Land Use:** Preliminary zoning checks confirm an allowable park or recreational designation under Augusta Code of Ordinances, Title 8.² In both concepts, major features (courts, gardens, pavilions) are consistent with public park usage.
- **Topography & Soils:** The site has mild slopes conducive to walking trails and multipurpose courts with minimal grading. Soil tests and geotechnical surveys may be required for structural footings and to ensure proper drainage for garden plots.
- **Accessibility & Infrastructure:** Proximity to existing roads and utilities (water, sewer, electricity) supports feasible development. The existing structure can be updated to code for public use.³
- **Environmental Requirements:** Stormwater management will follow Augusta Code Title 5, Chapter 2, as well as the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act.⁴⁵ Where possible, green infrastructure (like rain gardens or bioswales) will be employed.
- **Community Support:** Public feedback sessions and stakeholder surveys are essential to confirm program elements. Past projects in Augusta indicate strong community enthusiasm for green spaces and gardens. Partnerships with local organizations can further improve feasibility.

B. Financial and Operational Feasibility

- **Funding Sources:** Potential avenues include municipal bonds, parks & recreation grants, philanthropic contributions, corporate sponsorships, and fundraising events.
- **Operational Costs:** Post-construction, the park will require routine maintenance (mowing, plant care, cleaning, lighting). Partnerships with local nonprofits or “Adopt-a-Plot” garden initiatives can offset some operational costs.
- **Permitting Path:** Coordinated review among the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission, local building officials, and state-level environmental agencies is anticipated. A consolidated permit package typically lowers overhead costs and speeds up approvals.

IV. Timeline for Implementation

Below is a comprehensive schedule, illustrating major milestones and activities for both Concept Plan #1 and Concept Plan #2. Actual durations can vary based on funding availability, permit processing, and weather.

1. **Phase 1: Pre-Design & Community Engagement (Months 1–2)**
 - Conduct detailed site surveys (topographic, environmental).
 - Host public meetings to gather input on key features (sports courts, gardens, event space).

- Refine project goals based on community feedback.
- 2. Phase 2: Design Development & Permitting (Months 3–6)
 - Finalize schematic designs for the chosen concept (or a hybrid).
 - Prepare and submit permit applications (zoning clearances, building permits, stormwater).
 - Commission geotechnical studies to inform foundation design for buildings and courts.
- 3. Phase 3: Construction Documentation & Bidding (Months 7–9)
 - Complete construction drawings (architectural, civil, landscape, mechanical/electrical if needed).
 - Compile bid packages and advertise for qualified contractors.
 - Evaluate contractor bids, secure final funding commitments.
- 4. Phase 4: Site Preparation & Early Construction (Months 10–13)
 - Demolition/Clearing: Remove any debris or unsuitable materials.
 - Earthwork & Grading: Level areas for multipurpose courts, walkways, and lawns; install erosion controls.
 - Utility Infrastructure: Update water/sewer lines; ensure electrical access for lighting and structures.
- 5. Phase 5: Core Construction (Months 14–18)
 - Paving & Hardscapes: Install perimeter trails, event plazas, and sports courts.
 - Building Upgrades: Retrofit the existing structure; construct new shade pavilions.
 - Initial Landscaping: Begin planting trees and large shrubs; prepare garden areas if relevant.
- 6. Phase 6: Final Landscaping & Amenities (Months 19–21)
 - Garden Plots & Irrigation: Build raised beds, test irrigation lines, add soil amendments.
 - Furniture & Lighting: Place benches, trash receptacles, and wayfinding signs; install lighting fixtures.
 - Safety & Code Inspections: Ensure compliance with building codes and ADA requirements.
- 7. Phase 7: Opening & Programming (Month 22+)
 - Final Walkthrough: Conduct final inspections with Augusta Planning & Building departments.
 - Community Launch: Plan a ribbon-cutting event; invite local officials, partners, and residents.
 - Ongoing Maintenance: Transition to routine operations, guided by a detailed maintenance manual and staff/volunteer training.

V. Expanded Budget Overview

Below are detailed estimates for both concepts, incorporating potential variations. Values reference data from RSMeans and publicly available information on similar park developments in Georgia.⁶

A. Cost Breakdown (Applies to Both Concepts)

Category	Estimated Range	Notes
1. Pre-Design & Permits	\$10,000 – \$20,000	Surveys, initial architectural/engineering fees, community outreach
2. Design & Engineering	\$30,000 – \$50,000	Construction drawings, stormwater plans, geotechnical studies
3. Site Preparation & Utilities	\$50,000 – \$70,000	Grading, clearing, basic erosion controls, hooking into water/sewer/power
4. Hardscapes & Trails	\$35,000 – \$50,000	Paving perimeter paths, event plaza, or sports surfaces (e.g., asphalt or concrete)
5. Structures & Buildings	\$50,000 – \$75,000	Shade pavilions, renovations of existing building, restrooms if included
6. Landscaping & Garden Install	\$25,000 – \$35,000	Trees, shrubs, lawn seeding, raised garden beds, irrigation systems
7. Furnishings & Lighting	\$20,000 – \$30,000	Benches, trash bins, lighting fixtures, signage
8. Contingency (10–15%)	\$22,000 – \$48,000	Covers unforeseen site issues, design changes, or material cost fluctuations
**Totals (Approx.)	\$242,000 – \$378,000	The actual budget depends on final design scope, contractor bids, and materials selected

B. Potential Funding Sources

1. Local Government Funding: Allocations from Augusta Parks & Recreation budget, SPLOST (Special-Purpose Local-Option Sales Tax), or municipal bonds.
2. State/Federal Grants: Possible matching grants through Georgia’s Department of Natural Resources or federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).
3. Private & Nonprofit Partnerships: Philanthropic foundations, corporate sponsorships, or local nonprofits (e.g., Master Gardener programs) often support green space improvements.
4. Community Fundraising: Grassroots campaigns, crowdfunding, or “Friends of the Park” events.

VI. Conclusion and Next Steps

By presenting two Preliminary Concept Plans—each with a viable layout, robust feasibility support, and a clear path to compliance with Augusta regulations—this proposal aims to guide Vernon Forest Park’s successful transformation. To advance:

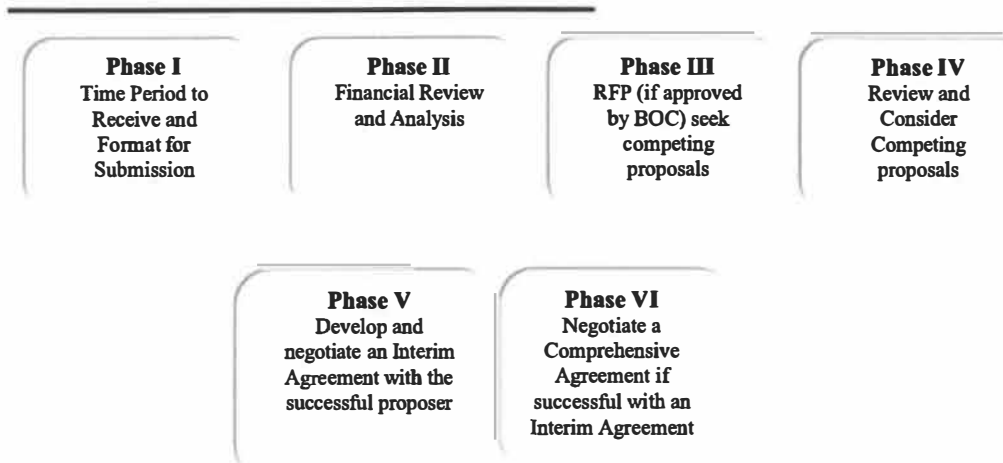
1. Select or Merge a Preferred Concept based on community and stakeholder feedback.
2. Refine Engineering & Seek Final Approvals from the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission and relevant state agencies.
3. Secure Funding through a combination of municipal, grant, and private contributions.
4. Begin Construction following the expanded timeline, ensuring each phase meets quality and regulatory standards.

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Guidelines and Procedures for Unsolicited Proposals



First Edition: May 2017
Second Edition: August 2, 2017
Third Edition: April 2, 2025

Approved amendment (ordinance) to Augusta, Georgia Procurement Code to include the adoption of Public-Private Partnership (P3) "Unsolicited Proposals". (Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 11, 2017) (Approved by Commission July 18, 2017 – Second Reading).

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This information is provided on an “as” needed basis. Updates to these guidelines will be made as needed due to any error found in the documentation or as policy and management dictate.

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Augusta, Georgia’s Procurement Office perform annual compliance reviews of its PPFIA guidelines and periodically engage in a more comprehensive review of the guidelines and its overall PPFIA process.

Any recommendation for improvement to this documentation is welcome. Any errors found should be brought to the attention of the Procurement Department so corrections can be made. Any additional information or detailed explanation needed to this documentation should be documented and mailed or emailed to:

Darrell White, Interim, Director
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL GUIDELINES MANUAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

E-mail to:

unsolicitedproposal@augustaga.gov

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<http://opb.georgia.gov/documents/public-private-partnerships-guidelines-committee>.



Introduction by the Director

Augusta, Georgia is committed to improving the facilitation of infrastructure, service delivery and private sector investment within Augusta, Georgia. By introducing this policy, Augusta, Georgia is creating a clear pathway for prospective bidders to submit innovative and unique ideas that align with Augusta, Georgia's strategic agenda.

It is important genuine Unsolicited Proposals, which cannot be managed by normal procurement processes, have an alternative process that is both efficient and effective for prospective bidders and Government.

The *Guidelines for Unsolicited Proposals* provides a transparent structure for both proposers and Government to inform themselves with respect to the treatment of Unsolicited Proposals for public infrastructure, service delivery and private sector investment in Augusta, Georgia.

The document's main objective is to provide consistency and clarity to any parties involved in an Unsolicited Proposal submission, both private and public sectors alike, on how submissions are evaluated and tendered in order to meet Augusta, Georgia's principles of ensuring public interest, delivering value for money, and achieving appropriate delivery.

The Guidelines will ensure accountability and fairness are maintained throughout the Government's process of consideration of Unsolicited Proposals, while also maximizing value for money to Augusta, Georgia and staying within Augusta, Georgia's affordability envelope.

For additional information, please visit the following websites:

<http://www.augustaga.gov/unsolicitedproposal>

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Overview

Background

Developing a strong and resilient economy in Augusta, Georgia (local government) requires an appropriate level of investment to be maintained for economic infrastructure, such as transport links to allow the movement of resources, communications to support the spread of information and utility networks to provide basic services for businesses and households.

Historically, Augusta, Georgia has relied on traditional procurement methods to deliver capital and service requirements. While traditional approaches work well for simple and low risk infrastructure procurements, they do not always provide the incentives to innovate improve service delivery or realize whole of life value for money outcomes.

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed into law new public-private partnership (P3) legislation, the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act (SB 59) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) on May 5, 2015. The Act allows state and local government entities to partner with private entities on “qualifying projects,” broadly meaning any project deemed to meet a public purpose or public need and satisfying those requirements set forth under the Act.

The Act covers those qualifying projects pursued with local government entities, meaning any county, municipality, consolidated government, or board of education, as well as with state government entities, including institutions of the University System of Georgia.

On July 11, 2017 approved the conceptual model of Public-Private Partnership (P3) and on July 18, 2017 (second reading), the Augusta Commission adopted the model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 Guidelines Committee. (A copy of the adopted policy is provided as Attachment A.) The policy addresses submittal requirements, proposal preparation costs, proposal evaluation process, and evaluation fees.

Georgia’s Bill SB59 - Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the “PPFIA”) Model Guidelines, www.augustaga.gov

Guideline and Procedures – AUGUSTA, GA CODE – Article 7, www.augustaga.gov.



Purpose of the Document

For the purpose of this policy, Augusta, Georgia defines an unsolicited proposal as an approach to Augusta by a Proponent with a proposal not requested by Augusta. The proposal must be a written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by Augusta, Georgia – Consolidated Government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by Augusta, Georgia at the published time and placed advertised by Augusta. As anticipated in all phases of these Guidelines (First Edition, March 2017), this Edition follows the commitment to perform a review approximately two years from their initial release.

Augusta, Georgia has defined key strategic and operational priorities for advancing the economic and social needs of Augusta, Georgia.

There may be opportunities for a partnership between Augusta, Georgia and the private sector that may not be at the forefront of Augusta, Georgia's strategic priorities or infrastructure agenda. Similarly, some business activities that would normally be conducted by the private sector may nonetheless require Government support of some form. 'Private entity' means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, business trust, public benefit corporation, nonprofit entity, or other business entity, may also submit Unsolicited Proposals.

The *Guidelines for Unsolicited Proposals* policy document sets out the requirements of the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act (SB 59) (the Act) on May 5, 2015, model. It aims to provide consistency and certainty to the market on how Unsolicited Proposals will be assessed against key principles of the Augusta, Georgia in meeting its strategic objectives and providing value for money. The model will also promote standardization and consistency with respect to capital project planning and delivery.



Guidelines

Augusta, Georgia adopted the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the “PPFIA”) (OCGA §36-91-110 *et seq.*) on July 18, 2017. Augusta, Georgia provides a process to partner with private entities for the development of a wide range of projects for public use if the public entities determine there is a need for such projects and that private involvement may provide such projects to the public in a timely or cost-effective fashion.

In order for a project to come under the PPFIA, it must meet the definition of a “qualifying project.” A “qualifying project” is defined broadly under the PPFIA. Specifically, the PPFIA defines a “qualifying project” as any project selected in response to a request for a local government or submitted by a private entity as an unsolicited proposal in accordance with the PPFIA and subsequently reviewed and approved by a local government, within its sole discretion, as meeting a public purpose or public need; provided, however, qualifying projects do not include projects involving generation of electric energy or sale, communications services, cable and video services and water reservoir projects.

The following guidelines have been adopted by the governing body of Augusta, Georgia (the “Local Government”) to govern the process for receiving, reviewing and approving unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects. Augusta, Georgia shall not consider any unsolicited proposal that has not been evaluated pursuant to Article 7 of the AUGUSTA, GA CODE.

In the event of any conflict between these guidelines and the PPFIA, the terms of the PPFIA shall control.

Augusta, Georgia utilizes a Six-phase process to evaluate unsolicited proposals.

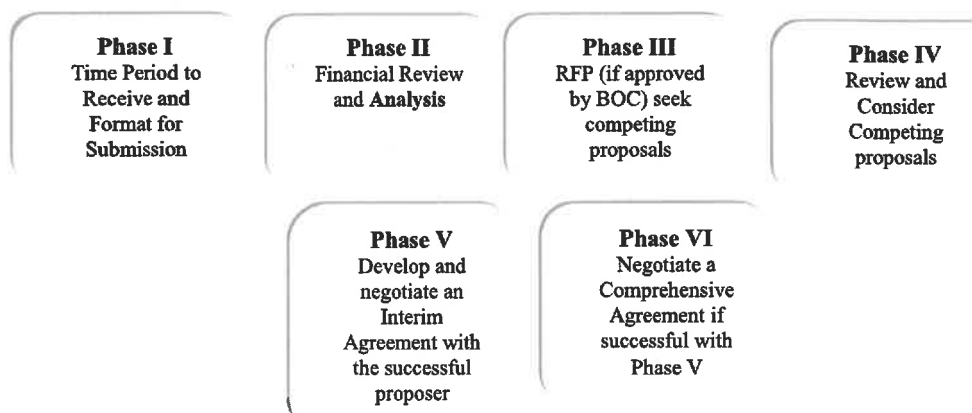


Figure 1 illustrates the Six-phase process used by Augusta, Georgia.

The Six Phase Process aims to both incentivize the Proposers to submit Unsolicited Proposals, and provide a range of procurement mechanisms to deliver effective outcomes fit-for-purpose to each proposal and Augusta, Georgia.

At any stage, Augusta, Georgia reserves the right to cease its review or consideration of any unsolicited proposal.

Phase I

SEC. 1-10-67 TIME PERIOD FOR RECEIVING UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS AND FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS.

- (1) Time Period. Unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects will be received by the Augusta, Georgia. Proposals will be received by 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday beginning on the first business day of JANUARY and ending on the last business day of MARCH of each year. Such unsolicited proposals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to:

The Director of Procurement
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Please submit six (6) copies and one bound and one unbound copy of the proposal.

All questions must be submitted in writing by fax to (706) 821-2811 or by email to unsolicitedproposal@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department. No Unsolicited Proposals will be accepted by fax, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

- (2) Format for Submissions. Unsolicited proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) a project description, (b) a project feasibility statement, (c) a proposed project schedule, (d) a project financing plan, (e) a business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data, (f) a description of any anticipated public support or opposition, (g) qualifications and experience (h) names and addresses of persons who may be contacted and (i) any additional information as the local government may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the PPFIA. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a concise description of the proposer's capabilities to complete the proposed qualifying project and the benefits to be derived from the project by the local government. Such proposals may also include any additional pertinent information as determined by the proposer.

Only proposals complying with the requirements of these guidelines and the PPFIA that contain sufficient information for a meaningful evaluation and that are provided in an appropriate format shall be considered by Augusta, Georgia for further review. If any information necessary to make a meaningful evaluation is missing, Augusta, Georgia may request such information from the proposer. Unsolicited proposals maybe subject to the Open Records Act.

The format and information to be included in any unsolicited proposal are as follows:

(a) **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Required to be included under PPFIA:

- (i) Provide a description of the project, including the location of the project, the conceptual design of such facility, or facilities, and a conceptual plan for the provision of services or technological infrastructure.

Required to be included by Local Government:¹

- (ii) Identify and fully describe the scope of work to be performed by the proposer with enough detail to allow an analysis by Augusta, Georgia.
- (iii) Identify and fully describe any work to be performed by Augusta.
- (iv) Identify any anticipated adverse social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project.
- (v) Identify the projected positive social, economic, and environmental impacts of the project.
- (vi) State assumptions related to ownership, legal liability, law enforcement, and operation of the project and the existence of any restrictions on Augusta's use of the project.

(b) **PROJECT FEASIBILITY STATEMENT**

- (i) A feasibility statement that includes:
 - (A) The method by which the private entity proposes to secure any necessary property interests required for the project;
 - (B) A list of all permits and approvals required for the project from local, state, or federal agencies; and
 - (C) A list of public utility facilities, if any, that will be crossed by the project and a statement of the plans of the private entity to accommodate such crossings;
- (ii) Provide a list of any contingencies that must occur for the project to be successful.
- (iii) Provide a list of any other assumptions relied on for the project to be successful.
- (iv) Provide information relative to ongoing maintenance and operational costs after the project is completed.

¹ The items listed under the subheading "Required to be included by Local Government" are not required by the PPFIA to be included in a Local Government's Guidelines and may be modified or deleted by the Local Government prior to approval.

(c) PROJECT SCHEDULE

- (i) A schedule for initiation, construction, and completion of the project to include the proposed major responsibilities and timeline for activities to be performed by both the local government and private entity.
- (ii) A schedule for obtaining all federal, state, and local permits and approvals required for the project.
- (iii) Identify the proposed schedule for strategies or actions to mitigate known impacts of the project.
- (iv) Provide information relative to phased or partial openings of the proposed project prior to completion of the entire work.

(d) PROJECT FINANCING PLAN

- (i) A financial plan setting forth the private entity's general plans for financing the project, including the sources of the private entity's funds and identification of any dedicated revenue source or proposed debt or equity investment on behalf of the private entity; and description of user fees, lease payments and other service payments over the term of the proposed comprehensive agreement (as defined in the PPFIA); and a methodology and circumstances for changes to such user fees, lease payments and other service payments over time.
- (ii) Provide a preliminary estimate and estimating methodology of the cost of the work by phase, segment, or both.
- (iii) Submit a plan for the development, financing, and operation of the project showing the anticipated schedule on which funds will be required containing enough detail to allow an analysis by the local government of the financial feasibility of the proposed project. Describe the anticipated costs of and proposed sources and uses for such funds including any anticipated debt service costs. The operational plan should include appropriate staffing levels and associated costs. Include supporting due diligence studies, analyses, or reports. Identify the sources of the private entity's funds and identification of any dedicated revenue source or proposed debt or equity investment on behalf of the private entity.
- (iv) Provide a list and discussion of assumptions underlying all major elements of the plan. Assumptions should include all significant fees associated with financing given the recommended financing approach. In addition, complete disclosure of interest rate assumptions should be included. Any ongoing operational fees, if applicable, should also be disclosed as well as any assumptions with regard to increases in such fees.

- (v) Identify any local, state, or federal resources that the proposer contemplates requesting for the project. Describe the total commitment, if any, expected from governmental sources and the timing of any anticipated commitment. Such disclosure should include any direct or indirect guarantees or pledges of the local government's credit or revenue.
- (vi) Identify the amounts and the terms and conditions for any revenue sources.
- (vii) Describe a proposed allocation of risk and liability for work completed beyond the agreement's completion date, and assurances for timely completion of the project.
- (viii) Identify any aspect of the project that could disqualify the project from obtaining tax-exempt financing.

The unsolicited proposal may include financing options, including the imposition of user fees, lease payments or other service payments. Such financing arrangements may include the issuance of debt instruments, equity or other securities or obligations. Depending on Augusta's authority and the circumstances of each transaction, financing options might also include the use of special purpose entities, sale and lease back transactions, enhanced use leasing, development agreements, conduit financing and other methods allowed by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Augusta, Georgia shall not loan money to a private entity in order to finance all or a portion of the qualifying project. Also, a multiyear lease entered into by Augusta which is not terminable at the end of each fiscal year during the term of the lease shall be considered a debt of the local government which enters into such lease, and such lease shall apply against the debt limitations of the local government.

(e) BUSINESS CASE STATEMENT

- (i) A business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct or indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time data.
- (ii) Identify who will benefit from the project, how they will benefit, and how the project will benefit the overall community, region, or state. Project benefits to be considered are those occurring during the construction, renovation, expansion or improvement phase and during the life cycle of the project.
- (iii) Identify any anticipated public support or opposition, as well as any anticipated government support or opposition, for the project.
- (iv) Explain the strategy and plans that will be carried out to involve and inform the general public, business community, and governmental agencies in areas affected by the project.
- (v) Specify the strategies or actions to mitigate known impacts of the project.

- (vi) Describe the anticipated significant benefits to the community, region or state, including anticipated benefits to the economic condition of Augusta and whether the project is critical to attracting or maintaining competitive industries and businesses to Augusta or the surrounding region.
- (vii) Describe compatibility with the local comprehensive plan, local infrastructure development plans, the capital improvements budget, or other government-spending plan.
- (viii) Provide relevant proposer cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data.

(f) **CONTACTS**

- (i) The names and addresses of the persons who may be contacted for further information concerning the unsolicited proposal.
- (ii) Identify the legal structure of the firm or consortium of firms making the proposal. Identify the organizational structure for the project, the management approach and how each partner and major subcontractor in the structure fits into the overall team.
- (iii) Describe the experience of the firm or consortium of firms making the proposal and the key principals involved in the proposed project including experience with projects of comparable size and complexity. Describe the length of time in business, business experience, public sector experience and other engagements of the firm or consortium of firms. Include the identity of any firms that will provide design, construction and completion guarantees and warranties, and a description of such guarantees and warranties.
- (iv) Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons within the firm or consortium of firms who may be contacted for further information.
- (v) Provide a current or most recently audited financial statement of the firm or firms and each partner with an equity interest of twenty percent or greater for project proposals over \$20 Million.
- (vi) Identify any persons known to the proposer who would be obligated to disqualify themselves from participation in any transaction arising from or in connection to the project pursuant to any State of Georgia and/or Augusta, Georgia conflict of interest laws.

Phase II

SEC. 1-10-68 PROCEDURES FOR THE FINANCIAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF AN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL.

(1) Upon receipt of an unsolicited proposal, Augusta, Georgia shall:

- (a) Send the proposer an acknowledgement of receipt of the unsolicited proposal and provide that Augusta, Georgia will conduct a review of that proposal and either (a) reject the unsolicited proposal or (b) accept the unsolicited proposal and seek competing bids for the proposed project as required pursuant to the Guidelines and the PPFIA;
- (b) Augusta, Georgia utilizes a Six-phase process to evaluate unsolicited proposals. To assist in the evaluation process, two committees will be established. The first is an **Advisory Committee** consisting of not less than three members, all of whom shall be employees of Augusta, Georgia. (Designees of the Administrator, Procurement, Finance and Engineering Departments or designees from other departments depending on the scope of the proposal). To assist in the evaluation process, an **Evaluation Committee** will consist of the Advisory Committee and any designees consisting of not less than three members, other members can include individuals with diverse skill sets to adequately review the proposal; decide whether it will engage independent advisors, to assist (and not be a member of) the Evaluation Committee in its review of the unsolicited proposal, which may include an attorney, financial advisor, architectural and/or engineering consultant or other advisers or consultants
- (c) Decide whether it will engage independent advisors, as provided in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-69 below, to assist (and not be a member of) the Evaluation Committee in its review of the unsolicited proposal, which may include an attorney, financial advisor, architectural and/or engineering consultant or other advisers or consultants; and
- (d) Provide the proposer with the proposed Local Government fee estimate to be paid by the proposer to cover the costs of processing, reviewing and evaluating the unsolicited proposal, as calculated in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-70 below.

(2) The Evaluation Committee, together with any independent advisors, shall perform the following financial review and analysis of the unsolicited proposal:

- (a) A cost-benefit analysis;
- (b) Evaluation of the public need for or benefit derived from the qualifying project;
- (c) Evaluation of the estimated cost of the qualifying project for reasonableness in relation to similar facilities;
- (d) Evaluation of the source of funding for the project;
- (e) Consideration of plans to ensure timely development or operation;
- (f) Evaluation of risk sharing, including cost or completion guarantees, added value, or debt or equity investments by the private entity; and
- (g) Consideration of any increase in funding, dedicated revenue source, or other economic benefit that would not otherwise be available.

After reviewing the proposal, the Evaluation Committee shall make a recommendation to the governing body of the Augusta, Georgia (the Board of Commission) to reject or accept the unsolicited proposal.

NOTE: Discussions between local governments and the proposer about the need for infrastructure improvements shall not limit the ability of a local government to later determine to use standard procurement procedures to meet its infrastructure needs. The local government retains the right to reject any proposal at any time prior to the execution of an interim or comprehensive agreement.

SEC. 1-10-69 CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING AND APPOINTING INDEPENDENT ADVISORS.

Unsolicited proposals, which have technical, complex or specialized information, may require additional support from one or more third-party independent advisors to assist in their evaluation and review. Independent advisors may include attorneys, financial advisors, engineering consultants or other advisers or consultants as determined by Augusta, Georgia, in its sole discretion, to be reasonably required to review any unsolicited proposal. Independent advisors shall have no affiliation with the private entity submitting an unsolicited proposal.

SEC. 1-10-70 CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING FEES.

A private entity assumes all risk in submission of an unsolicited proposal, and Augusta, Georgia shall not incur any obligation to reimburse a private entity for any costs, damages, or loss of intellectual property incurred by a private entity in the creation, development, or submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project.

Augusta, Georgia shall charge and retain an initial proposal-processing fee equal to \$100 to be paid by the proposer prior to the review of an unsolicited proposal.

In addition, the Augusta, Georgia may charge and retain a reasonable fee to cover the costs of reviewing and evaluating an unsolicited proposal. If it is determined by Augusta, Georgia that one or more independent advisors shall be engaged to assist the Evaluation Committee in its review of the unsolicited proposal, as provided in Augusta, GA Code Sec. 1-10-69 above, fees of all such independent advisors shall be paid by the proposer. The estimated fees of Augusta, Georgia and such independent advisors shall be provided to the proposer for approval prior to the engagement of such advisors to review the proposal or the review and evaluation of an unsolicited proposal.

SEC. 1-10-71 PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL.

Augusta, Georgia, in its sole discretion, may use any portion of an unsolicited proposal in preparing a request for proposal as described in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-72 below.

Phase III

SEC. 1-10-72 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of a recommendation from the Evaluation Committee as provided in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-68 above, the Board of Commission shall decide whether to approve or reject such unsolicited proposal. If The Board of Commission approves the unsolicited proposal, it shall seek competing proposals for the qualifying project, by issuing a request for proposal due in not less than one hundred twenty (120) days.

The request for proposal shall include the criteria for selecting among competing proposals as provided in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-74 below.

During evaluation, the Local Government may seek written clarification from any proposer regarding the contents of the proposer's response. A request for written clarification may be made when a proposer's response contains conflicting information or is so ambiguous that it is possible for a reasonable person to attribute different meanings to the ambiguous portion of the proposer's response. A request for written clarification may not be used to negotiate (i.e., request the supplier to revise or improve the proposer's response). Written clarifications received from the supplier will become part of that proposer's response.

SEC. 1-10-73 PROCEDURES FOR POSTING AND PUBLISHING NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER COMPETING PROPOSALS.

Notices for requests for proposals for qualifying projects shall be posted conspicuously in the Augusta, Georgia Procurement' Office and shall be advertised in the legal organ of the county and by electronic means on an Internet website of the Augusta, Georgia (www.augustaga.gov) or an Internet website identified by the governmental entity which may include the Georgia Procurement Registry as provided by OCGA §50-5-69. Such notices shall be posted by the Local Government in a consistent manner with other notices posted for public works bidding.

Notices for requests for proposals that are advertised in the legal organ shall be advertised a minimum of two times, with the first advertisement occurring at least ninety (90) days prior to the deadline for receipt of competing proposals. The second advertisement shall follow no earlier than six (6) weeks from the first advertisement.

Notices for requests for proposals that are advertised solely on the Internet shall be posted continuously at least ninety (90) days prior to the deadline for receipt of competing proposals. Inadvertent or unintentional loss of Internet service during the advertisement period shall not require the contract award, bid, or proposal opening to be delayed.

Phase IV

SEC. 1-10-74 PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING, REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF COMPETING PROPOSALS.

After the deadline for the receipt of competing proposals, the Local Government shall reconvene the evaluation committee to review, evaluate and score the responses.

The criteria to be used in the evaluation of competing proposals for a qualifying project shall be determined by the evaluation committee of the Local Government prior to submitting a request for proposal for such qualifying project. The evaluation committee of Augusta, Georgia shall establish a scoring matrix for review of responses to a request for proposal. The scoring matrix can be weighted in any fair manner to adequately assess the critical elements of a proposal, with the most likely highest weighted categories being (a) project financing and (b) qualifications and experience.

There are several factors that Augusta, Georgia may use when evaluating and selecting an unsolicited proposal, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE** – Factors to be considered to determine whether the proposer possesses the requisite qualifications and experience include:
 - (a) Experience with similar projects;
 - (b) Demonstration of ability to perform work;

- (c) Leadership structure;
 - (d) Project Manager's experience;
 - (e) Management approach
 - (f) Financial condition; and
 - (g) Project ownership.
- (2) **PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS** – Factors to be considered in determining the project characteristics include:
- (a) Project definition;
 - (b) Proposed project schedule;
 - (c) Operation of the project;
 - (d) Technology; technical feasibility;
 - (e) Conformity to laws, regulations, and standards;
 - (f) Environmental impacts;
 - (g) Condemnation impacts;
 - (h) State and local permits; and
 - (i) Maintenance of the project.
- (3) **PROJECT FINANCING** – Factors to be considered in determining whether the proposed project financing allows adequate access to the necessary capital to finance the project include:
- (a) Cost and cost benefit to Augusta, Georgia;
 - (b) Financing and the impact on the debt burden of Augusta, Georgia or appropriating body;
 - (c) Financial plan, including the degree to which the proposer has conducted due diligence investigation and analysis of the proposed financial plan and the results of any such inquiries or studies;
 - (d) Opportunity costs assessment;
 - (e) Estimated cost;
 - (f) Life-cycle cost analysis;
 - (g) The identity, credit history, past performance of any third party that will provide financing for the project and the nature and timing of their commitment, as applicable; and
 - (h) Such other items as Augusta, Georgia deems appropriate.

In the event that any project is financed through the issuance of obligations that are deemed tax-supported debt of Augusta, Georgia, or if financing such a project may impact Augusta, Georgia's debt rating or financial position, Augusta, Georgia may select its own finance team, source, and financing vehicle.

- (4) **PROJECT BENEFIT AND COMPATIBILITY** – Factors to be considered in determining the proposed project's compatibility with the appropriate local or regional comprehensive or development plans include:
- (a) Community benefits;
 - (b) Community support or opposition, or both;
 - (c) Public involvement strategy;

- (d) Compatibility with existing and planned facilities; and
 - (e) Compatibility with local, regional, and state economic development efforts.
- (5) **OTHER FACTORS** – Other factors that may be considered by Augusta, Georgia in the evaluation and selection of competing proposals include:
- (a) The proposed cost of the qualifying project;
 - (b) The general reputation, industry experience, and financial capacity of the private entity;
 - (c) The proposed design of the qualifying project;
 - (d) The eligibility of the project for accelerated documentation, review, and selection;
 - (e) Local citizen and government comments;
 - (f) Benefits to the public, including financial and nonfinancial;
 - (g) The private entity's compliance with a local small business enterprise participation plan or good faith effort to comply with the goals of such plan;
 - (h) The private entity's plans to employ local contractors and residents;
 - (i) The recommendation of a committee of representatives of members of the local government and the appropriating body which may be established to provide advisory oversight for the project; and
 - (j) Other criteria that the local government deems appropriate.

Sec. 1-10-75 DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of Article 7, the following definitions shall apply. With the exception of specifically defined terms set forth herein, all words shall have their ordinary and usual meanings. In the event of conflict, the specific definition set out herein shall presumptively, but not conclusively prevail over the ordinary and usual meanings.

ADVISOR - The Unsolicited Proposals Advisory Committee may contract with external party on a range of issues including commercial, technical and other issues.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Procurement Director shall select the members of the Advisory Committee consisting of not less than three members, all of whom shall be employees of Augusta, Georgia. Designees of the Administrator, Procurement, Finance, Engineering and Compliance Departments and/or designees from other departments may be included depending on the scope of the proposal. The Advisory Committee will assist in the evaluation process.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - Criteria upon which the Unsolicited Proposal will be assessed as determined by the Unsolicited Proposals Advisory Committee on a case-by-case basis.

COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT - The written agreement between the private entity and Augusta, Georgia required pursuant to the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 ("PPFIA).

DETAILED SUBMISSION - A more detailed submission following approval at the Concept Phase 1.

DEVELOP OR DEVELOPMENT - To plan, design, develop, finance, lease, acquire, install, construct, operate, maintain or expand.

ECONOMIC APPRAISAL - A systematic means of analyzing all the costs and benefits of various ways in which a project objective can be met. It shows:

- Whether the benefits of a project exceed its costs;
- Which option has the highest net benefit; and
- Which option is the most cost effective, where benefits are equivalent.

The preferred approach for a Government project for an economic appraisal is Cost-Benefit-Analysis (“CBA”) and whole of life cost estimates.

EVALUATION COMMITTEE - A committee of representatives established to oversee and assess an Unsolicited Proposal. Also referred to as Unsolicited Proposals Evaluation Committee in Phase 2.

FINANCIAL REVIEW – The Evaluation Committee, together with any independent advisors, shall perform a financial review and analysis of the unsolicited proposal as referred in Phase 2.

GOVERNMENT – Augusta, Georgia

INDEPENDENT ADVISOR - An individual with diverse skill sets to adequately review the proposal; decide whether it will engage independent advisors, to assist (and not be a member of) the Evaluation Committee in its review of the unsolicited proposal, which may include an attorney, financial advisor, architectural and/or engineering consultant or other advisers or consultants; and Provide the proposer with the proposed Local Government fee to cover the costs of processing, reviewing and evaluating the unsolicited proposal.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (“IP”) - Inventions, original designs and practical applications of good ideas protected by law through copyright, patents, registered designs, circuit layout rights and trademarks, also trade secrets, proprietary know-how and other confidential information protected against unlawful disclosure by common law and through additional contractual obligations such as Confidential Agreements.

INTERIM AGREEMENT - An agreement between a private entity and a responsible public entity that provides for phasing of the development or operation, or both, of a qualifying project. Such phases may include, but are not limited to, design, planning, engineering, environmental analysis and mitigation, financial and revenue analysis, or any other phase of the project that constitutes activity on any part of the qualifying project.

LETTER OF INTEREST (“LOI”) - Cover letter attached to the initial submission made by the Proposer to initiate the Phased Process for Unsolicited Proposals.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Any county, municipality, consolidated government, or board of education. For purposes of this Article, Augusta, Georgia Consolidated Government.

PHASE PROCESS - Augusta, Georgia’s six-phase process of validating, evaluating and awarding projects that are initiated by Unsolicited Proposals.

PROPOSER - Any person or organization that submits the Unsolicited Proposal except for Augusta, Georgia's agencies and departments.

PRIVATE ENTITY - Any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, business trust, public benefit corporation, nonprofit entity, or other business entity.

QUALIFYING PROJECT - Any project selected in response to a request for a local government or submitted by a private entity as an unsolicited proposal in accordance with the PPFIA, subsequently reviewed, and approved by a local government, that has a public purpose or public need, as determined by the local government. A "qualifying project" shall not include and shall have no application to any project involving:

- (1) The generation of electric energy for sale pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;
- (2) Communications services pursuant to Articles 4 and 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;
- (3) Cable and video services pursuant to Chapter 76 of title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; or
- (4) Water reservoir projects as defined in paragraph (10) of OCGA §12-5-471, which shall be governed by Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

REVENUE - All revenues, income, earnings, user fees, lease payments, or other service payments arising out of or in connection with supporting the development or operation of a qualifying project.

UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL - A written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by a local government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by a local government.

STATE - The State of Georgia.

TRANSACTION PHASE - Transaction Phase may involve, subject to the delivery model, procurement phase followed by contract negotiations and execution. Note, public, community and stakeholder consultations may occur during the Transaction Phase.

UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL - A written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by a local government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by a local government.

Phase V

INTERIM AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS.

Prior to developing or operating the qualifying project, the selected private entity shall enter into a comprehensive agreement with the local government. Prior to entering a comprehensive agreement, an interim agreement may be entered into that permits a private entity to perform compensable activities related to the project. The local government may designate a working group to be responsible for negotiating any interim or comprehensive agreement. Any interim or comprehensive agreement shall define the rights and obligations of the local government and the selected proposer with regard to the project.

(1) **Interim Agreement Terms.**

The scope of an interim agreement may include but is not limited to:

- (a) Project planning and development;
- (b) Design and engineering;
- (c) Environmental analysis and mitigation;
- (d) Survey;
- (e) Ascertaining the availability of financing for the proposed facility through financial and revenue analysis;
- (f) Establishing a process and timing of the negotiation of the comprehensive agreement; and
- (g) Any other provisions related to any aspect of the development or operation of a qualifying project that the parties may deem appropriate prior to the execution of a comprehensive agreement.

Phase VI

(2) Comprehensive Agreement Terms.

The scope of the comprehensive agreement shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) A thorough description of the duties of each party in the completion and operation of the qualifying project;
- (b) Dates and schedules for the completion of the qualifying project;
- (c) Any user fees, lease payments, or service payments as may be established by agreement of the parties, as well as any process for changing such fees or payments throughout the term of the agreement, and a copy of any service contract;
- (d) Any reimbursements to be paid to the local government for services provided by the local government;
- (e) A process for the review of plans and specifications for the qualifying project by the local government and approval by the local government if the plans and specifications conform to reasonable standards acceptable to the local government;
- (f) A process for the periodic and final inspection of the qualifying project by the local government to ensure that the private entity's activities are in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive agreement;
- (g) Delivery of performance and payment bonds in the amounts required in AUGUSTA, GA Code Section(s) 36-91-70 and 36-91-90 and in a form acceptable to the local government for those components of the qualifying project that involve construction, and surety bonds, letters of credit, or other forms of security acceptable to the local government for other phases and components of the development of the qualifying project;
- (h) Submission of a policy or policies of public liability insurance, copies of which shall be filed with the local government accompanied by proofs of coverage, or self-insurance, each in form and amount satisfactory to the local government and reasonably sufficient to ensure coverage of tort liability to the public and employees and to enable the continued operation of the qualifying project;
- (i) A process for monitoring the practices of the private entity by the local government to ensure that the qualifying project is properly maintained;
- (j) The filing of appropriate financial statements to the local government on a periodic basis; and
- (k) Provisions governing the rights and responsibilities of the local government and the private entity in the event that the comprehensive agreement is terminated or there is a material default by the private entity, including conditions governing assumption of the duties and responsibilities of the private entity by the local government and the transfer or purchase of property or other interests of the private entity by the local government, including provisions compliant with state constitutional limitations on public debt by the local government. Such policies and procedures shall be consistent with OCGA § 36-91-116.

The comprehensive agreement may include such other terms and conditions that the local government determines will serve the public purpose of the PPFIA and to which the private entity and the local government mutually agree, including, without limitation, provisions regarding unavoidable delays and provisions where the authority and duties of the private entity under this article shall cease and the qualifying project is dedicated to the local government for public use.

Any changes in the terms of the comprehensive agreement, as may be agreed upon by the parties from time to time, shall be added to the comprehensive agreement by written amendment.

The comprehensive agreement may provide for the development of phases or segments of the qualifying project.

APPENDICES

The following appendices contained in this document are for reference only. The material is provided without warranty or liability of any kind to Augusta, Georgia. Every effort has been made to make the documentation as complete and accurate as possible without error.

Every proposer will follow the guidelines stated in this manual.

Appendix A: Fee Schedule

Provide the proposer with the proposed Local Government fee to cover the costs of processing, reviewing and evaluating the unsolicited proposal, as required in AUGUSTA, GA CODE Sec. 1-10-70.

Unsolicited Proposals will be subject to two types of review fee: a) the initial proposal processing fee; and, b) detailed evaluation fee. Both fees must be paid by cashier's check made payable to Augusta, Georgia.

The initial proposal-processing fee is \$100.00 and a cashier's check in this amount must accompany all Unsolicited Proposals. This fee is charged to offset the cost of the initial proposal-processing review, and is non-refundable regardless of whether or not the proposal is determined to merit further consideration. This amount is subject to annual adjustment to reflect inflation or in response to market conditions. The current fee will be updated as necessary and available on Augusta, Georgia's website.

The detailed evaluation fee applies only to proposals that are determined to merit further consideration. At such time that Augusta, Georgia reaches such a determination, the proposer will be notified, and the amount of the detailed evaluation fee identified. In response to this notification, the proposer may pay the detailed evaluation fee to proceed with the procurement process, or withdraw its proposal from further consideration without incurring any additional cost or obligation.

The amount of the detailed evaluation fee will vary with the estimated cost of the proposed project, product, or service, as described in the table below, to reflect the degree of complexity of the proposed project and the corresponding level of effort associated with the detailed evaluation.

ESTIMATED COST	DETAILED EVALUATION FEE
< Million	\$5 000
\$1 Million - \$20 Million	\$10 000
\$20 Million - \$50 Million	\$20,000
\$50 Million - \$100 Million	\$35 000
\$100 Million - \$500 Million	\$60 000
\$250 Million - \$500 Million	\$85 000
\$500 Million - \$1 Billion	\$110,000
> Billion	TBD

These amounts are subject to annual adjustment to reflect inflation or in response to market conditions. The current fees will be updated as necessary and available on Augusta, Georgia's website.

For any unsolicited proposal of the development of a project received by Augusta, Georgia may charge and retain a reasonable fee to cover the costs of processing, reviewing, and evaluating the unsolicited proposal, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and fees for financial, technical, and other necessary advisers or consultants.

The local government may reject any proposal or unsolicited proposal at any time and shall not be required to provide a reason for its denial. If the local government rejects a proposal or unsolicited proposal submitted by a private entity, it shall have no obligation to return the proposal, unsolicited proposal, or any related materials following such rejection.

A private entity assumes all risk in submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal and Augusta, Georgia shall not incur any obligation to reimburse a private entity for any costs, damages, or loss of intellectual property incurred by a private entity in the creation, development, or submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project.

Appendix B: References

SAMPLE REFERENCE SHEET

Your Name
 Street address
 City, state, and zip
 Telephone Number(s)
 e-mail address

REFERENCES

Name of reference
 Title at his or her organization
 Organization Name
 Street address
 City, state, and zip
 Work Phone
 Home Phone (if it's a personal reference, rather than a professional reference)
 Relationship to you (if it's not clear from your resume and cover letter)
 Skills/projects of your that this reference might discuss (optional)

Name of reference
 Title at his or her organization
 Organization Name
 Street address
 City, state, and zip
 Work Phone
 Home Phone (if it's a personal reference, rather than a professional reference)
 Relationship to you (if it's not clear from your resume and cover letter)
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 Street address
 City, state, and zip
 Work Phone
 Home Phone (if it's a personal reference, rather than a professional reference)
 Relationship to you (if it's not clear from your resume and cover letter)
 Skills/projects of your that this reference might discuss (optional)

Appendix C: Letter of Interest Template

[Date]

Director of Procurement
Unsolicited Proposals
535 Telfair Street – Suite 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

**RE: UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL – LETTER OF INTEREST –
PROJECT NAME:**

Dear Sir/Madam,

[Letter to contain brief detail of the following:

- Individual/organization introduction;
- Proposal idea/concept;
- Total estimated investment for the project;
- Value proposition to Augusta, Georgia ; and
- Contact details.]

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name & Title]

[Organization]

Appendix D: Declaration to Abide by Process

Date	
Name	
Organization	
To	
In relation to the	

Declaration

I, _____, [insert full name]

 [Insert organization and address] agree and acknowledge that I abide by the process outlined in this document including the following:

- No intellectual property transfer to Augusta, Georgia at the Concept Submission, any material presented will be at my discretion;
- No approaches will be made to the Board of Commission or other officers within Augusta, Georgia prior, during and after the Phased Process relating to an Unsolicited Proposal; and
- In the event of a rejected proposal, no further approaches are made to Augusta, Georgia regarding the Unsolicited Proposal until at least 18 months have transpired since the Concept Submission.

Executed as a Deed

Signed, seal and delivered

Signature of Declarant	
Name of Declarant	
Signature of Witness	
Name of Witness	

Appendix E: Unsolicited Proposals Briefing Note Template

[Date]

[Ref]

[Unsolicited Proposal Title]

[Unsolicited Proposal
Summary]

Decision Matrix

Criteria	No	Yes
1. Does the proposal directly conflict with a stated Government policy position?		
2. Is there an existing Government process/procedure in place to manage this proposal?		
3. Is the proposal unique in its value offering to justify a dedicated process?		
4. Does the proposal inhibit or stifle competition in Augusta, Georgia Procurement Code?		
5. Does the proposal require a change to or impact the Government in a way that can be considered too complex or inhibits Government's ability to complete it in a timely manner?		
6. Has the proposal been rejected before by Government? Has the proposal or context materially changed?		

[Reason for acceptance] / [Reason for rejection]

[Any recommendation for the Unsolicited Proposals Evaluation Committee to consider, e.g.:

- Additional attendance by other Directors whose directorates are materially impacted by the unsolicited proposal; and/or
 - Request input/advice from other Directors whose directorates are broadly impacted by the unsolicited proposal; and/or
 - Request input/advice from Commission Committee for Unsolicited Proposals that have a whole-of- government impact; and/or
 - Any clarification or information requirements to be sought from the Proponent.]
- [Note: this appendix is for content guidance only]

Appendix F: Strategic Review Scoring Sheet Template

At the Unsolicited Proposals Evaluation the Committee's discretion, they may utilize scoring sheets as part of the assessment of whether a Concept Submission should proceed to Detailed Submission (Phase 2).

A holistic approach should be adopted when scoring a Concept Submission and consider, amongst other things:

- The priorities of Augusta, Georgia (Government);
- Consideration of the submission's value proposition and merit to the Government; and
- Whether certain criteria outweigh others in the context of the proposal being reviewed. A scoring sheet template has been provided to assist with a strategic Multi Criteria Assessment.

Scoring Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
1. Does the proposal strategically align with current Government policy and objectives? (1 = Weak; 5 = Strong)					
2. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will deliver net economic benefits to the Government? (i.e. will it generate jobs, business activity, stimulate urban renewal, etc. that would otherwise be foregone) (1 = No benefits; 5 = High benefits)					
3. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have a net financial impact on Government? (I.e. will Government have to incur expenditure?) (1 = High impact; 5 = No impact)					
4. Does the proposal have the ability to generate additional cash flow revenues for the Government? (1 = No revenues; 5 = Substantial revenues)					
5. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have an impact on the community? (1 = Negative impact; 5 = Positive impact)					
6. Does the Committee believe that the proposal will likely have an impact on the environment? (1 = Negative impact; 5 = Positive impact)					
7. Are the risks associated with the proposal acceptable to Government? (1 = Not acceptable; 5 = Acceptable)					
8. Is the proposal achievable in terms of delivery with respect to Government changes required and timeliness? (1 = Not achievable; 5 = Achievable)					
9. Intuitively, does the Committee believe that the proposal may be viable but lack					

Scoring Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
adequate information to make a decision? (1 = Not viable, no further info required; 3 = Possibly viable, more info required; 5 = Viable, no further info required)					
10. Does this proposal represent a value proposition that the Government should consider? (1 = No; 5 = Yes)					

[Reason for acceptance] / [Reason for rejection]

[Any recommendation for the Unsolicited Proposals Evaluation Committee to consider, e.g.:

- Any clarification or information requirements to be sought from the Proponent.]

Appendix G: Advertisement to Public to receive Unsolicited Proposals Template

Time Period for Receiving Unsolicited Proposals and Format for Submissions.

Time Period. Unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects will be received by the Augusta, Georgia. Proposals will be received by 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday beginning the first business day of JANUARY and ending on the last business day of MARCH of each year. Such unsolicited proposals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to:

Geri A. Sams, Director
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

Please submit six (6) copies and one unbound copy of the proposal.

All questions must be submitted in writing by fax to 706 821-2811 or by email to unsolicitedproposal@augustaga.gov to the office of the Procurement Department. No Unsolicited Proposals will be accepted by fax, all must be received by mail or hand delivered.

Format for Submissions. Unsolicited proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) a project description, (b) a project feasibility statement, (c) a proposed project schedule, (d) a project financing plan, (e) a business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data, (f) a description of any anticipated public support or opposition, (g) qualifications and experience (h) names and addresses of persons who may be contact and (g) any additional information as Augusta, Georgia (local government) may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the "PPFIA"). Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a concise description of the proposer's capabilities to complete the proposed qualifying project and the benefits to be derived from the project by Augusta, Georgia. Such proposals may also include any additional pertinent information as determined by the proposer.

Only proposals complying with the requirements of these guidelines and the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the "PPFIA") that contain sufficient information for a meaningful evaluation and that are provided in an appropriate format should be considered by the local Government for further review. If any information necessary to make a meaningful evaluation is missing, the Local Government may request such information from the proposer. Unsolicited proposals may be subject to the Open Records Act.

Note: "Unsolicited Proposal" means a written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by the local Government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by the local Government.

The format and information to be included in any unsolicited proposal can be found:

<http://www.augustaga.gov/unsolicitedproposal>

Publish:

Legal Organ: Augusta Chronicle 9/21, 28; 10/5, 12, 19 and 26, 2017

Metro Courier: 9/27

Electronic Means: Onvia (Demand Star) 9/21 thru opening

Internet Website: ARCBid www.augustaga.gov

Georgia Procurement Registry: 9/21 thru opening

cc: Commissioners
Janice Allen Jackson, Administrator
Chester Brazzell,
Deputy Administrator

Appendix H

Criteria for Evaluation Request for Proposals Template

PHASE 1

RFP - Evaluation/Scoring Guidelines

The evaluator/evaluation committee will consider the following guidelines in awarding points to the evaluation criteria and the evaluations of the referenced questions.

Superior: 675 – 750 Points exceptional – completely and comprehensively meets all of the requirements of the RFP; may provide additional information or cover areas not originally addressed within the RFP and/or include additional information and recommendations that would prove both valuable and beneficial to Augusta, Georgia.

Good Response: 600 – 674 Points clearly meets all the requirements of the RFP and demonstrates in an unambiguous and concise manner a thorough knowledge and understanding of the category or categories with no deficiencies noted.

Fair Response: 525 – 599 Points minimally meets most requirements of the RFP. Respondent/Offeror(s) demonstrated some ability to comply with guidelines and requirements of the category or categories, but knowledge of the subject matter is limited.

Failed Response: 0 – 524 Points does not meet the requirements of the RFP. Respondent/Offeror(s) has not demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the subject matter.

Note: Respondent/Offeror(s) receiving 600 or more points will be invited to do presentations to provide additional information if deemed necessary.

PHASE 2

Selection. After the deadline for the receipt of competing proposals, the Local Government shall reconvene the evaluation committee to review, evaluate and score the responses.

The criteria to be used in the evaluation of competing proposals for a qualifying project shall be determined by the evaluation committee of Augusta, Georgia prior to submitting a request for proposal for such qualifying project. The evaluation committee of the Augusta, Georgia shall establish a scoring matrix for review of responses to a request for proposal. The scoring matrix can be weighted in any fair manner to adequately assess the critical elements of a proposal, with the most likely highest weighted categories being (a) project financing and (b) qualifications and experience.

There are several factors that Augusta, Georgia may use when evaluating and selecting an unsolicited proposal, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Project Financing
- (2) Qualifications and Experience
- (3) Project Characteristics
- (4) Project Benefit and Compatibility
- (5) Other Factors
- (6) References

Selection.

The evaluation committee and advisor, in consultation and upon the recommendation of the head of the using agency, shall select from among the offerors no less than three (3) offerors (the "short-listed offerors") deemed to be the most responsible and responsive; provided, however, that if three (3) or less offerors respond to the solicitation, this requirement will not apply. The selection of the short-listed offerors shall be made in order of preference. From the date proposals are received by Procurement Director through the date the contract is awarded, no offeror may make substitutions, deletions, additions or other changes in the configuration or structure of the offeror's teams or members of offeror's teams prior to award. The selection criteria shall include, but not be limited to, those contained in Senate Bill 59 - Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act

Price information shall be separated from the proposal in a sealed envelope and opened only after the proposals have been reviewed and ranked. The names of the respondents will be identified at the proposal opening; however, no proposal will be handled to permit disclosure of the detailed contents of the responses until after award of contract. A record of all responses shall be prepared and maintained for the files and audit purposes.

Cumulative Scores will include the total from Phase 1 and Phase 2. It is the intent of the Owner to conduct a fair and comprehensive evaluation of all proposals received. **The contract for this project will be awarded to the proposer who submitted a proposal that is most advantageous to the Owner.**

Appendix H

Sample Evaluation Form

Unsolicited Proposal Number: UP#

Date Received:

Project Name:

Date of acknowledgement of receipt of the unsolicited proposal:

Date accept the unsolicited proposal:

Date reject the unsolicited proposal:

Date of Vendor's notification of decision:

	Yes	No
Fee Enclosed: One Hundred Dollar Cashier Check payable to: Augusta, Georgia		
Package submitted by the deadline		

Advisory Committee Review

Phase I Review

Submittal and Quality of RFP MUST PASS A thru I FOR CONTINUED CONSIDERATION

	Pass	Fail
a) Project description,		
b) Project feasibility statement		
c) Proposed project schedule,		
d) Project financing plan		
e) Business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data,		
f) Description of any anticipated public support or opposition		
g)Qualifications and experience		
h) Names and addresses of persons who may be contact(See Appendix B)		
i) Any additional information pertinent information as determined by the proposer or as requested by Augusta, Georgia (local government) may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the Public-Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2015 (the "PPFIA").		

Committee Members:

Independent Advisor(s)

Provide the proposer with the proposed Local Government fee to cover the costs of processing, reviewing and evaluating the unsolicited proposal. **The Process ends until the fee is received.**

FEE AMOUNT \$

(see Appendix A)

Appendix H - Page 2 of 3**Sample Evaluation Form****Unsolicited Proposal Number: UP#****Project Name:****Date of Evaluation:****Recommendation Date to Committee:**

The Evaluation Committee and Independent Advisors shall perform the following financial review and analysis of the unsolicited proposal:

(a) A cost-benefit analysis;		
(b) Evaluation of the public need for or benefit derived from the qualifying project;		
(c) Evaluation of the estimated cost of the qualifying project for reasonableness in relation to similar facilities;		
(d) Evaluation of the source of funding for the project;		
(e) Consideration of plans to ensure timely development or operation;		
(f) Evaluation of risk sharing, including cost or completion guarantees, added value, or debt or equity investments by the private entity; and		
(g) Consideration of any increase in funding, dedicated revenue source, or other economic benefit that would not otherwise be available.		

Committee Members:**Independent Advisor(s)****Comments:**

The Advisor(s) representing the Evaluation Committee (EC) shall make a recommendation to the governing body of Augusta, Georgia to reject or accept the unsolicited proposal. Any Advisor(s) and those members of the EC should be present to address any questions.

Appendix H - Page 3 of 3**Sample Evaluation Form****Unsolicited Proposal Number: UP#****Project Name:****Date of Evaluation:****Recommendation Date to Commission:**

Approved or Rejected (Circle One)

Posting and Publishing Notice of the Opportunity to Offer Competing Proposals (if approved)**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO:**

(add RFP in front of the UP# - RFPUP17-001)

Advertisement

Advertised a minimum of two times, with the first advertisement occurring at least ninety days prior to the deadline for receipt of competing proposals. The second advertisement shall follow no earlier than six weeks from the first advertisement.

Date: First Advertisement:

Second Advertisement:

Procedures for Processing, Review and Consideration of Competing Proposals (see Appendix I)

(a) Project financing	300	
(b) Qualifications and experience	160	
(c) Project Characteristics	100	
(d) Project Benefit and Compatibility	90	
(e) Other Factors	60	
(f) References	40	
Total Score	750	

Comments

Name of Evaluator:

Date:

Appendix I

Submission Checklist

All unsolicited proposals should cover the points discussed in this guide. All unsolicited proposals should cover the points discussed in this guide. *Please submit six (6) copies one bound and one unbound copy of the proposal.* Unsolicited proposals should be signed by an authorized official of the proposing organization or by the proposer if submitted by an individual.

Elaborate proposals or presentations are not desired. Each applicant should review the submission to ensure that all data necessary for critical evaluation is included initially. Correspondence generated by omission of essential items delays processing of proposals. The following is a list of essential items that an unsolicited proposal should contain.

The checklist below provides guidance for the issues Proposers can cover when submitting an Unsolicited Proposal.

Proposal will be accepted only at the time and place listed below:

Time Period. Unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects will be received by the Augusta, Georgia. Proposals will be received by 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday beginning on the first business day JANUARY and ending on the last business day of MARCH of each year. Such unsolicited proposals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to:

Geri A. Sams, Director
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

General Requirements

A private entity assumes all risk in submission of an unsolicited proposal, and a Local Government shall not incur any obligation to reimburse a private entity for any costs, damages, or loss of intellectual property incurred by a private entity in the creation, development, or submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project.

Private entities are solely responsible for all costs and expenses of any nature associated with preparing or submitting an Unsolicited Proposal, including attending preliminary meetings and providing supplemental information. Augusta, Georgia assumes no obligations, responsibilities, and/or liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred or alleged to have been incurred by parties preparing or submitting an Unsolicited Proposal. Under no circumstances will Augusta, Georgia or any of their agents, representatives, consultants, directors, officers or employees be liable for, or otherwise obligated to reimburse, the costs incurred by a private entities, whether or not selected for negotiations, in developing, preparing and submitting its Proposal or negotiating an Agreement. In no event shall Augusta, Georgia be bound by, or liable for, any obligations with respect to such proposals until such time (if at all) as an Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to Augusta, Georgia, has been authorized and executed by Augusta, Georgia and, then, only to the extent set forth therein.

Augusta, Georgia shall charge and retain an *initial proposal processing* fee equal to \$100 to be paid by the proposer prior to the review of an unsolicited proposal. Please submit in a separate envelope with the submittal

a cashier check made payable to: Augusta, Georgia Consolidated Government. Marked: Fee for Unsolicited Proposal Review.

Concept Submission Requirements

It is recommended that the submission be kept concise and brief in the form of a proposal overview to allow the Advisory and Evaluation Committees to respond in a timely manner, and stay within a 45 minute presentation (Optional) should it progress pass the filtering process.

The following document limits apply to the Concept Submission:

- ✓ Word Processing (e.g. MS Word) – up to 40 pages (portrait)
- ✓ Presentation Processing (e.g. MS PowerPoint) – up to 30 slides (landscape)
- ✓ No less than 10 point font
- ✓ Normal document margins

Format for Submissions. Initial Unsolicited proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

Cover Page

Basic Information

1. Name and address of submitter.
2. Proposal submission date.
3. Type of business (indicate whether profit, nonprofit, educational, small business, woman- owned, socially and economically disadvantaged, or other).
4. Proposed starting date and estimated period of performance.
5. Period for which proposal is valid (minimum of six months from date of submission).
6. Names and telephone numbers of the proposer's primary business and technical personnel whom Augusta, Georgia may contact for evaluation or negotiation purposes.
7. Signature of person authorized to contractually represent the individual or organization.
8. List of other Federal, State, or local government agencies or private organizations to which the proposal has been submitted and/or those funding the proposed effort.
9. Statement that the proposal may, or may not, be subjected to external review. (See "Georgia Open Record Code")
10. Statement that the proposal does/does not contain proprietary information.

All Unsolicited proposals must be tabbed alphabetically as listed below (see Phase I and II):

Tab.

- Signed Declaration to Abide by Process (**Appendix D**)
- (a) Project description
- (b) Project feasibility statement
- (c) Proposed project schedule
- (d) Project financing plan
- (e) Business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data
- (f) Description of any anticipated public support or opposition
- (g) Qualifications and experience
- (h) Names and addresses of persons who may be contact and
- (g) Any additional information as Augusta, Georgia may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the PPFIA.

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a concise description of the proposer's capabilities to complete the proposed qualifying project and the benefits to be

derived from the project by Augusta, Georgia. Such proposals may also include any additional pertinent information as determined by the proposer.

In addition to the general requirements as stated above, the following list provides additional information requirements for the Detailed Submission (Phase 2).

It is recommended that the Detailed Submission be in the form of a fully developed business case.

It should provide a comprehensive and compelling case to support the Unsolicited Proposal, and where possible, provide quantified supporting evidence to allow for a robust evaluation by the Evaluation Committee against the guiding principles and objectives.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Detailed Submission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements, the list below provides additional information requirements for the Concept Submission (Request for Proposal):

Letter of Interest (**Appendix C**)

Signed Declaration to Abide by Process (**Appendix D**)

(a) Project Financing

- Cost and cost benefit to the local government;
- Financing and the impact on the debt burden of the local government or appropriating body;
- Financial plan, including the degree to which the proposer has conducted due diligence investigation and analysis of the proposed financial plan and the results of any such inquiries or studies;
- Opportunity costs assessment;
- Estimated cost;
- Life-cycle cost analysis;
- The identity, credit history, past performance of any third party that will provide financing for the project and the nature and timing of their commitment, as applicable; and
- Such other items as the local government deems appropriate.

(b) Qualifications and Experience

- Experience with similar projects;
- Demonstration of ability to perform work;
- Leadership structure;
- Project manager's experience;
- Management approach;
- Financial condition; and
- Project ownership.

(c) Project Characteristics

- Project definition;
- Proposed project schedule;
- Operation of the project;
- Technology; technical feasibility;
- Conformity to laws, regulations, and standards;
- Environmental impacts;
- Condemnation impacts;
- State and local permits; and
- Maintenance of the project.

(d) Project Benefit and Compatibility

- Community benefits;
- Community support or opposition, or both;
- Public involvement strategy;
- Compatibility with existing and planned facilities; and

- Compatibility with local, regional, and state economic development efforts.
- (e) Other Factors
 - The proposed cost of the qualifying project;
 - The general reputation, industry experience, and financial capacity of the private entity;
 - The proposed design of the qualifying project;
 - The eligibility of the project for accelerated documentation, review, and selection;
 - Local citizen and government comments;
 - Benefits to the public, including financial and nonfinancial;
 - The private entity's compliance with a minority business enterprise participation plan or good faith effort to comply with the goals of such plan;
 - The private entity's plans to employ local contractors and residents;
 - The recommendation of a committee of representatives of members of the local government and the appropriating body which may be established to provide advisory oversight for the project; and
 - Other criteria that the local government deems appropriate
- (f) References
- (g) Case for change
 - What problem and/or opportunity is the proposal trying to address?
 - What evidence is there to support this?
 - Why does this need to be addressed now?
- (h) Strategic alignment
 - How does the proposal meet the principles and objectives outlined in this policy document?
- (i) Risks
 - What are the key risks of the proposal?
 - How can they be managed within reason?
- (j) Objectives of the proposal
- (k) Unique elements of the proposal
 - Intellectual property or genuinely innovative ideas
 - Ownership of real property
 - Ownership of software or technology offering a unique benefits
 - Unique financial arrangement
 - Unique ability to deliver a strategic outcome
 - Other demonstrably unique elements



Guidelines for Unsolicited Proposals

APPENDIX J

PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Senate Bill 59

By: Senators Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st and Hill of the 32nd

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government,
2 and Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as
3 to provide for definitions; to provide guidelines for projects; to create the Partnership for
4 Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee and to provide for its
5 membership, terms, allowances, duties, and support; to provide for the manner by which
6 projects may be initiated; to provide for the approval process for projects; to provide for
7 evaluation criteria and review; to provide for agreements; to provide for default and
8 remedies; to provide for financing and grants; to provide for service contracts; to provide for
9 the dedication of certain property interests; to provide for sovereign immunity; to provide for
10 police powers; to provide for application of open meetings and open records laws; to provide
11 a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
12 laws; and for other purposes.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

14 SECTION 1.

15 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Partnership for Public Facilities and

16 Infrastructure Act."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, is amended
19 by adding a new article to Chapter 91, relating to public works bidding, to read as follows:

20 **"ARTICLE 5**

21 **36-91-110.**

22 As used in this article, the term:

23 (1) 'Comprehensive agreement' means the written agreement between the private entity
24 and the local government required by Code Section 36-91-115.

25 (2) 'Develop' or 'development' means to plan, design, develop, finance, lease, acquire,
26 install, construct, operate, maintain, or expand.

27 (3) 'Local authority' means any local authority created pursuant to a local or general Act
28 of the General Assembly, including a joint public instrumentality.

29 (4) 'Local government' means any county, municipality, consolidated government, or
30 board of education.

31 (5) 'Private entity' means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited
32 liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, business trust, public benefit
33 corporation, nonprofit entity, or other business entity.

34 (6) 'Qualifying project' means any project selected in response to a request from a local
35 government or submitted by a private entity as an unsolicited proposal in accordance with
36 this article and subsequently reviewed and approved by a local government, within its
37 sole discretion, as meeting a public purpose or public need. This term shall not include
38 and shall have no application to any project involving:

39 (A) The generation of electric energy for sale pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 46;

40 (B) Communications services pursuant to Articles 4 and 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 46;

(C) Cable and video services pursuant to Chapter 76 of this title; or

(D) Water reservoir projects as defined in paragraph (10) of Code Section 12-5-471, which shall be governed by Article 4 of this chapter.

(7) 'Revenue' means all revenues, income, earnings, user fees, lease payments, or other service payments arising out of or in connection with supporting the development or operation of a qualifying project.

(8) 'Unsolicited proposal' means a written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by a local government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by a local government.

36-91-111.

(a) The Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Committee is established to prepare model guidelines for local governments in the implementation of this article.

(b) The committee shall be composed of ten persons. Except for the local government officials or staff appointed to the committee, each committee member shall have subject matter expertise in architecture, construction management, engineering, finance, or real estate development. These appointments shall be made as follows:

(1) The following members shall be appointed by the Governor:

(A) One member or employee of a county governing authority;

(B) One member or employee of a municipal governing authority;

(C) One member or employee of a local board of education; and

(D) One licensed member of the State Bar of Georgia with expertise in representing local government in public works construction.

(2) The following members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, provided that one of these appointees shall have expertise in working with local government:

(A) One member of the business community with expertise in construction management employed by a firm with less than \$25 million in annual revenue;

69 (B) One member of the business community who is a licensed architect; and

70 (C) One member of the business community with expertise in real estate development;

71 and

72 (3) The following members shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, provided that

73 one of these appointees shall have expertise in working with local government:

74 (A) One member of the business community with expertise in construction

75 management employed by a firm with more than \$25 million in annual revenue;

76 (B) One member of the business community who is a licensed professional engineer;

77 and

78 (C) One member of the business community with expertise in finance.

79 (c) The terms of these committee appointments shall be for two years. At least three of

80 these appointees shall reside outside of the Augusta, Georgia metropolitan Atlanta area. The appointments

81 shall be made as soon as feasible, but not later than August 1, 2015. The committee shall

82 meet once a month or as needed and shall issue model guidelines to local governments no

83 later than July 1, 2016. Such guidelines shall be updated every two years. The members

84 of the committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson who shall serve for

85 two-year terms in such office.

86 (d) Citizen members shall receive a daily expense allowance in the amount specified in

87 subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 as well as the mileage or transportation allowance

88 authorized for state employees.

89 (e) Staff support shall be provided by the Department of Administrative Services, the

90 Governor's office, and the Office of Planning and Budget.

91 36-91-112.

92 (a) Prior to executing any comprehensive agreement for the development or operation of

93 93 a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal received by a local government

94 94 under this article, the local government shall adopt either:

95 95 (1) The model guidelines from the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act

96 96 Guidelines Committee; or

97 (2) Its own guidelines as a policy, rule, regulation, or ordinance, which shall contain each
 98 of the factors identified in subsection (b) of this Code section.

99 (b) The model guidelines shall include, at a minimum, the following:

100 (1) The period of time each calendar year when the local government will consider
 101 receiving, processing, reviewing, or evaluating unsolicited proposals for qualifying
 102 projects, and such limited time period shall be established within the sole discretion of
 103 the local government;

104 (2) Procedures for the financial review and analysis of an unsolicited proposal that may
 105 include:

106 (A) A cost-benefit analysis;

107 (B) Evaluation of the public need for or benefit derived from the qualifying project;

108 (C) Evaluation of the estimated cost of the qualifying project for reasonableness in
 109 relation to similar facilities;

110 (D) Evaluation of the source of funding for the project;

111 (E) Consideration of plans to ensure timely development or operation;

112 (F) Evaluation of risk sharing, including cost or completion guarantees, added value,
 113 or debt or equity investments by the private entity; and

114 (G) Consideration of any increase in funding, dedicated revenue source, or other
 115 economic benefit that would not otherwise be available;

116 (3) Criteria for determining any fees authorized in Code Section 36-91-113 that the local
 117 government elects to charge the private entity for the processing, review, and evaluation
 118 of an unsolicited proposal;

119 (4) A requirement for the issuance of a request for proposals upon a decision by the local
 120 government to proceed with a qualifying project pursuant to an unsolicited proposal;

121 (5) Procedures for posting and publishing notice of the opportunity to offer competing
 122 proposals;

123 (6) Procedures for the processing, review, and consideration of competing proposals, and
 124 the period for the processing, review, and consideration of competing proposals shall not

be less than 90 days;

(7) Procedures for determining whether information included in an unsolicited proposal shall be released as part of any request for proposals to ensure fair competition; and

(8) Procedures for identifying and appointing an independent owner adviser to the local government with expertise in architecture, engineering, or construction management to assist in the evaluation of an unsolicited proposal and to serve as owner adviser to the local government if the local government chooses to pursue any ensuing solicited bid process.

The local government shall not be obligated to engage such services.

36-91-113.

(a) If a local government adopts a rule, regulation, or ordinance affirming its participation in the process created in this article, a private entity may submit an unsolicited proposal for a project to the local government for review and determination as a qualifying project in accordance with the guidelines established by the local government. Any such unsolicited proposal shall be accompanied by the following material and information:

(1) A project description, including the location of the project, the conceptual design of such facility or facilities, and a conceptual plan for the provision of services or technology infrastructure;

(2) A feasibility statement that includes:

(A) The method by which the private entity proposes to secure any necessary property interests required for the project;

(B) A list of all permits and approvals required for the project from local, state, or federal agencies; and

(C) A list of public utility facilities, if any, that will be crossed by the project and a statement of the plans of the private entity to accommodate such crossings;

(3) A schedule for the initiation and completion of the project to include the proposed major responsibilities and timeline for activities to be performed by both the local government and private entity as well as a proposed schedule for obtaining the permits and approvals required in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(4) A financial plan setting forth the private entity's general plans for financing the project, including the sources of the private entity's funds and identification of any dedicated revenue source or proposed debt or equity investment on behalf of the private entity; a description of user fees, lease payments, and other service payments over the term of the comprehensive agreement pursuant to Code Section 36-91-115; and the methodology and circumstances for changes to such user fees, lease payments, and other service payments over time;

(5) A business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data;

(6) The names and addresses of the persons who may be contacted for further information concerning the unsolicited proposal; and

(7) Such additional material and information as the local government may reasonably request.

(b) For any unsolicited proposal of the development of a project received by a local government, the local government may charge and retain a reasonable fee to cover the costs of processing, reviewing, and evaluating the unsolicited proposal, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and fees for financial, technical, and other necessary advisers or consultants.

(c) The local government may reject any proposal or unsolicited proposal at any time and shall not be required to provide a reason for its denial. If the local government rejects a proposal or unsolicited proposal submitted by a private entity, it shall have no obligation to return the proposal, unsolicited proposal, or any related materials following such rejection.

(d) A private entity assumes all risk in submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, and a local government shall not incur any obligation to reimburse a private entity for any costs, damages, or loss

of intellectual property incurred by a private entity in the creation, development, or submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project.
36-91-114.

(a) The local government may approve the project in an unsolicited proposal submitted by a private entity pursuant to Code Section 36-91-113 as a qualifying project. Determination by the local government of a qualifying project shall not bind the local government or the private entity to proceed with the qualifying project.

(b) Upon the local government's determination of a qualifying project as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, the local government shall:

(1) Seek competing proposals for the qualifying project by issuing a request for proposals for not less than 90 days; and

(2) Review all proposals submitted in response to the request for proposals based on the criteria established in the request for proposals.

(c) When the time for receiving proposals expires, the local government shall first rank the proposals in accordance with the factors set forth in the request for proposal or invitation for bids. The local government shall not be required to select the proposal with the lowest price offer, but it may consider price as one of various factors in evaluating the proposals received in response to the request for proposals for a qualifying project. Factors that may be considered include:

(1) The proposed cost of the qualifying project;

(2) The general reputation, industry experience, and financial capacity of the private entity;

(3) The proposed design of the qualifying project;

(4) The eligibility of the facility for accelerated selection, review, and documentation timelines under the local government's guidelines;

(5) Benefits to the public;

(6) The private entity's compliance with a minority business enterprise participation plan;

(7) The private entity's plans to employ local contractors and residents; and

209 (8) Other criteria that the local government deems appropriate.

210 (d) After ranking the proposals, the local government shall begin negotiations with the first
 211 ranked private entity. If the local government and the first ranked private entity do not
 212 reach a comprehensive agreement or interim agreement, then the local government may
 213 conduct negotiations with the next ranked private entity. This process shall continue until
 214 the local government either voluntarily abandons the process or executes a comprehensive
 215 agreement or interim agreement with a private entity.

216 (e) At any time during the process outlined in this Code section but before the full
 217 execution of a comprehensive agreement, the local government may, without liability to
 218 any private entity or third party, cancel its request for proposals or reject all proposals
 219 received in response to its request for proposals, including the unsolicited proposal, for any
 220 reason whatsoever.

221 (f) Nothing in this article shall enlarge, diminish, or affect the authority, if any, otherwise
 222 possessed by the local government to take action that would impact the debt capacity of the
 223 State of Georgia or any local government. The credit of this state shall not be pledged or
 224 loaned to any private entity. The local government shall not loan money to the private
 225 entity in order to finance all or a portion of the qualifying project. A multiyear lease entered
 226 into by a local government which is not terminable at the end of each fiscal year during the
 227 term of the lease shall be considered a debt of the local government which enters into such
 228 lease, and such lease shall apply against the debt limitations of the local government.
 229 36-91-115.

230 (a) The comprehensive agreement entered into between the local government and the
 231 private entity selected in accordance with this article shall include:

232 (1) A thorough description of the duties of each party in the completion and operation
 233 of the qualifying project;

234 (2) Dates and schedules for the completion of the qualifying project;

235 (3) Any user fees, lease payments, or service payments as may be established by
 236 , agreement of the parties, as well as any process for changing such fees or payments
 237 throughout the term of the agreement, and a copy of any service contract;

- 238 (4) Any reimbursements to be paid to the local government for services provided by the
 239 local government;
- 240 (5) A process for the review of plans and specifications for the qualifying project by the
 241 local government and approval by the local government if the plans and specifications
 242 conform to reasonable standards acceptable to the local government;
- 243 (6) A process for the periodic and final inspection of the qualifying project by the local
 244 government to ensure that the private entity's activities are in accordance with the
 245 provisions of the comprehensive agreement;
- 246 (7) Delivery of performance and payment bonds in the amounts required in Code
 247 Sections 36-91-70 and 36-91-90 and in a form acceptable to the local government for
 248 those components of the qualifying project that involve construction, and surety bonds,
 249 letters of credit, or other forms of security acceptable to the local government for other
 250 phases and components of the development of the qualifying project;
- 251 (8) Submission of a policy or policies of public liability insurance, copies of which shall
 252 be filed with the local government accompanied by proofs of coverage, or self-insurance,
 253 each in form and amount satisfactory to the local government and reasonably sufficient
 254 to ensure coverage of tort liability to the public and employees and to enable the
 255 continued operation of the qualifying project;
- 256 (9) A process for monitoring the practices of the private entity by the local government
 257 to ensure that the qualifying project is properly maintained;
- 258 (10) The filing of appropriate financial statements to the local government on a periodic
 259 basis; and
- 260 (11) Provisions governing the rights and responsibilities of the local government and the
 261 private entity in the event that the comprehensive agreement is terminated or there is a
 262 material default by the private entity, including conditions governing assumption of the
 263 duties and responsibilities of the private entity by the local government and the transfer
 264 or purchase of property or other interests of the private entity by the local government,

265 including provisions compliant with state constitutional limitations on public debt by the
 266 local government. Such policies and procedures shall be consistent with Code
 267 Section 36-91-116.

268 (b) The comprehensive agreement may include such other terms and conditions that the
 269 local government determines will serve the public purpose of this article and to which the
 270 private entity and the local government mutually agree, including, without limitation,
 271 provisions regarding unavoidable delays and provisions where the authority and duties of
 272 the private entity under this article shall cease and the qualifying project is dedicated to the
 273 local government for public use.

274 (c) Any changes in the terms of the comprehensive agreement, as may be agreed upon by
 275 the parties from time to time, shall be added to the comprehensive agreement by written
 276 amendment.

277 (d) The comprehensive agreement may provide for the development of phases or segments
 278 of the qualifying project.
 279 36-91-116.

280 (a) In the event of a material default by the private entity, the local government may
 281 terminate, with cause, the comprehensive agreement and exercise any other rights and
 282 remedies that may be available to it at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, claims
 283 under the maintenance, performance, or payment bonds; other forms of security; or letters
 284 of credit required by Code Section 36-91-115.

285 (b) The local government may elect to assume the responsibilities and duties of the private
 286 entity of the qualifying project, and in such case, it shall succeed to all of the right, title,
 287 and interest in such qualifying project subject to statutory limitations on the availability of
 288 future appropriated or otherwise unobligated funds.

289 (c) The power of eminent domain shall not be delegated to any private entity with respect
 290 to any project commenced or proposed pursuant to this article. Any local government
 291 having the power of condemnation under state law may exercise such power of

condemnation to acquire the qualifying project in the event of a material default by the private entity. Any person who has perfected a security interest in the qualifying project may participate in the condemnation proceedings with the standing of a property owner.

(d) In the event the local government elects to take over a qualifying project pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the local government may develop the qualifying project, impose user fees, and impose and collect lease payments for the use thereof.
36-91-117.

All power or authority granted by this article to public entities shall be in addition and supplemental to, and not in substitution for, the powers conferred by any other general, special, or local law. The limitations imposed by this article shall not affect the powers conferred by any other general, special, or local law and shall apply only to the extent that a local government elects to proceed under this article.

36-91-118.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as or deemed a waiver of the sovereign or official immunity of any local government or any officer or employee thereof with respect to the participation in, or approval of, all or any part of the qualifying project or its operation, including, but not limited to, interconnection of the qualifying project with any other infrastructure or project.

36-91-119.

(a) Local governments that proceed with procurement pursuant to competitive sealed bidding as defined in Code Section 36-91-2, or any other purchasing options available under current law, shall not be required to comply with this article.

(b) Nothing in this article shall apply to or affect the State Transportation Board, the 315 Department of Transportation, or the State Road and Tollway Authority, or any project thereof.

(c) Nothing in this article shall abrogate the obligations of a local government or private entity to comply with the public meetings requirement in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 or to disclose public information in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 18 of

Title 50."

SECTION 3.

Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 5C

50-5C-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(1) 'Affected local jurisdiction' means any county, municipality, or school district in which all or a portion of a qualifying project is located.

(2) 'Comprehensive agreement' means the written agreement between the private entity and the responsible public entity required by Code Section 50-5C-5.

(3) 'Develop' or 'development' means to plan, design, develop, finance, lease, acquire, install, construct, operate, maintain, or expand.

(4) 'Person' means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other legal entity.

(5) 'Private entity' means any natural person, corporation, general partnership, limited liability company, limited partnership, joint venture, business trust, public benefit corporation, nonprofit entity, or other business entity.

(6) 'Public entity' means a department, agency, board, bureau, commission, authority, or instrumentality of the State of Georgia, including the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as well as a local government or local authority.

(7) 'Qualifying project' means any project submitted by a private entity as an unsolicited proposal in accordance with this chapter and subsequently reviewed and approved by a responsible public entity, within its sole discretion, as meeting a public purpose or public need. This term shall not include and shall have no application to any project involving:

- (A) The generation of electric energy for sale pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 46; (B) Communications services pursuant to Articles 4 and 7 of Chapter 5 of Title 46; (C) Cable and video services pursuant to Chapter 76 of Title 36; or

(D) Water reservoir projects as defined in paragraph (10) of Code Section 12-5-471, which shall be governed by Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36.

(8) 'Responsible public entity' means a public entity that has the power to contract with a private entity to develop an identified qualifying project. For any unsolicited proposal for a project at one or more institutions of the University System of Georgia, the responsible public entity shall be the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia or its designees. For any unsolicited proposal for a project for one or more state government entities, other than an institution of the University System of Georgia, the responsible public entity shall be the State Properties Commission.

(9) 'Revenue' means all revenues, income, earnings, user fees, lease payments, or other service payments arising out of or in connection with supporting the development or operation of a qualifying project.

(10) 'Unsolicited proposal' means a written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by a responsible public entity and is not in response to any request for proposal issued by a responsible public entity.

50-5C-2.

For any qualifying project undertaken by the State Properties Commission, the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission shall be solely authorized to develop guidelines for this process. For any qualifying project undertaken by the University System of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be solely authorized to develop guidelines for this process.

50-5C-3.

(a) Between May 1 and June 30 of each year, a private entity may submit an unsolicited proposal for a project to the responsible public entity for review and determination as a qualifying project in accordance with the guidelines established by Code Section 50-5C-2. Any such unsolicited proposal shall be accompanied by the following material and information:

(1) A project description, including the location of the project, the conceptual design of

376 such facility or facilities, and a conceptual plan for the provision of services or
377 technology infrastructure;

378 (2) A feasibility statement that includes:

379 (A) The method by which the private entity proposes to secure any necessary
380 property interests required for the project;

381 (B) A list of all permits and approvals required for the project from local,
382 state, or federal agencies; and

383 (C) A list of public utility facilities, if any, that will be crossed by the project
384 and a statement of the plans of the private entity to accommodate such crossings;

385 (3) A schedule for the initiation and completion of the project to include the proposed
386 major responsibilities and timeline for activities to be performed by both the public and
387 private entity as well as a proposed schedule for obtaining the permits and approvals
388 required in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of this subsection;

389 (4) A financial plan setting forth the private entity's general plans for financing the
390 project, including the sources of the private entity's funds and identification of any
391 dedicated revenue source or proposed debt or equity investment on behalf of the private
392 entity; a description of user fees, lease payments, and other service payments over the
393 term of the comprehensive agreement pursuant to Code Section 50-5C-5; and the
394 methodology and circumstances for changes to such user fees, lease payments, and other
395 service payments over time;

396 (5) A business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and
397 indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including
398 relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time
399 frame data;

400 (6) The names and addresses of the persons who may be contacted for further
401 information concerning the unsolicited proposal; and

402 (7) Such additional material and information as the responsible public entity may
403 reasonably request.

(b) For any unsolicited proposal for the development of a project received by a responsible public entity, the private entity shall reimburse the responsible public entity for the actual costs incurred to process, review, and evaluate the unsolicited proposal, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and fees for financial, technical, and other necessary advisers or consultants.

(c) Any private entity submitting an unsolicited proposal under subsection (a) of this Code section to a responsible public entity shall also notify each affected local jurisdiction by furnishing a copy of its unsolicited proposal to each affected local jurisdiction.

(d) Each affected local jurisdiction that is not a responsible public entity for the respective project may, within 45 days after receiving such notice, submit any comments regarding the unsolicited proposal it may have in writing to the responsible public entity and indicate whether the project is compatible with local plans and budgets. A project shall be consistent with zoning and land use regulations of the responsible public entity and each affected local jurisdiction.

(e) The responsible public entity may reject any proposal or unsolicited proposal at any time and shall not be required to provide a reason for its denial. If the responsible public entity rejects a proposal or unsolicited proposal submitted by a private entity, it shall have no obligation to return the proposal, unsolicited proposal, or any related materials following such rejection.

(f) A private entity assumes all risks in submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section, and a responsible public entity shall not incur any obligation to reimburse a private entity for any costs, damages, or loss of intellectual property incurred by a private entity in the creation, development, or submission of a proposal or unsolicited proposal for a qualifying project.

50-5C-4.

(a) The responsible public entity may approve the project in an unsolicited proposal submitted by a private entity pursuant to Code Section 50-5C-3 as a qualifying project. Determination by the responsible public entity of a qualifying project shall not bind the responsible public entity or the private entity to proceed with the qualifying project.

(b) Upon the responsible public entity's determination of a qualifying project as provided in subsection (a) of this Code section, the responsible public entity shall:

(1) Seek competing proposals for the qualifying project by issuing a request for proposals for not less than 90 days; and

(2) Review all proposals submitted in response to the request for proposals based on the criteria established in the request for proposals.

(c) When the time for receiving proposals expires, the responsible public entity shall first rank the proposals in accordance with the factors set forth in the request for proposal or invitation for bids. The responsible public entity shall not be required to select the proposal with the lowest price offer, but it may consider price as one of various factors in evaluating the proposals received in response to the request for proposals for a qualifying project.

Factors that may be considered include:

(1) The proposed cost of the qualifying project;

(2) The general reputation, industry experience, and financial capacity of the private entity;

(3) The proposed design of the qualifying project;

(4) The eligibility of the facility for accelerated selection, review, and documentation timelines under the responsible public entity's guidelines;

(5) Benefits to the public;

(6) The private entity's compliance with a minority business enterprise participation plan;

(7) The private entity's plans to employ local contractors and residents; and

(8) Other criteria that the responsible public entity deems appropriate.

(d) After ranking the proposals, the responsible public entity shall begin negotiations with the first ranked private entity. If the responsible public entity and the first ranked private entity do not reach a comprehensive agreement or interim agreement, then the responsible public entity may conduct negotiations with the next ranked private entity. This process shall continue until the responsible public entity either voluntarily abandons the process or executes a comprehensive agreement or interim agreement with a private entity.

(e) At any time during the process outlined in this Code section but before full execution of a comprehensive agreement, the responsible public entity may, without liability to any private entity or third party, cancel its request for proposals or reject all proposals received in response to its request for proposals, including the unsolicited proposal, for any reason whatsoever.

(f) Nothing in this chapter shall enlarge, diminish, or affect the authority, if any, otherwise possessed by the responsible public entity to take action that would impact the debt capacity of the State of Georgia. The credit of this state shall not be pledged or loaned to any private entity. The responsible public entity shall not loan money to the private entity in order to finance all or a portion of the qualifying project. All power or authority granted by this chapter to public entities shall be in addition to and supplemental to, and not in substitution for, the powers conferred by any other general, special, or local law. The limitations imposed by this chapter shall not affect the powers conferred by any other general, special, or local law and shall apply only to the extent that a public entity elects to proceed under this chapter. A multiyear lease entered into by the state as lessee under this Code section which is not terminable at the end of each fiscal year during the term of the lease shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Code Section 50-16-41, specifically including compliance with any multiyear contract value authority adopted by the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission for each fiscal year.

50-5C-5.

(a) The comprehensive agreement entered into between the responsible public entity and the private entity selected in accordance with this chapter shall include:

- (1) A thorough description of the duties of each party in the completion and operation of the qualifying project;
- (2) Dates and schedules for the completion of the qualifying project;
- (3) Any user fees, lease payments, or service payments as may be established by agreement of the parties, as well as any process for changing such fees or payments throughout the term of the agreement, and a copy of any service contract;
- (4) Any reimbursements to be paid to the responsible public entity for services provided

by the responsible public entity;

(5) A process for the review of plans and specifications for the qualifying project by the responsible public entity and approval by the responsible public entity if the plans and specifications conform to reasonable standards acceptable to the responsible public entity;

(6) A process for the periodic and final inspection of the qualifying project by the responsible public entity to ensure that the private entity's activities are in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive agreement;

(7) Delivery of performance and payment bonds in the amounts required in Code Sections 13-10-40, 13-10-41, and 13-10-60 and in a form acceptable to the responsible public entity for those components of the qualifying project that involve construction, and bonds, letters of credit, or other forms of security acceptable to the responsible public entity for other phases and components of the development of the qualifying project;

(8) Submission of a policy or policies of public liability insurance, copies of which shall be filed with the responsible public entity accompanied by proofs of coverage, or self-insurance, each in form and amount satisfactory to the responsible public entity and reasonably sufficient to ensure coverage of tort liability to the public and employees and to enable the continued operation of the qualifying project;

(9) A process for monitoring the practices of the private entity by the responsible public entity to ensure that the qualifying project is properly maintained;

(10) The filing of appropriate financial statements to the responsible public entity on a 5 periodic basis; and

(11) Provisions governing the rights and responsibilities of the responsible public entity and the private entity in the event the comprehensive agreement is terminated or there is a material default by the private entity, including conditions governing assumption of the duties and responsibilities of the private entity by the responsible public entity and the transfer or purchase of property or other interests of the private entity by the responsible public entity, including provisions compliant with state constitutional limitations on public debt.

(b) The comprehensive agreement may include such other terms and conditions that the responsible public entity determines will serve the public purpose of this chapter and to which the private entity and the responsible public entity mutually agree, including, without limitation, provisions regarding unavoidable delays and provisions where the authority and duties of the private entity under this chapter shall cease, and the qualifying project is dedicated to the responsible public entity.

(c) Any changes in the terms of the comprehensive agreement, as may be agreed upon by the parties from time to time, shall be added to the comprehensive agreement by written amendment.

(d) The comprehensive agreement may provide for the development of phases or segments of the qualifying project.

50-5C-6.

(a) In the event of a material default by the private entity, the responsible public entity may terminate, with cause, the comprehensive agreement and exercise any other rights and remedies that may be available to it at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, claims under the maintenance, performance, or payment bonds; other forms of security; or letters of credit required by Code Section 50-5C-5 in accordance with Code Sections 13-10-40 through 13-10-65.

(b) The responsible public entity may elect to assume the responsibilities and duties of the private entity of the qualifying project, and in such case, it shall succeed to all of the right, title, and interest in such qualifying project.

(c) The power of eminent domain shall not be delegated to any private entity with respect to any project commenced or proposed pursuant to this chapter. Any responsible public entity having the power of condemnation under state law may exercise such power of condemnation to acquire the qualifying project in the event of a material default by the private entity. Any person who has perfected a security interest in the qualifying project may participate in the condemnation proceedings with the standing of a property owner.

(d) In the event the responsible public entity elects to take over a qualifying project

pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section, the responsible public entity may develop the qualifying project, impose user fees, and impose and collect lease payments for the use thereof.

50-5C-7.

All power or authority granted by this chapter to public entities shall be in addition and supplemental to, and not in substitution for, the powers conferred by any other general or special law. The limitations imposed by this chapter shall not affect the powers conferred by any other general, special, or local law and shall apply only to the extent that a public entity elects to proceed under this chapter.

50-5C-8.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as or deemed a waiver of the sovereign or official immunity of any responsible public entity or any officer or employee thereof with respect to the participation in, or approval of, all or any part of the qualifying project or its operation, including, but not limited to, interconnection of the qualifying project with any other infrastructure or project.

50-5C-9.

Any law enforcement officers of the public entity shall have the same powers and jurisdiction within the portion of such qualifying project as they have in their respective areas of jurisdiction, and such law enforcement officers shall have access to the qualifying project at any time for the purpose of exercising such powers and jurisdiction.

50-5C-10.

(a) Responsible public entities that proceed with procurement pursuant to competitive sealed bidding pursuant to Code Section 50-5-67, or any other purchasing options available to them under current law, shall not be required to comply with this chapter.

(b) Nothing in this chapter shall apply to or affect the State Transportation Board, the Department of Transportation, or the State Road and Tollway Authority, or any project thereof.

(c) Nothing in this chapter shall abrogate the obligations of a responsible public entity or

574 private entity to comply with the public meetings requirement in accordance with
575 Chapter 14 of this title or to disclose public information in accordance with Article 4 of
576 Chapter 18 of this title."

577 **SECTION 4.**

578 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
579 without such approval.

580 **SECTION 5.**

581 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.



Frequently Asked Question:

1. What is an unsolicited proposal?

A written proposal for a qualifying project that is received by a local government and is not in response to any request for proposal for a qualifying project issued by a local government.

A “qualifying project” as defined broadly under the PPFIA. Specifically, the PPFIA defines a “qualifying project” as any project selected in response to a request for a local government or submitted by a private entity as an unsolicited proposal in accordance with the PPFIA and subsequently reviewed and approved by a local government, within its sole discretion, as meeting a public purpose or public need.

2. What is NOT an unsolicited proposal?

Projects involving generation of electric energy or sale, communications services, cable and video services and water reservoir projects.

- “Advertising material” - Material designed to acquaint the Government with a prospective contractor’s present products, services, or potential capabilities, or designed to stimulate the Government’s interest in buying such products or services.
- “Commercial item offer” - An offer of a commercial item that the vendor wishes to see introduced in the Government’s supply system as an alternate or a replacement for an existing supply item. This term does not include innovative or unique configurations or uses of commercial items that are being offered for further development and that may be submitted as an unsolicited proposal.
- “Contribution” - A concept, suggestion, or idea presented to the Government for its use with no indication that the source intends to devote any further effort to it on the Government’s behalf.

3. What constitutes a valid unsolicited proposal?

A valid unsolicited proposal must-

- Be innovative and unique;
- Be independently originated and developed by the offerer. Unsolicited proposals in response to a publicized general statement of agency needs are considered to be independently originated;
- Be prepared without Government supervision, endorsement, direction, or direct Government involvement;
- Include sufficient detail to permit a determination that Government support could be worthwhile and the proposed work could benefit the agency’s research and development or other mission responsibilities;
- Not be an advance proposal for a known agency requirement that can be acquired by competitive methods, and
- Not address a previously published agency requirement.

4. What information is required on a valid unsolicited proposal?

Please visit <http://www.augustaga.gov/679/Procurement> for more information.

5. What about identifying and marking proprietary information?

Only proposals complying with the requirements of these guidelines and the PPFIA that contain sufficient information for a meaningful evaluation and that are provided in an appropriate format shall be considered by Augusta, Georgia for further review. If any information necessary to make a meaningful evaluation is missing, Augusta, Georgia may request such information from the proposer. Unsolicited proposals may be subject to the Open Records Act.

6. Does it cost anything to submit an unsolicited proposal?

Yes, there is a cost (fee)

The initial proposal-processing fee is \$100.00 and a cashier's check in this amount must accompany all Unsolicited Proposals. This fee is charged to offset the cost of the initial proposal-processing review, and is non-refundable regardless of whether or not the proposal is determined to merit further consideration. This amount is subject to annual adjustment to reflect inflation or in response to market conditions. The current fee will be updated as necessary and available on Augusta, Georgia's website.

The detailed evaluation fee applies only to proposals that are determined to merit further consideration. At such time, that Augusta, Georgia reaches such a determination, the proposer will be notified, and the amount of the detailed evaluation fee identified. In response to this notification, the proposer may pay the detailed evaluation fee to proceed with the procurement process, or withdraw its proposal from further consideration without incurring any additional cost or obligation.

The amount of the detailed evaluation fee will vary with the estimated cost of the proposed project, product, or service, as described in the table below, to reflect the degree of complexity of the proposed project and the corresponding level of effort associated with the detailed evaluation.

ESTIMATED COST		DETAILED EVALUATION FEE
<	1 Million	\$5 000
	\$1 Million - \$20 Million	\$10 000
	\$20 Million - \$50 Million	\$20,000
	\$50 Million - \$100 Million	\$35 000
	\$100 Million - \$500 Million	\$60 000
	\$250 Million - \$500 Million	\$85,000
	\$500 Million - \$1 Billion	\$110,000
>	Billion	TBD

Proponents are expected to meet their own costs as proposals progress through the various stages of the process.

7. How do I submit a formal proposal?

Time Period. Unsolicited proposals for qualifying projects will be received by the Augusta, Georgia. Proposals will be received by 3:00 PM Monday thru Friday beginning on the first business day of JANUARY and ending on the last business day of MARCH of each year. Such unsolicited proposals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to:

The Director of Procurement
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901

8. What format should be used when submitting Unsolicited Proposals?

Format for Submissions. Unsolicited proposals shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (a) a project description, (b) a project feasibility statement, (c) a proposed project schedule, (d) a project financing plan, (e) a business case statement that shall include a basic description of any direct and indirect benefits that the private entity can provide in delivering the project, including relevant cost, quality, methodology, and process for identifying the project and time frame data, (f) a description of any anticipated public support or opposition, (g) qualifications and experience (h) names and addresses of persons who may be contact and (i) any additional information as the local government may reasonably request to comply with the requirements of the PPFIA. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a concise description of the proposer's capabilities to complete the proposed qualifying project and the benefits to be derived from the project by the local government. Such proposals may also include any additional pertinent information as determined by the proposer.

Please visit: <http://www.augustaga.gov/unsolicitedproposal>

9. Will proposals that relate to a matter currently the subject of a competitive tender process be considered?

Under Senate Bill 59 of the Guide states that proposals for projects where a tender process has formally commenced, whether published or not, are unlikely to be considered.

10. Can I submit an unsolicited proposal to another government department/agency other than the Procurement Department?

No, Augusta's Procurement Department will receive all proposals.

11. Why submit an unsolicited proposal if it might be subject to a competitive tender process?

An unsolicited proposal can be a valuable means for communicating innovative ideas to Augusta, Georgia. If a proposal does not satisfy the assessment criteria set out in the Guide but Augusta sees merit in the proposal (or similar), the government may consider offering delivery of the proposal to the market.

In the event that a competitive tender process is considered appropriate, the government will respect any intellectual property of the proponent. The proponent may participate in any procurement process.

Please review the following sections in the Augusta, Code for more details:

SEC. 1-10-72 Request for Proposals

SEC. 1-10-73 Procedures for Posting and Publishing Notice of the Opportunity to offer competing proposals

12. How long does each stage of the unsolicited proposals process take?

The timeframe for each stage of the unsolicited proposals process is subject to the complexity of the proposal and the number of stakeholders involved.

13. How detailed should the initial submission be?

For the purposes of evaluating a proposal, proponents should complete the required information as listed in stages one and two of the Guidelines and review the Augusta, Georgia Code.

Please visit: <http://www.augustaga.gov/unsolicitedproposal>

14. Is there a minimum threshold for proposals that can be assessed under the unsolicited proposals guidelines?

No, there is no minimum monetary threshold for proposals that can be assessed. All innovative proposals that address the assessment criteria under the Guide will be considered.

15. My proposal contains commercial-in-confidence information. How will this be treated throughout the unsolicited proposals process?

All unsolicited proposals submitted are confidential unless they reach Stage III of the process where brief details of the proposal will be published on Augusta, Georgia website. However, please note "Georgia Open Records Act" may apply.

See Augusta Code: Sec. 1-10-71 Procedures for Determining Release of Information in Unsolicited Proposal Georgia Open Record Act

16. My proposal contains details on intellectual property that I hold. How will this be treated throughout the unsolicited proposals process?

Augusta will respect any intellectual property of proponents throughout all stages of the unsolicited proposals process.

17. Can I submit additional documentation (attachments) with my unsolicited proposal?

Proponents are able to submit any additional documentation or material with their unsolicited proposal application, provided that such material is relevant to addressing the questions raised in the Schedule of Information Requirements.

18. Who can I contact after I have made a submission?

Please Contact:

The Director of Procurement
Augusta Procurement Department
UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL
535 Telfair Street - Room 605
Augusta, Georgia 30901
Or

E-mail to:
unsolicitedproposal@augustaga.gov

19. My proposal did not proceed to Phase 2. Can I receive feedback on my proposal?

Proponents that are unsuccessful in Phase 2 of the unsolicited proposals process will be given reasons on why Augusta, Georgia has decided not to proceed with their proposal. Feedback will be in accordance with the assessment criteria outlined in the Guidelines.

20. I have submitted a proposal. Can I contact other government departments during the assessment of my proposal?

Proponents are forbidden to contact personnel within the government during the assessment of their proposal, other than the Procurement Director as stated in Question number 14.



Public Services Committee Meeting

January 13, 2026

Minutes

Department:	N/A
Presenter:	N/A
Caption:	Motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 Public Services Committee meeting.
Background:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	N/A
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