

REGULAR MEETING

COMMISSION CHAMBER
JULY 26, 2005

Augusta Richmond County Commission convened at 2:45 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2005, the Honorable Willie Mays, III, Interim Mayor, presiding.

PRESENT: Hons. Hankerson, Smith, Grantham, Williams, Beard, Cheek, and Boyles, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

ABSENT: Hons. Sims and Colclough, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Also Present: Steve Shepard, Attorney; Fred Russell, Administrator; Lena Bonner, Clerk of Commission.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Bobby Hankerson.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDENDUM AGENDA:
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

RECOGNITION:
Employee of the Month Award
Charles Rollins
Marshal's Office

4. **Presentation by Pastor Aline P. Scott, Director of "Camp Fix It", regarding their concerns about the Dyess Park Recreation Center.**

Mr. Mayor: I would ask that the maintenance issues be turned over to our Recreation Department to address in the short term and I'll ask that these items be placed on the agenda for the next Public Services Committee meeting.

DELEGATIONS:
A. The Heritage Crest Foundation
Mr. Charles Walker, Jr.
Re: Tagline "We Feel Good"

Mr. Williams: I so move that we accept that.

Mr. Cheek: Second.

Motion carries 7-0.

PRESENTATION:
Fiscal Year 2004 Audited Financial Report and changes in financial condition by

the City independent external auditor Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, CPAs, LLP.
(Requested by Commissioner Betty Beard)

B. Belair Hills Estates Neighborhood Association

Mr. James Rouse

RE: Carolyn Street Sewer Project

- MM Scott Park
- Speed Bumps on selected streets

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

PLANNING:

1. **Z-05-42** - A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Powertel Atlanta, on behalf of New Life Church of God in Christ, requesting a Special Exception per Section 28-A-1 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County to establish a telecommunication tower affecting a portion of the property located at 3550 Morgan Road and containing .3 acres. (Tax Map 129 Part of Parcel 1.03) **DISTRICT 4**
2. **Z-05-61** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Angela Wright, on behalf of Angela & Glenn M. Wright, requesting a Special Exception to establish a family day care home per Section 26-1 (f) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at 3180 River Oak Road and containing .23 acres. (Tax Map 55-2 Parcel 10). **DISTRICT 5**
3. Deleted from the consent agenda.
4. Deleted from the consent agenda.
5. **Z-05-64** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Value Place LLC, on behalf of Park West Hospitality LLC, requesting a change of zoning from Zone HI (Heavy Industrial) to Zone B-2 (General Business) with a Special Exception for an extended stay hotel per Section 22-2 (d) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at 2995 River Watch Parkway and contains 1.99 acres. (Tax Map 7-2 Parcel 2) **DISTRICT 7**
6. **Z-05-65** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Nick Shah, on behalf of Park West Hospitality LLC, requesting a change of zoning from Zone HI (Heavy Industry) to Zone B-2 (General Business) affecting property located at 2905 Riverwest Drive and contains 1.96 acres. (Tax Map 7-4 Parcel 14) **DISTRICT 7**
7. **Z-05-68** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by William Carroll, on behalf of Willie Williams, requesting a change of zoning from Zone A (Agriculture) to Zone B-2 (General Business) affecting property located at 733 Scott Nixon

- Memorial Drive and contains approximately 1 acre. (Tax Map 22 Parcel 8.02) DISTRICT 7
8. **Z-05-69** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Meybohm Commercial Properties, on behalf of Margaret Mayo Cordle Caughman, requesting a change of zoning from Zone A (Agriculture) to Zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) affecting property located on the southwest right-of-way line of Tobacco Road, 35 feet, more or less, east of where the centerline of Spanish Trace Drive Extended intersects and contains approximately 1.4 acres. (Part of Tax Map 141 Parcel 4.04) DISTRICT 4
 9. Deleted from the consent agenda.
 10. **Z-05-71** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by William G. Wingate, III, on behalf of Troy Goebelt, requesting a change of zoning from Zone R-1A (One-family Residential) to Zone R-3B (Multiple-family Residential) affecting property located 1085 Alexander Drive and contains 3.1 acres. (Tax Map 12 Parcel 75) DISTRICT 7
 11. **Z-05-72** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by J. K. Residential Developments LLC, on behalf of Haywood Aaron and Robert Lee Walker, requesting a change of zoning from Zone A (Agriculture) to Zone R-1A (One-family Residential) affecting property located on the northeast right-of-way line of Old Waynesboro Road, 1,650 feet north of where the centerline of Hancock Mill Lane extended intersects and contains approximately 23.8 acres. (Tax Map 319 Parcel 8) DISTRICT 8
 12. **Z-05-73** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Tony Atkins, on behalf of Blueprint Leasing et al, requesting a Special Exception to in a B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zone for a convenience store per Section 21-1 (b) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Spirit Creek Road and Windsor Spring Road. (Tax Map 153-2 Part of Parcels 1, 2 and Tax Map 153-4 Parcel 4) DISTRICT 4
 13. **FINAL PLAT – WEST WHEELER TOWNHOMES, SECTION ONE – 2-698-I** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Southern Partners Inc., on behalf of ATC Development Co., requesting final plat approval for West Wheeler Townhomes, Section One. This residential subdivision is located on West Wheeler Parkway, south of the intersection of Carribean Drive Extended and contains 260 lots.)

PUBLIC SERVICES:

14. Motion to approve Change Order 1 to the Terminal Area Improvements Project. (Approved by Public Services Committee July 11, 2005)

15. Motion to approve forfeiture of Surety Bond for Mr. Darnell Warren and Mr. Nichlos Warren d/b/a Warren Construction. (Approved by Public Services Committee July 11, 2005)
16. Motion to approve a request by Jennifer A. Green for a Therapeutic Massage Operators License to be used in connection with CSRA Neuromuscular Massage Clinic located at 2825 Washington Road. District 7. Super District 10. (Approved by Public Services Committee July 11, 2005)
17. Motion to approve a request by Thu Starkey for an on premise consumption Liquor, Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Thu's Rub It Inn Lounge located at 2706 Gordon Hwy. There will be dance. District 3. Super District 10. (Approved by Public Services Committee July 11, 2005)
18. Motion to approve a renewal of a contract for tennis professional services and a related budget adjustment at Newman Tennis Center. (Approved by Public Services Committee July 11, 2005)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

19. Motion to approve the reprogramming of \$10,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Southside Community Outreach Program, Inc. and 2) Consider waiving a portion (\$2,050) of the Matching Grant Requirement for the Bethlehem Neighborhood Association.
20. Motion to approve funding for increase in salary of Probate Judge in the amount of \$20,000 from General Fund Contingency. (Approved by Administrative Services and Finance Committees July 11, 2005)
21. Motion to approve the transfer of three (3) positions and the creation of one (1) Case Manager position and allocate funding for personnel costs, operations and equipment in the amount of 15, 000 for the balance of the year from General Fund Contingency. (Approved by Administrative Services and Finance Committees July 11, 2005)

PUBLIC SAFETY:

22. Motion to approve an agreement between Augusta Richmond County Correctional Institution and the Augusta Richmond County Juvenile Justice Department to provide supervision for juveniles sentenced to community service work. (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 11, 2005)
23. Motion to approve the purchase of software, services, and equipment for the implementation of Code Enforcement, Excise Tax, Business License, and Building Permit Management software. (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 11, 2005)
24. Deleted from the consent agenda.

FINANCE:

25. Motion to approve the abatement of 2004 taxes on City owned property. (Approved by Finance Committee July 11, 2005)
26. Motion to approve a contract with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a Design Guidelines Manual for the Pinch Gut

(Olde Town) National Register Historic District. (Approved by Finance Committee July 11, 2005)

ENGINEERING SERVICES:

27. Motion to authorize condemnation of a portion of property # 139-0-405-00-0 – 2916 Arrowwood Circle, which is owned by Lancelot J. Stephenson, for 1,989 square feet for temporary easement and 1,989 for a permanent easement. AUD Project: 50202 Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
28. Motion to authorize condemnation of AUD 60115 Main Interceptor Upgrade to obtain easements on two parcels – 517 Skyview Drive – Parcel ID #059-0-013-01-0 and New Savannah Road – Parcel ID #059-0-013-03-0. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
29. Motion to authorize condemnation of Tax Map 178; Parcel 27, which is owned by Jitta Jackson, for permanent utility easement and temporary construction easement. AUD Project: 50204 – Walton Acres Sanitary Sewer Project. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
30. Motion to approve an exchange of easements on Doug Barnard Parkway with the Proctor & Gamble Company. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
31. Motion to authorize the conveyance and acceptance of property to align property lines with the existing roadway located off of Wheeler Road near the intersection of Wheeler Road and I-520. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
32. Motion to approve Resolution requesting a road name change of an unnamed road and a portion of 3 miles race course to Diamond Lakes Way. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
33. Motion to allow Augusta Utilities Department to purchase from Honeywell, Inc. the remaining inventory of meters left from the AMR Project for \$113,526.90. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
34. Motion to approve the Contract Item Agreement for water and sewer facilities to be constructed in the GDOT Davis Road Widening Project funded from Renewal & Extension Fund. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)
35. Motion to approve a request to GDOT that the half million dollars of additional state aid money be applied to the Windsor Spring Road, Phase III Project. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held July 5, 2005.

- 40A. Consider recommendation from the Richmond County Board of Health to appoint Charlene Andress to the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) to fill the expired term of Lewis Bohler.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

43. Motion to approve a request from the Boys and Girls Club of Augusta for a “Letter of Consent” to serve as a direct recipient of a grant from the Juvenile Justice Program State of Georgia Children and Youth Coordinating Council to serve at-risk youth at the Dogwood Terrace Public Housing facility.

ATTORNEY:

44. A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to call a meeting of the governing authority (Augusta Richmond County) and the qualified municipalities (Hephzibah and Blythe).

Mr. Boyles: I move for approval.

Mr. Cheek: Second.

Motion carries 7-0.

RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS:

37. Report from the Chief Tax Appraiser regarding the 2005 Tax Digest.
38. Report from Finance Director regarding 2004 property tax revenues.
39. Set 2005 Millage Rate.

APPOINTMENT:

40. Appointment of Interim District 9 Commissioner. (No action vote – July 5, 2005)

Mr. Grantham: I move that we continue Items 37, 38, 39 and 40 to the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Williams: Second.

Motion carries 7-0.

3. Z-05-62 – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Margaret Johnson Chishom requesting a Special Exception to establish a family day care home per Section 26-1 (f) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at 2521 Parkway Drive and contains .26 acres. (Tax Map 56-2 Parcel 92) DISTRICT 2

Mr. Williams: I’m going to go ahead and make a motion to approve it.

Mr. Cheek: Second.

Mr. Boyles out.
Motion carries 6-0.

4. Z-05-63 – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by Hammond Grove Baptist Church requesting a Special Exception to establish a church outreach program per Section 26-1 (a) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County affecting property located at 2023 Grand Boulevard and contains .22 acres. (Tax Map 72-2 Parcel 371) DISTRICT 2

Mr. Williams: I make a motion that we go ahead and approve this zoning.

Mr. Grantham: Second.

Mr. Hankerson abstains.
Motion carries 6-1.

9. Z-05-70 – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to approve with the following conditions 1) that no alcohol will be sold or consumed on the property; 2) if the use requested in this petition (restaurant) should cease to operate the zoning shall revert to R-1C (One-family Residential) zone; a petition by Margaret Sullivan and Janie Zellars, on behalf of Wilmer Jones, requesting a change of zoning from Zone R-1C (One-family Residential) to Zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) affecting property located 1342 Twelfth Street and contains .06 acres. (Tax Map 59-1 Parcel 154) DISTRICT 1

Ms. Beard: I'd like to move that we approve this with the deletion of condition #1.

Mr. Williams: Second.

Motion carries 7-0.

24. Motion to approve a request from the Downtown Advisory Panel regarding a False Fire/Security Alarm Ordinance. (Approved by Public Safety Committee July 11, 2005)

Mr. Cheek: I'm going to make a motion that we approve it with the language stipulating the Central Business District as defined by Mr. Owens.

Mr. Boyles: I'll second it.

Mr. Hankerson votes No.
Mr. Williams and Ms. Beard abstain.
Mr. Grantham out.

Motion fails 3-1-2.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

41. Motion to approve the extension of an employment agreement for the Newman Tennis Center manager.

Mr. Boyles: I move for approval.

Mr. Cheek: Second.

Mr. Grantham out.

Motion carries 6-0.

ADDENDUM AGENDA:

CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA:

Item 35 should read “Motion to approve a request to GDOT that the half million dollars of additional state aid money be applied to the Windsor Spring Road Improvements Project. (CPB # 323-04-296823516) (Approved by Engineering Services Committee July 11, 2005)”

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- 1. Motion to approve to adopt resolution supporting NACO prescription drug discount card program for Augusta Richmond County. (Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 25, 2005)**
- 2. Motion to approve the scheduling of a presentation regarding the NACO/Maximus Debt Collection Program. (Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 25, 2005)**
- 3. Approve the implementation of the 2006 Defined Benefit Plan. (Requested by Commissioner Hankerson)**

Mr. Cheek: So move we approve the correction to the agenda.

Mr. Smith: Second.

Mr. Grantham out.

Motion carries 6-0.

[Mr. Cheek does not agree to add Items 1, 2 and 3 on the addendum agenda]

[RECESS]

PUBLIC SAFETY:

42. Report on EMS RFP 05-082. (Referred from July 11 Public Safety Committee meeting)

Mr. Williams: I make a motion that we award the ambulance contract to Gold Cross Ambulance Service for the next year for Augusta Richmond County.

Mr. Cheek: Second.

**Mr. Grantham out.
Motion carries 6-0.**

[MEETING ADJOURNED]

Lena J. Bonner
Clerk of Commission

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