



Commission Meeting Agenda

Commission Chamber

11/8/2007

2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Hons. Deke Copenhaver, Mayor; Holland, Smith, Harper, Grantham, Beard, Williams, Bowles and Brigham, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Absent: Hons. Hatney and Cheek, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

INVOCATION:

Rev. Richard Sanders, Pastor,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

PRESENTATION(S)

- A.** Acknowledge the Certification of Appreciation to the Augusta Commission from the City of Wrens regarding Augusta's assistance with their K-9 vehicle request.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Acknowledgement made of Certificate of Appreciation.			

- B.** Presentation from the Augusta Southern Nationals Drag Boat Race.

 [Attachments](#)


Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Presentation made by Augusta Southern Nationals Drag Boat Race officials to Special Olympics.			

RECOGNITION(S)

Augusta Fire Department


- C.** Augusta Firefighter Darrell Thompson received from the Department of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Commendation Medal (First OakLeaf Cluster) after serving a five month tour of active duty in Baghdad, Iraq.  [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Recognition of Firefighter Darrell Thompson.			

MACH Academy, Inc.

- D.** Elysia Ortiz and Machi Provost national winners of the Arthur Ashe Essay Contest and attended the 2007 Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the U.S. Open tennis tournament. **(Requested by Commissioner Calvin Holland)**  [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Recognition of Elysia Ortiz and Machi Provost.			

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-25)

PLANNING

1. **ZA-R-182** – A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to **approve** an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Augusta-Richmond County which would amend Sections 7, 24, and 26 to **allow mining and related activities in HI (Heavy Industry) Zones** by right and in any zone by **Special Exception** if certain objective criteria are met. (Approved by Commission October 16, 2007 - second reading)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

- 2. FINAL PLAT – AUBERN AT BARTON CHAPEL – S-765 – A** request for concurrence with the Augusta Richmond County Planning Commission to approve a petition by H. Lawson Graham & Associates, on behalf of Arthur Marshall, requesting final plat approval for Auburn at Barton Chapel. This residential subdivision is located at Old Barton Chapel and Barton Chapel Road and contains 23 lots.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 3. FINAL PLAT – ELDERBERRY, SECTION 3 – S-764 – A** request for concurrence with the Augusta Richmond County Planning Commission to **approve** a petition by James G. Swift & Associates, on behalf of Jerry Greenway, requesting final plat approval for Elderberry, Section 3. This residential subdivision is located off Harper Franklin Drive adjacent to Elderberry Sections 1 and 2 and contains 135 lots.

**Item
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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

4. Motion to **approve** Final Version of Year 2008 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnership and Housing for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Jimmy Smith	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

5. Motion to **approve** Resolution authorizing Submission Year 2008 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Funds. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Jimmy Smith	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

6. Motion to **approve** the transfer four (4) City surplus properties located in the Dover-Lyman area to Land Bank Authority in support of the Dover-Lyman Project Redevelopment Plan. **(Approved by Administrative Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

FINANCE

7. Motion to **approve** a request from the CSRA Coalition of Advocates for the Aging regarding city sponsorship through the purchase of tickets for their 2007 Legislative Breakfast. **(Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

8. Motion to **approve** a request from the CSRA Regional Development Center for city sponsorship through the purchase of tickets for the 46th Annual Conference. **(Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 9. Motion to **approve** refund recommendations from the Board of Assessors for four (4) accounts. (Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 10. Motion to **approve** the reallocation of \$175,000 from the Personnel Services & Employee Benefits accounts of Augusta Public Transit. (Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 11. Motion to **approve** revised SPLOST V and future SPLOST Contractor Agreement for Outside Agencies. (Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 12. Motion to **approve** the award of the contract to replace the roof on the ARC Lumpkin Road Tag Office and Board of Elections Warehouse to the low bidder, I & E Specialties, with a base bid of \$48,235.00 to be funded from Capital Outlay. (Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 13.** Motion to **approve** a proposal for the creation of a tax allocation district in the City of Augusta. **(Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 14.** Motion to **approve** request from the Board of Assessors for outside contract services for Discovery of Business Personal Property Accounts. **(Approved by Finance Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 15.** Motion to approve Change Order #1 to Blair Construction Company Inc. to make final quantity adjustments (deductions and overruns) in accordance with the terms of the unit price contract as well as add two new unit price line items to the contract. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 16.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property # 013-3-009-00-0 and 013-3-016-00-0 1088 Alexander Drive, which is owned by Charles and Rose Robertson for 2,492 sq. Feet of Permanent Easement. PW Project: Alexander Drive Project. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			


- 17.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property # 059-0-013-03-0 New Savannah Road, which is owned by M.B.R. Holdings, L.L.C. for 861 Sq. Feet for a permanent easement. AUD Project: 60115. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

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Motions


Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 18.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property # 059-0-013-01-0 516 Skyview Drive, which is owned by M.B.R. Holdings, L.L.C. for 228 Sq. Feet for a permanent easement. A. U.D. Project: 60115. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**  [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 19.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property # 139-0-441-00-0 3848 New Karleen Road, which is owned by Michael Jones, for 300 sq. feet of temporary easement. AUD project: 50202 Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**  [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 20.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property # 128-0-085-00-0 3633 New Karleen Road, which is owned by Wanda Ellison for 1,275 sq. feet for a permanent easement and 854 sq. feet of temporary easement. AUD Project: 50202 Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

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Item Action:
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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 21. Motion to approve** a proposal for a Professional Services Agreement with Rothberg, Tamburini & Winsor, Inc. (RTW) to identify and evaluate alternative approaches for addressing potential changes to permits for the discharge of treated wastewater from Augusta's water pollution control plants. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 22. Motion to authorize** award and execution of an engineering contract with Cranston, Robertson and Whitehurst P.C. in the amount of \$124,170 for professional services in association with engineering for implementing the recommendations associated with the Augusta Canal Bank Study. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 23.** Motion to **approve** allowing the Board of Education and MCG to work out a contract for the use of the Laney Stadium Facilities and Parking Lot; and License Agreement regarding use and care of the Laney Stadium Parking Lot by MCG. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 24.** Motion to **approve** the award of the contract to replace the roof on the ARC Lumpkin Road Tag Office and Board of Elections Warehouse to the low bidder, I & E Specialties, with a base bid of \$48,235.00 to be funded from Capital Outlay. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 25.** Motion to **approve** contract with I&E Specialist, Inc. in the amount of \$36,700 to replace the storage warehouse roof located at 2316 Tobacco Road. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee October 29, 2007**)

**Item
Action:
Approved**

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
AUGUSTA COMMISSION
11/8/2007

AUGUSTA COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA
11/8/2007

(Items 26-46)

PLANNING

26. Z-07-82 - A request for concurrence with the Augusta-Richmond County Planning Commission to **deny** a petition by Eric Morrell Dixon, on behalf of Michael C. Shelton, requesting a change of zoning from **Zone B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to Zone B-2 (General Business)** affecting property containing .49 acres and is known under the present numbering system as 2053 Broad Street. (Tax Map 027-3 Parcels 075 and 075-01) **DISTRICT 1(Deferred from the October 16, 2007 Commission meeting)**

Item
Action:
Disapproved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Deny	Motion to deny the petition in order to be consistent with the Harrisburg neighborhood plan for the community.	Jimmy Smith	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Failed
	(13 objectors noted; 1 supporter noted) Mr. Williams votes No. Mr. Holland and Mr. Harper abstain. Ms. Beard recuses herself from voting. Motion fails 4-1-2.			

PUBLIC SERVICES


27. Discussion: A request by Michael Anglin for an extension of time to purchase the Alcohol License to be used in connection with Tipsey McStumbles located at 214 Seventh St. District 1. Super District 9.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions


Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

- 28.** New Ownership Application: A. N. 07  [Attachments](#)
- 49: A request by Shadra Sampson for an on premise consumption Liquor, Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with Club Kalia located at 2864 Deans Bridge Rd. There will be Dance. District 2. Super District 9.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 29.** New Ownership Application: A. N. 07  [Attachments](#)
- 50: A request by Kye H. Kim for a retail package Beer & Wine license to be used in connection with K. H. Kim Enterprises, Inc. DBA Thriftee Super Market located at 232 Sandbar Ferry Rd. District 1. Super District 9.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 30.** Motion to approve proposal from Cosby, Everett & Wright for Environmental Engineering and Underground Storage Tank abatement services associated with recently acquired property for the New Main Library.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 31.** Motion to approve the reallocation of \$175,000 from the Personnel Services & Employee Benefits accounts of Augusta Public Transit.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 32.** Approve the amended and restated Local Small Business Opportunities Program effective December 1, 2007 and repeal in its entirety the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, City Code of Ordinances, Sections 1-10-58 through 1-10-62, inclusive as well as Sub-Section 1-10-6(f). (Requested by Commissioners Brigham and Grantham)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Disapproved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Don Grantham	Failed
	Mr. Williams, Mr. Harper and Mr. Holland vote No. Motion fails 5-3.			
Defer	Substitute motion to refer this item back to the Administrative Services Committee for further discussion.	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Bernard Harper	Failed
	Mr. Grantham, Mr. Brigham and Mr. Smith vote No. Ms. Beard abstains. Mr. Bowles out. Motion fails 3-3-1.			

- 33.** Discuss professional courtesy and decorum with employees, department heads, and commissioners.
(Requested by Commissioner Holland)

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve receiving this item as information.	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Marion Williams	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 34.** Approve the purchase of two (2) Emergency Response Units for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for \$41,058.82 (\$20,529.41 each) lowest bid on bid 07-163.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions


Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
	Motion carries 8-0.			

- 35.** Motion to **approve** the Sheriff's Office purchase of new Mobile Data Terminal computers to replace old and obsolete laptops in patrol cars.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
	Mr. Holland out. Motion carries 7-0.			

- 36.** Approve the selection of CH2MHILL Inc. for RFP #07-101, Wireless Consultant.  [Attachments](#)

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
	Mr. Holland out. Motion carries 7-0.			

SUBCOMMITTEE

Law Study Subcommittee

- 37.** Motion to **approve** the salary of the position of General Counsel.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve moving the current staff attorney, Chiquita Johnson, to the position of Interim General Counsel at a salary of \$100,000 per year while a search is conducted for a candidate for the General Counsel position.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Mr. Brigham votes No. Motion carries 7-1.				

ADMINISTRATOR

38. Motion to **approve** the recommendation of the Administrator to appoint Ms. Donna Williams to the position of Finance Director.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve with a salary of \$110,000 per year including 5% deferred compensation and waiving the requirement for a CPA designation for the position.	Don Grantham	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
Mr. Williams abstains. Motion carries 7-1.				

OTHER BUSINESS

- 39. Discuss the Feasibility Study for Building and Operating a Professional Level Drag Strip. (Requested by Commissioner Andy Cheek)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Rescheduled

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Defer	Motion to defer this item back to the committee.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 40.** Update from the Administrator regarding the Fifth and Reynolds Street land transaction. (Requested by Commissioner Williams)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions


Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve receiving this item as information.	Marion Williams	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 41.** Motion to go into a Legal Meeting.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve going into a legal meeting.	Don Grantham	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 42.** Motion to **approve** the appointment of  [Attachments](#)
Margaret Woodard as Co-chair of the Augusta Third Canal Task Force due to the death of Charles DeVaney.
(Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Betty Beard)

**Item
Action:
Approved**

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Betty Beard	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

ADDENDUM

- 43.** Approve increase in budget for Judicial Center to \$62,000,000.

**Item
Action:
Approved**

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Unanimous consent is given to add this item to the agenda.			
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Marion Williams	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 44.** Approve Construction Manager at Risk approach for construction delivery process for the Judicial Center.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Unanimous consent is given to add this item to the agenda.			
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Mr. Williams abstains. Mr. Harper votes No. Motion carries 6-1-1.			

- 45.** Approve Judicial Center Program.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Unanimous consent is given to add this item to the agenda.			
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Mr. Williams abstains. Mr. Harper votes No. Motion carries 6-1-1.			

LEGAL MEETING

A. Pending and Potential Litigation.

B. Real Estate.

C. Personnel.

Upcoming Meetings

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