



## Commission Meeting Agenda

Commission Chamber

10/2/2007

2:00 PM

### ATTENDANCE:

Present: Hons. Holland, Smith, Harper, Hatney, Beard, Williams, Cheek, Bowles and Brigham, members of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

Absent: Hon. Grantham, member of Augusta Richmond County Commission.

### INVOCATION:

Pastor Baxter Stanley, First Assembly of God.

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### PRESENTATION(S)

A. Presentation to the Augusta Commission from the Georgia Forestry Commission.

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**Item  
Action:**  
None

**Motions**

<b>Motion Type</b>	<b>Motion Text</b>	<b>Made By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Motion Result</b>
	Presentation made by Georgia Forestry Commission			

**B.** Receive a presentation from the Chairman of the Judicial Center Subcommittee.

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

<b>Motion Type</b>	<b>Motion Text</b>	<b>Made By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Motion Result</b>
Approve	Motion to approve going out for Option 1 for bids with the Administrator to evaluate the bids when they come in and present the Commission with a budget and some options at that time along with a funding package.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Marion Williams	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

Approve	Motion to approve entering into a contract with the architect to complete the plans for the design of the Judicial Center.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Betty Beard	Passed
Mr. Cheek and Mr. Williams vote No. Motion carries 7-2.				
Approve	Substitute motion to approve advertising for bids for qualified architectural firms to bid on the design of this project.	Andy Cheek	Marion Williams	Failed
Mr. Brigham, Mr. Hatney, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Harper, Ms. Beard and Mr. Holland vote No. Motion fails 2-7.				

## RECOGNITION(S)

### Augusta Championship Winners

**C. Augusta Junior First Tee Championship Winners **Shepherd Archie and Jeffery Tran. (Requested by Commissioner Calvin Holland)****

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**Item Action:**  
None

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Recognition of Shepherd Archie and Jeffery Tran			

# CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-24)

## PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Motion to **approve** request to accept MECO of Augusta as low bidder for the construction of the new airport fuel farm in the amount of \$275,150.00. (**Approved by Public Services Committee September 26, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

2. Motion to **approve** New Ownership Application: A. N. 07 - 43 a request by Richard William Rebeck for an on premise consumption **Beer & Wine** license to be used in connection with Rebeck's Hideaway Lounge located at 3165 Gordon Highway. District 3. Super District 10. (**Approved by Publics Services Committee September 24, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

3. Motion to **approve** New Ownerhip Application: A. N. 07 - 45 a request by Ana K. Bae for a retail package **Beer & Wine** license to be used in connection with Smart Grocery located at 3221 Wrightsboro Rd. **District 3. Super District 10. (Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

4. Motion to **approve** a professional services contract for improvements to Blythe Community Park to Nick Dickinson & Associates, P.C. for \$12,750.00. (**Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				


5. Motion to **approve** Campbell & Paris Engineers contract with Augusta Regional Airport pending legal review and approval. (**Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions


Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

6. Motion to **approve** an agreement with the Sandridge Community Association for a Capital Improvement Project at the Jamestown Recreation Center.  [Attachments](#)  
**(Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

7. Motion to **approve** A/E services for Lake Olmstead gazebo area improvements to Davis Design Group for \$18,700.  [Attachments](#)  
**(Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 8. Motion to approve a professional services contract for improvements to Wood Park to W. K. Dickson & Company, Inc. for \$18,235.00. (Approved by Public Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- 9. Motion to approve the purchase of a conveyor system for jail. (Approved by Public Safety Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 10. Motion to **approve** the installation of fiber optic infrastructure for the Fire Department Administrative Offices and Training Center Facility. (Approved by Public Safety Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 11. Motion to **approve** a request to transfer funds from the 9-1-1 Fund Balance and the Wireless Phase Fund Balance Unreserved. (Approved by Public Safety Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 12. Motion to approve updated Public Safety Answering Point Agreement with Ft. Gordon. (Approved by Public Safety Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

## FINANCE

- 13. Motion to approve a request from the Augusta Mini Theatre for an abatement of 2007 property taxes for property at 2546 Deans Bridge Road. (Approved by Finance Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 14. Motion to approve Resolution** creating additional Board of Equalization to support current Board of Equalization in hearing and determining appeals from assessments and denials of homestead exemptions. **(Approved by Finance Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item  
Action:  
Approved**

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 15. Motion to approve funding for Fire Department Fleet Management Budget from existing budget.** **(Approved by Finance Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item  
Action:  
Approved**

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 16.** Motion to **approve** a request from the Garden City Rescue Mission for an abatement of 2007 property taxes for property at 828 Fenwick Street.  
(Approved by Finance Committee September 24, 2007)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 17.** Motion to **approve** a request from SAFEhomes of Augusta for an abatement of 2007 property taxes for property at 904 Merry Street.  
(Approved by Finance Committee September 24, 2007)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

## ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 18.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #139-0-131-00-0 3856 New Karleen Road, which is owned by Terry Lee Duff and Charlean M. Duff, for 901.5 square feet of permanent easement and 500 square feet of temporary easement. AUD Project: Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 19.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #128-0-116-00-0 3652 Karleen Rd, which is owned by Pamela A. Grant, for 1,709 square feet of permanent utility and maintenance easement and 859 square feet of temporary construction easement. AUD Project: 50202 - Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 20.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #045-4-022-00-0 1235 Fifteenth Street, which is owned by Paine College, for 861 square feet of right-of-way and 740.21 square feet of permanent easement. GDOT Project No. - STP-0003-00(790)/ACR Project No. 327-04-203823122 **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

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**Item Action:**  
Rescheduled

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve rescheduling to the next meeting.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 21. Motion to approve** a request from Horizon Group Investments, Inc. for an easement right and quitclaim deed for the J. B. White Building Skybridge. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 22. Motion to approve** a request from the Richmond County Historical Society to construct a low curving wall with bronze markers honoring veterans at Riverwalk facing the existing Heroes' overlook and authorize funding in the amount of \$20,000 from a source determined by the Administrator as the City's contribution to this project. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 23.** Motion to **approve** an option for Right-of-Way between Doris Gaines Hughes, as owner, and Augusta, Georgia, as purchaser for the purchase of 0.096 (4,167.25 sq. ft.), in fee simple and 0.040 acre (1,764.15 sq. ft.) of permanent construction and maintenance easement (PIN: 013-3-001-0; 1060 Alexander Drive) for the Alexander Drive Widening and Relocation Project. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 24.** Motion to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held September 18, 2007 and Special Called meeting held September 26, 2007.

**Item  
Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

**\*\*\*END CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*  
AUGUSTA COMMISSION  
10/2/2007**

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION  
REGULAR AGENDA  
10/2/2007**

(Items 25-40)

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

- 25. Motion to approve the solicitation of a RFQ for a consultant to provide assistance in helping the city achieve ADA compliance. (Referred from the Public Services Committee September 24, 2007)**

**Item  
Action:  
Approved**

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Andy Cheek	Passed
Mr. Harper out. Motion carries 8-0.				

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 26. Discuss/update from staff on the abandoned school buildings. (Deferred from the Commission September 18, 2007 meeting)**

**Item  
Action:  
Approved**

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve receiving this item as information.	Andy Cheek	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
Motion carries 9-0				

- 27.** Motion to **approve** an Ordinance providing for the demolition of certain unsafe and uninhabitable structures in the Hyde Park Neighborhood: 2008 Willow Street, (District 2, Super District 9); South Augusta Neighborhood: 2532 Miles Street, (District 6, Super District 10); South Augusta Neighborhood: 2030 Martin Luther King Blvd., (District 2, Super District 9); Laney-Walker Neighborhood: 1238 Florence Street, 1215 Pine Street, 1255 Pine Street, (District 1, Super District 9); AND WAIVE 2ND READING .

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**Item  
Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

- 28.** Motion to approve EEO Policy and Procedures (Final Updates).

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**Item  
Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to refer back to committee.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 29.** Approve renewing the contract with BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia as Augusta's Health & Dental Insurance Provider.

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**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to postpone until the next meeting and have budget discussions with the Administrator.	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Andy Cheek	Passed
Ms. Beard, Mr. Hatney and Mr. Williams vote No. Motion carries 6-3.				

- 30.** Consider a request from St. Stephen's Ministry of Augusta Inc. regarding reconsideration of 2008 allocation of funds.

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**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to refer back to the Housing and Economic Development Department.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 31.** Consider a request from Melinda Rider regarding the allocation/rebudgeting of funds for the Neighborhood Improvement Project, Inc.'s after school program Building Exceptional Students Today (BEST). (Referred from September 10 Administrative Services)

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**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve with the funding source as identified by the Administrator.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 32.** Discuss personnel issues in Augusta Utilities. (Requested by Commissioner Marion Williams)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	It was the consensus of the Commission that this item be discussed in the legal meeting.			

33. Approve retirement of Mr. Frank Glover under the 1949 Pension Plan.

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Motion carries 9-0.			

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**

34. Authorize a Supplement to Option Year 1 of Amendment No. 7 to the existing Program Management Services Contract with CH2MHILL. The supplement will provide additional Program Management Services for the 2004 Series Bond Capital Improvements Program approved by Commission on February 1, 2005. **(No recommendation from**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

## Engineering Services Committee September 24, 2007)

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Andy Cheek	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Mr. Harper out. Mr. Williams votes No. Motion carries 7-1.			
Approve	Substitute motion to solicit RFP's for the contract.	Marion Williams		Died for lack of Second

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

35. Consider appeal request from Ms. Emily Beck, 1439 Heath Street relative to the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness regarding a PVC fence on the property. (**No action vote taken by Commission on September 4 & 18, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve the variance request.	Betty Beard	Jimmy Smith	Passed
Motion carries 9-0.				

- 36.** Consider proposal from Mike Griffin regarding the sale and lease of city property.  [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

### Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve referring this item to the next Finance Committee.	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
Mr. Hatney and Mr. Harper out. Motion carries 7-0.				

- 37.** Motion to approve authorizing the Administrator to move forward with cleanup activities on the towpath and the Canal and report back to the Commission to proceed with the work.

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to add and approve this item.	Andy Cheek	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Passed
Mr. Hatney and Mr. Harper out. Motion carries 7-0.				

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**38.** Motion to approve going 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.	Andy Cheek	Betty Beard	Passed
Mr. Hatney, Mr. Harper and Mr. Bowles out. Motion carries 6-0.				

**ADDENDUM**

**39.** Motion to approve the purchase of 12.21 acres on Birdwell Road from Mike Regan for \$5,406.00 per acre for a total of \$66,007.26.

 [Attachments](#)

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Andy Cheek	Betty Beard	Passed
	Mr. Hatney, Mr. Harper and Mr. Bowles out. Motion carries 6-0.			

**LEGAL MEETING****A. Pending and Potential Litigation.****B. Real Estate.****C. Personnel.**

- 40.** Motion to **approve** execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.

**Item Action:**  
Approved

**Motions**

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve	Andy Cheek	Betty Beard	Passed
	Mr. Harper and Mr. Bowles out. Motion carries 7-0.			

*Upcoming Meetings*


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