



Commission Meeting Agenda

Commission Chamber

9/4/2007

2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

INVOCATION:

Dr. George Robertson, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church

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

Five (5) minute time limit per delegation

DELEGATIONS

A. Mr. Claude L. Harris, Sr. RE: Millage Rate and Tax Assessor's Board.  [Attachments](#)

**Item
Action:**
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Presentation made by Mr. Harris.			

- B.** Mr. Kirby L. Turner, President, Blacks Against BlackCrimes, Inc. (BABC) RE: Views of BABC on the crimes in Richmond County.

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Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Presentation made by Mr. Turner.			

- C.** Pastor Paul Knox, Order of the Cross MM. RE: New Fischer House to be built at the Uptown VA.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Presentation made by Pastor Knox.			

D. Rev. Larry Fryer
 RE: Various issues of community
 pride and respect

 [Attachments](#)

Item
Action:
 None

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
	Presentation made by Rev. Fryer.			

E. Mr. Wiliam B. Head. RE: Property
 Tax Valuations

 [Attachments](#)

Item
Action:
 Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve asking staff to come back with an action plan on resolving the issues concerning tax valuations and come back to the Commission in sixty days.	Andy Cheek	Marion Williams	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1-29)

PLANNING

1. **ZA-R-180** – 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 Section 22-3 (**General Business Zone**) of the Ordinance entitled “**Maximum Height**” to include professional or commercial buildings or structures in the B-2 zone. (Approved by the Commission August 21, 2007 - second reading)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

2. **ZA-R-181** – 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 **R-1D and R-1E (One-family Residential)** of the Ordinance entitled “Front setback” by increasing the front setback on minor streets for patio home developments in these zoning classifications. (Approved by the Commission August 21, 2007 - second reading)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

PUBLIC SERVICES


3. Motion to **accept** bid in the amount of \$124,145.00 for Airfield Lighting and Signage at Daniel Field Airport. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions


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

4. Motion to **accept** bid in the amount of  [Attachments](#) **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

5. Motion to **approve** Change Order No.  [Attachments](#) 1 to the Beam's Contracting, Inc. contract at Augusta Regional Airport. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

6. Motion to approve the not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000 for the purchase of new furniture for the New Terminal Project at Augusta Regional Airport. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

7. Motion to **approve** expenditure of SPLOST funds for Design-Build contract with Gold Mech Inc., to rehabilitate and modify existing HVAC and fire protection systems at the Augusta Museum of History subject to the presentation of the warranty information for the equipment. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve.	Don Grantham	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Mr. Williams abstains. Motion carries 7-1.			

8. Motion to approve request to accept the assistance award from the Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration. **(Approved by Public Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

9. Motion to **approve** the selection of Stage Front Presentations Systems for RFP Item #07-129, Commission Presentation System. **(Approved by Public Safety Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

FINANCE

- 10.** Motion to **approve** a request from Michael Dunbar of 2823 Crosscreek Road for a refund of overpaid property taxes. **(Approved by Finance Committee August 27, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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


- 11.** Motion to **approve** request for the purchase of 21 Digital Camera Units for installation in Sheriff's Office Road Patrol and Traffic Cars. **(Approved by Finance Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 12.** Motion to **approve** agreement with A1-  [Attachments](#)
 Jon, Inc. for replacement of current compactor with a new compactor under a similar lease agreement.
(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007)

Item Action:
Rescheduled

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve bringing this item back to the next Commission meeting with a report from Procurement and the Attorney regarding the legality of motion at this point in time.	Marion Williams	Andy Cheek	Passed
Mr. Grantham and Mr. Smith vote No. Motion carries 6-2.				

- 13. Motion to **approve** a construction contract to Blair Construction, Inc. who submitted a low bid of \$2,537,304.91 to construct the sewer and water improvements in the Meadowbrook Drive Sewer Pocket and surrounding area. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007**)**

 [Attachments](#)

**Item
Action:
Approved**

Motions

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

- 14. Motion to **approve** Project Framework Agreement for SR 28 at Laney Walker Blvd & Riverfront Dr. for Utility relocation. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007**)**

**Item
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Approved**

Motions

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

- 15. Motion to award** of purchase of two bull dozers for the Solid Waste Department to Yancey Brothers Equipment. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 16. Motion to approve** the lease of 304 square feet of additional office space for the Engineering Section of the Augusta Utilities Department on the first floor of The New South Building, 360 Bay Street. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007**)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 17. Motion to authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property #139-0-279-00-0 3812 Karleen Road, which is owned by Mary Ann Day and Ronell M. Day, for 6,322 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 2,893 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

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

- 18. Motion to authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property #139-0-278-00-0 3810 Karleen Road, which is owned by Mary Ann Day and Ronell M. Day, for 207 Square Feet of Temporary Easement and 71 Square Feet of Permanent Easement. AUD Project: Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 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	Andy Cheek	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

- 19.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #099-0-068-00-0 Nixon Road, which is owned by Estes Express Lines, for 7,672 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 7,229 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: Doug Barnard Parkway Water Main. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

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Approved

Motions

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

- 20.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property #139-0-280-00-0 3814 Karleen Road, which is owned by Mary Ann Day, for 748 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 677 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

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

- 21.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of Property #129-0-003-01-0 Tobacco Road, which is owned by Fred McNeal, for 4,229 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 4,437 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: Horsepen Sanitary Sewer, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

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

- 22.** Motion to authorize condemnation of a portion of property # 053-0-086-01-0 1745 Barton Chapel Road, which is owned by Starette Trucking Company, for 18,485 square feet of temporary easement. AUD Project: 630 Water Main, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

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

- 23.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #067-0-044-00-0 2315 Gordon Highway, which is owned by Starette Trucking Company, Inc., for 44,596 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 30,086 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: 630 Water Main, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

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Motions

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

- 24.** Motion to **authorize** condemnation of a portion of property #055-1-031-00-0 3196 River Oak Road, which is owned by Valley Park of Augusta, Inc., for 4,325 Square Feet of Permanent Easement and 4,330 Square Feet of Temporary Easement. AUD Project: 630 Water Main, Phase 2. **(Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 13, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 25. Motion to demolish house at 2441 Riverlook Drive, Owner: Augusta, Georgia. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 26. Motion to approve the award of construction contract to Blair Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$329,331.31 for the resurfacing of Hephzibah-McBean Road, subject to receipt of signed contracts and proper bonds for the Engineering Department. (Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007)**

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 27.** Motion to **approve** execution of the three (3) Project Framework Agreement (PFA) documents from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on the Windsor Spring Road Phase IV project from Willis Foreman Road to Tobacco Road, CPB# 323-04-299823766. The agreement states that GDOT will fund and acquire the rights of way on the Windsor Spring Road Phase IV project. (**Approved by Engineering Services Committee August 27, 2007**)

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS


- 28.** Motion to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held August 21, 2007.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

APPOINTMENT(S)

- 29.** Motion to **approve** the appointment of  [Attachments](#) Mr. James Rouse, Mayoral appointment as exofficio member of the Housing and Economic Development Citizens Advisory Committee.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

******END CONSENT AGENDA******
AUGUSTA COMMISSION
9/4/2007

AUGUSTA COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA
9/4/2007

(Items 30-40)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 30.** Update from the Administrator regarding the GBI investigation of the Augusta Recreation Department/RCCI incidents. **(Requested by Commissioner Marion Williams)**

**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 Calvin Holland	Passed
Mr. Bowles and Mr. Harper out. Motion carries 6-0.				

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 31.** Update from the Administrator regarding the hiring of Finance and Human Resources Directors. **(Requested by Commissioner Marion 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	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Passed
Mr. Cheek out. Motion carries 7-0.				

- 32.** Discuss the re-instatement of Attorney Vanessa Flournoy. **(Requested by Commissioner Marion Williams)**

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve referring this item to the legal meeting.	Marion Williams	Commissioner Calvin Holland	Passed
Mr. Grantham votes No. Motion carries 7-1.				

ENGINEERING SERVICES

- 33.** Discuss the enviromental clean up efforts relative to the Pension Property and the Hyde Park Community. **(Requested by Commissioner Marion Williams)**

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	Andy Cheek	Passed
Motion carries 8-0.				

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 34.** Motion to **approve** 2008 Georgia Department of Community Affairs pass through grant awards for Joseph Lamar Boyhood Home, Mach Academy, American Red Cross, Augusta State Unviersity, ARC and Lucy C. Laney Museum.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 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.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Rescheduled

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve Ms. Beck's request to be allowed to keep her vinyl fence in place.	Andy Cheek	Marion Williams	Failed
	Mr. Bowles, Mr. Brigham and Mr. Grantham vote No. Mr. Holland abstains. Motion fails 4-3-1.			
Approve	Motion to concur in the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of the request.	Commissioner Joe Bowles	Don Grantham	Failed
	Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams, Mr. Harper and Mr. Cheek vote No. Motion fails 4-4.			

- 36.** Resolution of condolences for former First Ward City Councilwoman Inez Wylds.

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

ATTORNEY

- 37.** Motion to **approve** and execute the license agreement for access, ingress and egress across property of Georgia Power Company (Project: AUD Main Interceptor Sewer; Contractor Oscar Renda, Inc.) and ratify authorization letter regarding same.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

- 38.** Motion to **approve** a Resolution to impose a \$1.50 per month charge for each landline and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) Service for subscribers having billing addresses in Augusta, Georgia, also known as Augusta-Richmond County.

 [Attachments](#)

Item Action:
Approved

Motions

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

OTHER BUSINESS

39. 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.	Marion Williams	Jimmy Smith	Passed
	Mr. Grantham votes No. Mr. Harper not voting. Motion carries 6-1.			

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.	Don Grantham	Commissioner Jerry Brigham	Passed
Mr. Cheek out. Motion carries 7-0.				

Upcoming Meetings

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