



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Wednesday Wrap-Up: Highlights from the Augusta Commission meeting held March 21, 2023**

**AUGUSTA, GA (March 22, 2023)** – In this week's Wednesday Wrap-Up of the Augusta Commission meeting held on March 21, 2023, city officials accepted an array of action items, including the implementation of a resubmission fee to the commercial plan review process. View a list of news briefs below for more details.

#### **U.S. Geological Survey agreement for groundwater monitoring approved**

Augusta Commissioners have authorized the execution of a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the operation, modeling and analyzing of monitoring wells to investigate water levels and water quality for Augusta's groundwater production facilities. The authorization includes an annual renewal for an additional three years unless the cost increases above \$150,000 in any year.

The data gathered from the monitoring process will provide information to support water management and water quality protection for Augusta, Georgia's water production facilities.

#### **Augusta Commission implements new Commercial Plan Resubmission Fee**

The Augusta Commissioners is now allowing Augusta's Planning and Development Department to apply a one-time commercial plan resubmission fee of \$50.00 for the third and each subsequent resubmission for commercial plan reviews. The fee will be collected at the end of the multiple reviews at the developer's discretion to move the project forward to the permitting and construction phases.

#### **FY 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant accepted**

The Augusta Commissioners approved accepting the FY 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant totaling \$52,800. The funding will be used to purchase thermal cameras that help firefighters see areas of heat through smoke and locate victims.

#### **Augusta Commissioners make board appointments**



## Office of the Administrator

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Takiyah A. Douse  
Interim Administrator

Maggie Pritchard, the owner of Pritchard Counseling and Consulting, LLC., has been appointed to the Small Business Advisory Board, representing District 8, and Michael Thurman, owner of Mcgillicuddy Rental Properties, has been appointed to the Augusta Port Authority, representing District 8.

### **Augusta, Georgia employees recognized for years of service**

During the meeting, Augusta Commissioners recognized the Augusta, Georgia employees who have served between 25 to 50 years with the government. The employees include Robin Auldridge of Engineering & Environmental Services, 30 years of service; Bruce Flannigan of Augusta Utilities, 25 year of service; Thelonious Jones, of Augusta Utilities, 25 years of service; Robert Silas of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 25 years of service; Stephanie Jackson of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, 25 years of service; and John Stearley of the Augusta Regional Airport, 35 years of service.

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