



**DOWNTOWN
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AUTHORITY**
of Augusta

**Downtown Development Authority of Augusta
Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023**

The Downtown Development Authority held its monthly meeting on March 16, 2023, at 10am at ATC Development, located at 901 Greene Street.

DDA board members and staff in attendance were Chairman Jack Evans, Vice-Chairman James Heffner, Secretary-Treasurer Stephen King, Phuong Nguyen, Commissioner Jordan Johnson, State Court Judge Ashanti Lilley Pounds, Executive Director Margaret Woodard, Project Coordinator Katherine Bonner, and Legal Counsel Jeb Murray. Also in attendance were Dr. Rebecca Stout of Augusta Technical College and Brad Usry and Cedric Johnson of the Coliseum Authority.

Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 10:08am. He thanked ATC for hosting and expressed excitement about their upcoming opening of The Augustan.

Mr. King introduced the consent agenda, which included the February 2023 meeting minutes and financial reports. There were no questions or comments. Mr. King made a motion to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Mr. Heffner, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Mr. Usry and Mr. Johnson discussed the upcoming Bell Auditorium renovations as well as the SPLOST referendum for James Brown Arena updates.

Dr. Stout presented an updated business and operations plan for the Downtown Augusta Microenterprise Center.

Chairman Evans introduced a letter from Augusta Tomorrow, which included an ask for financial support in creating an updated Master Plan. The request was in the amount of \$25,000. Mr. Heffner motioned to approve the SPLOST funding request, Mr. King seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

For the sake of time, Ms. Woodard's Director's Report was accepted as information.

For discussion of the FY2023 Operating Budget and salaries, Chairman Evans moved for closed session at 11:00am. All staff and guests left, and an affidavit was signed to certify.

Coming out of closed session at 11:10am, a motion was made to approve the 2023 Operating Budget, with adjustments to payroll and positions. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen King
Secretary-Treasurer