



Finance Committee Meeting

Virtual/Teleconference- 4/13/2021- 1:15 PM

FINANCE

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held on March 9, 2021. 
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2. Consider request from Probate Judge Harry James regarding a new staff position in the Probate Court. 
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3. Discuss the purpose and process of our annual budget.
(Requested by Commissioner Sammie Sias) 
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**Finance Committee Meeting
4/13/2021 1:15 PM
Minutes**

Department:

Presenter:

Caption: Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held on March 9, 2021.

Background:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

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Finance Committee Meeting Virtual/Teleconference - 3/9/2021

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Hons. Sias, Chairman; D. Williams, Vice Chairman; Scott, member.

Absent: Hons. Hardie Davis, Jr., Mayor; McKnight, member.

FINANCE

1. Approve funding for the January 5, 2021 General and Special Election Runoff and remaining 2021 elections.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Francine Scott	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Passes

2. Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee held on February 23, 2021.

**Item
Action:**
Approved

Motions

Motion Type	Motion Text	Made By	Seconded By	Motion Result
Approve	Motion to approve. Motion Passes 3-0.	Commissioner Francine Scott	Commissioner Sammie Sias	Passes

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Probate Court Clerk's Position**

Department: Probate Court

Presenter: Judge Harry James,

Caption: Consider request from Probate Judge Harry James regarding a new staff position in the Probate Court.

Background:

Analysis:

Financial Impact:

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

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**Finance Committee Meeting
4/13/2021 1:15 PM
Purpose and process of our annual budget**

Department:

Presenter: Commissioner Sammie Sias

Caption: Discuss the purpose and process of our annual budget.
(Requested by Commissioner Sammie Sias)

Background: Generally, the budget represents the vision and goals of the governing political body. The process should not be that after department directors submit their needs that is then come to the commission offering little or no opportunities to influence a budget that is considered balanced at the time the commission receives it. It should be the exact opposite, the vision, the goals and community needs, as determined by the Augusta Commission should leadoff the process.

Analysis: The citizens of Augusta Richmond County have entrusted the Commission with all the tools to improve and move our city forward. We have the Storm Water Program, The Sanitary Sewage Connection Program, SPLOST 7, the Transportation Improvement Act (TIA), SPLOST 8, and our annual budget. We must connect each of these critical resources to function with one purpose in bettering the life of our residents and visitors to this great city. Our vision cannot and must not be year to year. It is time for the governing body to task the Administrator with a vision, both short and long term, utilizing public input, seeking professional guidance, and commission experience to move us in the right direction.

Financial Impact:

Alternatives:

Recommendation:

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