MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

There was a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Present: Mayor Rollins, Councilors Conti, Grant, Elliott, Lind, O’Brien, Day and Alexander.

Absent: Councilor Wilson.

PRESENTATION: Recognizing Patrol Sergeant Danny Boivin upon his retirement from the Police Department.

Councilor Grant was Chair Pro-Tem for the presentation of the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Honoring the Elks Club 150th Anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

18-033 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)  
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held February 1, 2018, submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

18-034 City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)  
BE IT ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of January, 2018 in the amount of $5,266,651.19 be approved.

18-035 Mayor  
BE IT ORDERED, that Marci Alexander be appointed to represent the City of Augusta on the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee, said term to expire December 31, 2018.

18-036 Mayor  
BE IT ORDERED, that Dorean Maines is hereby reappointed to the Planning Board, said term to expire March 15, 2021.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda orders 18-033 to 18-036.

By: Conti Second by: Day
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

17-124 Mayor and Council (Tabled from 1/18/2018)
BE IT ORDERED, that the following question be submitted to the voters at the Municipal Election to be held November 7, 2017, which question shall read as follows:

Motion to suspend the reading of order 17-124.
By: Grant Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

“Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter?”

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the election of members to the Charter Commission be held November 7, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Charter Commission members be elected as follows:

“One Charter Commission member shall be elected from each ward in the same manner as a municipal officer.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that nomination petitions for any one candidate shall be assembled and united into one petition and filed with the City Clerk no earlier than the first Tuesday in August (8/1/2017) nor later than 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday in August (8/15/2017).

The City Council shall appoint three additional members to the Charter Commission after the election has occurred.

Motion to table order 17-124 indefinitely.
By: Lind Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 5
Nays: 2 – Councilors Conti and Grant
Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS
SECOND READING (ORDINANCES)

18-029 Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, a quorum of the Historic District Review Board should not be more than a simple majority of members; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Historic Preservation Design Manual is a guidance document that does not need to be referenced in ordinance.
Motion to suspend the reading of order 18-029.
By: Grant  Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Augusta amends the Land Use Ordinance as follows:

§ 300-316.5.F (7). Historic District Review Board. Quorum

(a) The presence of four five Board members shall constitute a quorum. All members, other than the Chairperson, are permitted to make and second motions; and all members present, unless abstaining, may participate in the discussion and deliberation. No meeting of the Board shall be held, or once begun, shall be continued, without a quorum as established in this section. The Board shall act by majority vote of the members present.

§ 300-316.5.O (2). Standards of Evaluation. Reconstruction, renovation and alteration.

(j) Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties is permitted when it does not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and the design is compatible with the size, scale, material and character of the property, neighborhood or environment. In particular, modern energy systems and their features (solar panels, heat pumps, etc.) shall be allowed to be incorporated into properties with an effort to make them fit into the character of the property and neighborhood as best as possible. For examples see the Augusta Historic Preservation Design Manual, Pt. II, pp. 42-43 and Pt. III, pp. 53-55.

Motion for passage of order 18-029.
By: Day  Second by: Lind
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

18-030  Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, a landowner has requested a contract rezoning of his parcel in order to accommodate a new business; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended that the parcel be contract rezoned.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Augusta amends the Land Use Ordinance, within the Augusta Code of Ordinances, as follows:
Motion to suspend the reading of order 18-030.
By: O’Brien Second by: Day
Yea: 7  Nays: 0

Assessor’s Map 5 Lot 110A, zoned Rural River District (RR) shall be Contract Zoned in accordance with Section 300-106.B (d){1} of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance to allow all of the same uses as the Rural River district, and add the use “Auto Repair/Service (no sales)” as a permitted use. The landscape buffer yard standards abutting parking lots with 6 or more spaces shall be reduced from buffer yard D (45 foot width) to buffer yard B (20 foot width). All other standards, including but not limited to, lot dimensions, setbacks, street graphics, and building height shall remain the same as the Rural River district.

Motion for passage of order 18-030.
By: O’Brien Second by: Alexander
Yea: 7  Nays: 0

18-031 Councilors Elliott and Conti
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 270 section 35 Schedule of no parking or restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended; be further amended by adding the following:

Maple Street:

No parking on the east, northeasterly side for the entire length.

Motion for passage of order 18-031.
By: Conti Second by: Lind
Yea: 7  Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS
PART I – ORDERS AND RESOLVES

18-037 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Secretary of State’s Office to change the Ward 1 Polling Place from the Augusta Armory at 179 Western Avenue to the Buker Community Center at 22 Armory Street.

Motion for passage of order 18-037.
By: Conti Second by: Elliott
Yea: 7  Nays: 0

Minutes 02/15/2018
18-038 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, that a special municipal election be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education, an At-Large position.

Motion for passage of order 18-038.
By: Elliott Second by: Lind
Yea: 7
Nays: 0

18-039 Mayor Rollins and Councilors; Alexander, Conti, Day, Grant, Elliott, Lind and O’Brien
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to contract with Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) for an amount not to exceed $10,000, as provided for in the 2018 General Fund Budget, for enhanced bus transportation service on a pilot program basis to and from senior citizen housing complexes throughout the City.

Motion for passage of order 18-039.
By: Elliott Second by: Conti
Yea: 7
Nays: 0

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm.
By: Alexander Second by: Elliott
Yea: 7
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
February 15, 2018