

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 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, Wilson and Alexander.

PRESENTATION: Augusta Boys and Girls Club Update by Kathy Wall and Charles Huerth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

18-052 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held March 15, 2018, submitted by the City Clerk's office be approved.

18-053 City Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

BE IT ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of March, 2018 in the amount of \$6,261,258.19 be approved.

18-054 Mayor

BE IT ORDERED, that Gary Lapierre be hereby appointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees said term to expire April 5, 2021.

18-055 Mayor

BE IT ORDERED, that Michael Tardiff be hereby appointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees said term to expire June 9, 2020.

18-056 Mayor

BE IT ORDERED, that Nancy Fritz is hereby reappointed to the Augusta Housing Authority Board said term to expire April 5, 2023.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda orders 18-052 and 18-056.

By: O'Brien Second by: Conti

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

PART I – ORDERS AND RESOLVES

18-057 Mayor and Council

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes malt beverages to be served at the following events on city property; Food Truck Festival June 9, 2018 at Mill Park; Augusta Trails 6th Annual Treadfest June 16 & 17, 2018 at the Bond Brook Recreation Area; Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Kennebec River Day Brewer’s Festival June 30, 2018 at Mill Park; Augusta Downtown Alliance Colonial Theater Fundraiser Festival July 6, 2018 on Front Street and Augusta Downtown Alliance Celebration July 26, 2018 on Front Street.

Motion to suspend reading of order 18-057.
By: Wilson Second by: Day
Yeas: 7
Nays: 1 – Councilor Alexander.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that malt beverage sales and distribution will be managed and operated by a duly licensed vendor with all applicable licenses, permits and insurance in place prior to the event and that all servers will be properly TIPS trained and certified.

Motion for passage of order 18-057.
By: Lind Second by: Elliott
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

18-058 Mayor and Council

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the occasional service of malt and vinous beverages at certain public events to be held at the Lithgow Public Library.

Motion for passage of order 18-058.
By: Elliott Second by: Lind
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

18-059 City Manager

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council accept the donation of the complete restoration of the paint and gold ornamentation in the Lithgow Public Library Reading Room by the Friends of Lithgow Library. The value of this donation is \$82,000.

Motion for passage of order 18-059.
By: Day Second by: Conti
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0

18-060 City Manager

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a legal services contract with the firms of Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC; Trafton, Matzen, Belleau & Frenette, LLP and Lipman & Katz, PA consistent with the proposed appended agreement with the clear understanding that in no event shall the City of Augusta incur any financial obligation that exceed settlement amounts due to the city as a result of litigation.

Motion for passage of order 18-060.

By: Wilson Second by: Elliott

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 – Councilor Conti has a professional conflict of interest.

18-061 Mayor and Councilors Alexander, Conti, Day, Elliott, Lind, O’Brien and Wilson.

BE IT ORDERED, that the following questions be submitted to the voters at a Special Municipal Election to be held June 12, 2018; which questions shall read as follows:

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 1 below?”

Summary Question 1: Amend Article II, Section 6 to state that the first City Council meeting of the year is on Thursday rather than Monday, and to provide authority for a dedimus justice to administer the oath of office.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 2 below?”

Summary Question 2: Amend Article II, Section 9 to remove the requirement that an emergency ordinance be reenacted within 61 days following the date on which it was originally adopted.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 3 below?”

Summary Question 3: Amend Article II, section 10 to require the Council to determine every ten years whether a Charter Commission should be established or whether amendments should be considered.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 4 below?”

Summary Question 4: Amend the Charter to enact Article II, section 11, which provides for a 120 day leave of absence for Council and School Board Members and the Mayor, after which the official will be considered to have resigned.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 5 below?”

Summary Question 5: Amend Article II, Section 1, Article III, Section 1, Article IV, Section 1 and Article IV, Section 5 to clarify term limits for City Council, Mayor, Board of Education and Chairperson of Board of Education.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 6 below?”

Summary Question 6: Amend Article V, Section 5, Article V, Section 6 and Article V, Section 9 to require that nomination petitions be made available 100 days prior to the election and returned between 75 and 60 days prior to the election, and to make other changes to clarify the nomination and election process.

“Shall the City of Augusta approve the charter amendment summarized in Question 7 below?”

Summary Question 7: Amend Article VII, Section 7 to raise the Council debt limit from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 before city-wide referendum is required.

Motion for passage of order 18-061.

By: Elliott Second by: Day

Yeas: 6

Nays: 2 – Councilors Conti and Grant.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager’s Report

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

By: Conti Second by: Alexander

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
April 5, 2018