AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
7:00 P.M.

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 pm in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

18-062 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held April 5, 2018, submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

18-063 Mayor
BE IT ORDERED, that Maurice Fortin be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review, said term to expire on April 20, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

PART I – ORDERS AND RESOLVES

18-064 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of Maine Department of Transportation for a project to continue the sidewalks on Civic Center Drive for an amount not to exceed $122,000 in local matching funds and an additional $28,000 for additional traffic control improvements.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that $6,600 is hereby appropriated from FUND 2267, Skowhegan Savings Bank Traffic Improvement Impact Fees, and $50,305 is hereby reallocated from the Northern Avenue Capital Improvement Project to supplement the $93,095 in existing Capital Improvement Funds.

18-065 Mayor and Councilors Alexander, Conti, Day, Elliott, Lind, O’Brien and Wilson
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to schedule a public hearing on May 3, 2018 regarding the proposed charter amendments as listed below:

“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.
NEW BUSINESS:
PART 2 – ORDINANCES BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

18-067 Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Article VI: §115-26 Mass Outdoor Gatherings, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by changing the following:

Section 115-26 – Permit Required

B. No person shall sponsor, promote or conduct a mass outdoor gathering with the intent to attract or the understanding that the gathering may attract 200 or more persons until a permit has been obtained therefor from the Augusta Police Chief or his designee. The application for a permit must be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the mass gathering, unless the City Manager allows a shorter time frame for good cause shown.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
April 17, 2018