AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 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.

**PROCLAMATION:** May as Arbor Month

**PRESENTATION:** Miles for Mills 5K road race event

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Liquor license application by Kimberly Phinney owner of Café 130 Catering located at 8 Green Street, Suite 1 for a Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Proposed Charter Amendments

**PUBLIC HEARING:** FY 2019 Proposed City and School Budget

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

18-068   City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting held April 19, 2018, submitted by the City Clerk’s office be approved.

18-069   Mayor
BE IT ORDERED, that Keith Lind is hereby appointed to the Conservation Commission, said term to expire May 3, 2021.

18-070   City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council accepts a donation from Longfellow’s Greenhouse of up to 100 flats of annual flowers valued at $3,500.00 to be used in the City’s gardens.

**OLD BUSINESS – TABLED MATTERS:**

**SECOND READING (ORDINANCES)**

18-067   Mayor and Council
BE IT ORDERED, 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

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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.

NEW BUSINESS:

PART I – ORDERS AND RESOLVES

18-071 City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the application by Kimberly Phinney owner of Café 130 Catering located at 8 Green Street, Suite 1, be approved for a Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor License.

18-072 City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council authorize a Beer Garden to be held on Monday, May 28th, 2018 on Front Street and adjacent parking lot as part of the Miles for Mills 5K road race.

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

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

PART 2 – ORDINANCES BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

18-074 City Manager

BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Augusta amends Article III: Conduct in Public Parks § 215-11 Rules and regulations; enforcement by adding the underlined text as follows:

A. Specific rules and regulations regulating conduct in parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and cemeteries of the City shall be promulgated by the Director of Parks and Cemeteries as well as Recreation, subject to approval by the City Council, and copies of such rules and regulations shall be on file in the City Clerk's office.
B. The Police Department shall enforce all federal and state laws as well as City ordinances at all City parks, athletic fields, playgrounds and cemeteries, regardless of their operating hours.

C. Any City-sanctioned use of alcoholic beverages intended to take place on City property, including public parks, shall only occur with the express permission of the City Manager upon recommendation of the Director of Community Services and Chief of Police.

COMMUNICATIONS

  Committee Reports
  City Manager’s Report

18-075  City Manager
Executive Session: Potential Litigation; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E)

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta L. Fogg, City Clerk
April 30, 2018