INFORMATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
CITY HALL (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)
Immediately Following the Conclusion of the Special Business Meeting.

A. Items for discussion submitted by the City Council and/or the City Manager:

1. Acceptance of the Extension of Anthony Avenue – City Manager
2. Bangor Street Replacement Retaining Wall Project – City Manager
3. Minor Amendment to the Historic District Ordinance – City of Augusta
4. Discussion of 2018 Charter Commission – City Manager

B. Persons wishing to address the City Council who have submitted a formal request in accordance with Section 2-61 of the Code of Ordinances:

C. Open comment period for any persons wishing to address the City Council:
Memo

To: William Bridgeo, City Manager

From: Matt Nazar, Director of Development Services

Date: January 8, 2018

Re: Anthony Ave

The new road constructed to serve the North Augusta Fire Station and other city owned land adjacent to the Fire Station is recommended by staff to be accepted by the City Council as a new public street. The street is a continuation of Anthony Avenue, as you cross over Leighton Road, and the recommended name for this new section of street is Anthony Avenue. The new fire station will be assigned an Anthony Avenue address.

From an economic development perspective continuing Anthony Ave across Leighton Road will make marketing the additional city owned land easier. The additional land had always been envisioned as an additional business park area and having the street within the existing business park continue into city land is beneficial to the city.
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Re: Bangor Street Retaining Wall

The retaining wall on the corner of Bangor and Murray Streets has deteriorated badly in the last five years and is now in a condition that it is both unattractive and presents a possible hazard to pedestrians and the travelling public. The retaining wall was originally installed as part of a Bangor Street rehabilitation project by Maine DOT over a decade ago.

Maine DOT has agreed to cover half of the cost of repairing the retaining wall, if the city pays for the other half of the cost. Lionel Cayer, Augusta’s City Engineer, estimates the cost of the project at about $69,900. Ralph St. Pierre has suggested that the city’s 50%, amounting to about $35,500 to be safe, be existing funds reallocated from the following accounts:

30157575 75157 Misc Drainage       $20,000 (2015 CIP)
30167575 755040 75165 Wade Road    $15,500

The Council will need to approve this reallocation, if they wish to complete the retaining wall repair.
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TO: William Bridgeo, City Manager

FROM: Matt Nazar, Director of Development Services

DATE: January 8, 2018

RE: Historic District Ordinance – Quorum and Text Amendments

The Historic District Review Board voted unanimously on December 19, 2017 for two text amendments to § 300-316.5 Historic District Ordinance. The recommendation from the Board on these items is intended to enable them to function more effectively and eliminate a reference to a document that does not exist.

§ 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.