AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENTATION – Historic Building Plaques presented by Historic Preservation Commission
- Eben Fuller House, 8 Crosby St. c. 1831
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 14 Pleasant St. c. 1885
- Fuller Weston House, 11 Summer St. c. 1820
- Dr. Issachar Snell House, 67 Winthrop St. c. 1829

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Councilor wishes to discuss one (or more) item(s), Councilor may ask to have the item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.

11-133 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held September 1, 2011, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

11-134 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of August 2011 in the amount of $5,030,434.70 be approved.

11-135 Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Margaret W. Ayotte be reappointed to the Housing Authority; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-136 Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Gerald Bumford be appointed to the Demolition Delay Subcommittee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-137 Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That John Harvey Versteeg be reappointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-138 Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Thomas F. Doore be appointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.
11-139  Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Jane Coryell be appointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-140  Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Terrence F. McCabe be reappointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-141  Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Daniel G. Stevens be appointed to the Old Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-142  Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That David R. Cheever be reappointed to the Cable Television & Telecommunications Committee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

11-143  Mayor Stokes
ORDERED, That Scott Milewski be reappointed to the Cable Television & Telecommunications Committee; said term to expire on September 22, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

11-144  Councilor Rollins
ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for Alumni Field Bleachers in an amount not to exceed $125,000 to be funded by the remaining Cony High School Construction Account.

11-145  Councilor Byron
ORDERED, That $20,000 be and is hereby appropriated from the undesignated fund balance for the purpose of paving the eastbound lanes of Western Avenue for approximately 1100 ft in the vicinity of Smith/Edison Drive. Said work to be completed in the Fall of 2011.

11-146  Councilor O’Brien
ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed $120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

11-147  Councilors O’Brien and Coffin
BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that a text amendment regarding residential frontage requirements in the Riggs Brook Village zoning district be initiated and sent to the Planning Board for public hearing, in accordance with Section 1.6.1.2 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board should consider the following text amendment recommendation, with the stipulation that any recommendation for modification of the proposal be considered by the Board based on public comment or the Board’s knowledge of the area:
Amend the residential frontage requirement from 400 feet per lot to 200 feet per lot.

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

11-148 Mayor Stokes
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Chapter 16 Public Safety. Sec. 26.1. Same-Residency Requirement, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended as follows:

The Chief of Police must be a resident of the City of Augusta within ninety (90) days of his/her appointment. This provision does not apply to the person holding such position on the effective date of Ordinance No. 360. The City Council upon recommendation of the City Manager may waive this requirement at its discretion.

11-149 City Manager
WHEREAS, noise in the city of Augusta can have a detrimental effect on private property value and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the proposed noise ordinance changes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance:

Section 5.1.15.1.1 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.15.1.1 as attached.

11-150 Councilor Rollins
WHEREAS, signage in the city of Augusta must both serve the businesses it advertises and respect the visual landscape of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the proposed sign changes with business leaders, industry leaders, and residents testifying.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance:

Section 5.1.17 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.17 as attached.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session to discuss:
- labor negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).
- a pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E).
COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
September 20, 2011