All members of the Council were present; Mayor Stokes presided.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND TABLED

11-146
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.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (con’t)

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

11-149
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Section 5.1.15.1.1 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.15.1.1 as set forth in document labeled “2011-11-21 DRAFT” as attached.

Motion to remove from table by: O’Brien Second by: Munson
Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion to amend by: O’Brien Second by: Munson
Yeas: 5; Byron, Grant, O’Brien, Rollins, Mayor Stokes
Nays: 4; Paradis, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
NEW BUSINESS

READ, FIRST READING

12-020
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:
That Chapter 18, section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Throughway  Entering Street

Townsend Road  Albert Avenue
High Ridge Drive
Glen Street
Windy Street

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

12-021
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the criteria for approving a text Amendment, found in Section 1.6.1.B of the Land Use Ordinance has been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that educational services are a use proposed by the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for this part of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that during the creation of the Table of Uses in 2007, educational services in the Civic Center District (CD) was erroneously eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Amend Table 3.6.A.1, Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add “Educational Services” as a permitted use in the table in the Civic Center Development (CD) zoning district.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)
NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ AND PASSED

12-012
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 19, 2012, submitted by the Deputy City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson    Second by: O’Brien
Yea: 8;      Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
            Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-013
ORDERED, That Lorie Mastemaker be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Munson    Second by: O’Brien
Yea: 8;      Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
            Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-014
ORDERED, That Andrew B. Loman be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Munson    Second by: O’Brien
Yea: 8;      Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
            Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-015
ORDERED, That Daniel Emery be appointed to the Augusta Trails Board; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Munson    Second by: O’Brien
Yea: 8;      Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
            Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0;

12-016
ORDERED, That Dr. Paul R. Wade be reappointed to the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire February 2, 2015.
Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: O’Brien
Y eas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
N ays: 0;

12-017
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation to the Fire Department from Robert and Jo Patenaude in memory of Fred Merrick in the amount of $30.00.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: O’Brien
Y eas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
N ays: 0;

12-018
ORDERED, That the City Council request the Planning Board review the zoning districts in the Eastside Planning Committee study area and recommend two new zoning districts replace the current five.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Byron
Y eas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
N ays: 0;

12-019
ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby appropriate $10,000 from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Fund to support a proposed downtown forgivable loan program as recommended by the Augusta Downtown Alliance (ADA) said program to be administered by the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That this City TIF contribution shall only be expended upon satisfactory evidence to the City Manager that all necessary noncity funding is in place and available for distribution as loans to qualified downtown Augusta businesses or individuals.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Rollins
Y eas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
N ays: 0;

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
February 6, 2012