MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Stokes was absent. All members of the Council were present, however Councilor Grant was absent for Executive Session but present for the Informational and Business Meetings.

Motion to vote Councilor Rollins as Chairman Pro-tem by: O’Brien  Second by: Byron  
Y eas:  5:  Byron, O’Brien  
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery  
Nays:  0: 
Councilors Paradis and Munson did not vote (abstained).

Motion to Enter into an executive session, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841(2), to discuss an application for abatement of property taxes on account of infirmity or poverty; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(F) by:  O’Brien   Second by:  Byron  
Y eas:  7:  Byron, Paradis, O’Brien  
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson  
Nays:  0: 

Motion to suspend the Business Meeting and enter into the Informational Meeting first by:  O’Brien   Second by:  Paradis  
Y eas:  7:  Byron, Paradis, O’Brien  
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson  
Nays:  0:  

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Thaweesuk, d/b/a M Thai Restaurant and Noodle House  

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Lee Kerr of L and B BBQ LLC, d/b/a Dickey’s Barbeque Pit  

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.
12-035
ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND TABLED

12-045
ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Lee Kerr of L and B BBQ LLC d/b/a Dickey’s Barbeque Pit

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

12-047
ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract with Neokraft signs of Lewiston, Maine to manufacture and install Welcome and Gateway signage additions on existing gateway signage infrastructure that will incorporate the City’s new logo for an amount not to exceed $6,990.00 to be charged to the Council Contingency fund.

Motion to table by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 6: Byron, Grant, O’Brien, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 2: Paradis, Rollins

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

READ AND PASSED

12-039
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 15, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O’Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien, Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:
ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of March, 2012, in the amount of $4,551,671.18 be approved.

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

ORDERED, That Maurice Fortin be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review; said term to expire April 12, 2015.

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

ORDERED, That Jeffrey Bilodeau be appointed to the Edwards Dam Selection Committee; said term to expire on April 12, 2015.

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

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a $70.00 donation for heating assistance for residents of Augusta who are not General Assistance eligible.

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

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:
       Thaweesuk Soikum, d/b/a M. Thai Restaurant and Noodle House

Motion for passage by: O’Brien  Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
       Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:
12-046
ORDERED, That the City Council approve the property tax abatement request identified as 2012-1 which has been duly deliberated by the Augusta City Council in an executive session pursuant to M.R.S.A., Title 36, §841(2).

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

12-048
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed $3,000.00 from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for the 2012 ATV Enforcement Grant. Grant funding will be utilized to provide directed ATV enforcement in Augusta.

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

12-049
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed $2,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for the 2012 “Buckle Up – No Excuses!” campaign. Grant funding will be utilized to provide occupant protection education efforts and high visibility seatbelt enforcement.

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

12-050
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed $5,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for the 2012 Speed Enforcement Program. Grant funding will be utilized to provide high visibility directed speed enforcement.

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

12-051
ORDERED, That, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Section 6-229, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to close Bond Street, Mount Vernon Avenue, Water Street (between Bond Street and Bridge Street) and Commercial Street Bypass as needed.
to all traffic in the vicinity the Greater Augusta Utility District CSO 3 project for the purpose of facilitating the installation/relocation of various water and sewer/storm water pipes associated with this construction project. Times of each closure to be determined based on the Contractor’s schedule and approved by the City Manager. Traffic will be re-routed in accordance with approved plans and adequate notification to the public.

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

12-052
ORDERED, That, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Land Use Ordinance Section 5.1.15.1.A.1.0, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to modify the hours of work of S. E. McMillan the contractor retained by the Greater Augusta Utility District CSO 3 project for the purpose of facilitating the installation/relocation of various water and sewer/storm water pipes associated with this construction project. Areas of work where modified work hours may be needed and/or may be beneficial to public safety include Bond Street, Mount Vernon Avenue, Water Street (between Bond Street and Bridge Street) and Commercial Street. Modification of work hours Times to be determined based on the Contractor’s schedule and approved by the City Manager.

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

12-053
ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to accept $151,470 of allocated funds under the FY2011 Homeland Security (HSGP) Grant Program; $85,107.85 for SHSP activities and $66,362.71 for LETPP activities. Funds to cover Fire and Police Department Training, Incident Command and Equipment Cabinets, Emergency Fixed Generator for City Hall.

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

12-054
ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to execute a 15 ft. construction easement for S E MacMillan Corp at Mill Park to facilitate the installation of Greater Augusta Utility District combined sewer overflow infrastructure. Dimensions of easement shall conform to plan of CDM Engineering - File Name: CSTPL018, Sheet No. C-01 as attached.
Motion for passage by: Paradis        Second by: O’Brien
Y eas: 8:  Byron, Grant, Paradis, O’Brien
        Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M Charest, Deputy City Clerk
April 13, 2012