INFORMATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, March 12, 2015
CITY HALL (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)
6:30 P.M.

A. Items for discussion submitted by the City Council and/or the City Manager:
   1. Update on city-wide energy improvement project
   2. Raised garden beds in city right-of-way
   3. Discontinuance of Perham Street, a portion of Court Street and property line modification on Winthrop Street

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.
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Assistant City Manager Ralph St. Pierre
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: March 9, 2015

Meetings:

Today, Monday, March 9, 2015, there will be two Maine Department of Transportation public input sessions held in the Lecture Hall from 2-4 p.m. and then 6-8 p.m. Input from the meetings will help Maine DOT understand the needs of the public and various stakeholders to help the department formulate its Long-Range Transportation Needs Assessment.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2015 there will be a Planning Board Meeting in Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. An agenda is enclosed in council packets.

There will be a City Council Informational Meeting on Thursday, March 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. This agenda is also enclosed in council packets.

Other Items:

We will be making a presentation on the energy efficiency upgrades the City has undertaken over the past five years. When taken together the list of city and school department projects is quite impressive. Almost every city and school department facility has been affected.

The last item on the agenda this week is to discuss the discontinuance of Perham Street and a portion of Court Street. These two actions will allow for the construction of additional parking at the new Capital Judicial Center. The last part of this discussion is to address the right-of-way on Winthrop Street. This is all outlined in more detail in Matt’s memo which is enclosed in council packets.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
   Augusta Legislative Delegation
Memo

To: City Council  
  William Bridgeo, City Manager

From: Matt Nazar, Director of Development Services

Date: March 9, 2015

Re: Street Discontinuances and Winthrop Street right-of-way line modification

The court construction project has resulted in many changes around the court, the jail, and the properties that were behind the jail. At this point, Perham Street between Winthrop and Court Streets has effectively been abandoned due to construction and security concerns related to the courthouse. Perham Street from Court Street to the county offices, the segment directly behind the jail, has been approved by the Planning Board for construction of a parking lot for the courts, pending approval by the City Council of the street’s discontinuance. The four homes that were on this section of Perham Street were purchased by the Maine Government Facilities Authority (MGFA) and demolished. Additionally, Court Street from State Street to its eastern terminus no longer serves anyone but the County and the courts. It is effectively a driveway to their parking lots.

The discontinuance of these street segments will result in the city no longer being required to maintain them and will result in the adjacent landowners – the county and the state – becoming the parties responsible for maintaining them.

Finally, there is some inconsistency in the right of way line of Winthrop Street adjacent to the new court building. It is proposed that the city transfer a sliver of Winthrop Street to MGFA to remove the inconsistency. The new right of way line for Winthrop Street will still maintain a cross section that is wider than the existing paved street and sidewalk, allowing plenty of space for the necessary public use.

Attached are draft documents regarding the discontinuances and Winthrop Street realignment that will be properly formatted and updated in the form of Council Orders, that preserve public easements, if the Council wishes to move forward with these discontinuances.
February 27, 2015

Matt Nazar
Director of Development Services
City Center Plaza
16 Cony Street
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Matt:

Re: New Augusta Court Facility

Attached please find my revised final descriptions in WORD and PDF’s of the plans for the street discontinuances and street redefinition at the new Augusta Court Facility on Court Street.

The Council Orders are labeled “Draft” and are for your use and editing. The descriptions are final, but format may be modified as you see fit.

The attached descriptions and the plans attached to each description are as follows:

BD1 - City of Augusta, Draft Council Order, Discontinuance of that portion of Perham Street between Winthrop Street and Court Street, dated January 25, 2013, and plan entitled “Plan of Perham Street Discontinuance between Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated December 20, 2012;

BD1A - City of Augusta, Draft Council Order, Discontinuance of that portion of Perham Street Southwesterly of Court Street, dated February 26, 2015, and plan entitled “Plan of Perham Street Discontinuance Southwesterly of Court Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated February 2, 2015;

BD2 - City of Augusta, Draft Council Order, Discontinuance of that portion of Court Street southeasterly of Perham Street, dated February 26, 2015, and plan entitled “Plan of Court Street Discontinuance Southeasterly of Perham Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated February 2, 2015;

BD2A - City of Augusta, Draft Council Order, Discontinuance of that portion of Court Street between State Street and Perham Street, dated February 26, 2015, and
Matt Nazar  
New Augusta Court Facility  
February 27, 2015  
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plan entitled “Plan of Court Street Discontinuance, State Street to Perham Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated February 2, 2015;


As we’ve discussed, the land and easement conveyance by Augusta Parking District to MGFA is to be done before discontinuing Court Street, and the transfers between Kennebec County and MGFA are to be done after discontinuing Perham Street and Court Street.

I’d like to review your final documents when available. Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.

[Signature]

Elliot B. Thayer, PE PLS

EBT/l

c w/ attaches: Philip A. Johnston  
555 Gardiner Road  
Dresden, Maine 04342
City of Augusta

Draft Council Order

Discontinuance of that portion of Perham Street between Winthrop Street and Court Street

(to be discontinued before conveyances from Kennebec County to Maine Governmental Facilities Authority)

Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.
17 Hasson Street
Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207) 582-7762

January 25, 2013
100841 BD1
CITY COUNCIL  
City of Augusta, Maine

Date: _______________________

TITLE: Perham Street - Discontinuance

ORDERED, That a section of a city street known as Perham Street, description below, no longer of public use and necessity be discontinued.

DESCRIPTION: All that part of Perham Street lying southwesterly of Winthrop Street and northeasterly of Court Street as shown on a plan attached hereto labeled Exhibit B and entitled “Plan of Perham Street Discontinuance between Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated December 20, 2012, by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine.

The intent being to discontinue any and all rights that the City of Augusta may have by virtue of acceptance, use or otherwise. According to the Journal of Board of Aldermen, Vol. II, Page 432, dated December 14, 1899, the portion of Perham Street located between Court Street and Winthrop Street was never laid out by nor accepted by the City of Augusta.

The City of Augusta shall not retain and hereby releases a public easement over the herein described area, as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A., Section 3026.

Notice sent to:

Kennebec County – Abutter  
Kennebec County Commissioners Office  
125 State Street, 2nd Floor  
Augusta, ME  04330

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority – Abutter  
P.O. Box 2268  
Augusta, ME  04338-2268

Greater Augusta Utility District – Utility Owner  
12 Williams Street  
Augusta, ME  04330

Central Maine Power Company – Utility Owner  
Edison Drive  
Augusta, ME  04336
PROPOSED PERHAM STREET DISCONTINUANCE
8,154 S.F. ±
City of Augusta

Draft Council Order

Discontinuance of that portion of Perham Street
Southwesterly of Court Street

(to be discontinued before conveyances between Kennebec County
and Maine Governmental Facilities Authority)

Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.
17 Hasson Street
Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207) 582-7762

February 26, 2015
100841 BD1A
CITY COUNCIL
City of Augusta, Maine

Date: ______________________

TITLE: Perham Street - Discontinuance

ORDERED, That a section of a city street known as Perham Street, description below, no longer of public use and necessity be discontinued.

DESCRIPTION: All that part of Perham Street lying southwesterly of Court Street as shown on a plan attached hereto labeled Exhibit B and entitled "Plan of Perham Street Discontinuance Southwesterly of Court Street, Augusta, Maine", dated February 2, 2015, by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine, and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a ¾-inch iron rod set capped "Thayer Engineering Company" at the intersection of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records September 10, 1827, with the southeasterly right-of-way line of Perham Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records – Street Book 1833, Pages 98-99 & 121-122, at the northerly corner of land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority ("MGFA"), reference deed recorded in Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in Book 11836, Page 116 ("11836/116");

thence S 33° 59' 04" W along the southeasterly right-of-way line of Perham Street and the northwesterly line of said land of MGFA and along the northwesterly lines of other lands of MGFA, reference deeds recorded in 11792/35, 11819/282 and 11792/32, a distance of 226.89 feet to an easterly line of land of Kennebec County, reference deed recorded in 1515/600;

thence N 4° 29' 11" W along the southwesterly terminus of Perham Street and the easterly line of said land of Kennebec County a distance of 50.00 feet to the northwesterly right-of-way line of Perham Street and the southeasterly line of other land of Kennebec County, reference deeds recorded in 212/98 and 212/94;

thence N 33° 41' 07" E along the northwesterly right-of-way line of Perham Street and the southeasterly line of said other land of Kennebec County a distance of 187.08 feet to the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street;
thence S 57° 12' 26" E along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street a distance of 32.09 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6,531 square feet, more or less.

Bearings are oriented to a 1987 magnetic north observation as shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Standard Boundary Survey, Key Bank of Central Maine, Former Elks Club Property, 10 Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated October 1988 by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine.

The intent being to discontinue the portion of Perham Street that is proposed to be reconstructed by Maine Governmental Facilities Authority as part of the driveways and parking areas to serve the new court house. Easements for access and utilities on the subject portion of Perham Street will be granted to and/or redefined for Greater Augusta Utility District and Central Maine Power Company to protect existing uses.

The City of Augusta shall not retain and hereby releases a public easement over the herein described area, as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A., Section 3026.

Notice sent to:

Kennebec County – Abutter
Kennebec County Commissioners Office
125 State Street, 2nd Floor
Augusta, ME 04330

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority – Abutter
P.O. Box 2268
Augusta, ME 04338-2268

Greater Augusta Utility District – Utility Owner
12 Williams Street
Augusta, ME 04330

Central Maine Power Company – Utility Owner
Edison Drive
Augusta, ME 04336
PROPOSED PERHAM STREET DISCONTINUANCE
6,531 S.F. ±
City of Augusta

Draft Council Order

Discontinuance of that portion of Court Street southeasterly of Perham Street

(to be discontinued after conveyance from Augusta Parking District to Maine Governmental Facilities Authority and before conveyances between Kennebec County and Maine Governmental Facilities Authority)

Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.
17 Hasson Street
Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207) 582-7762

February 26, 2015
100841 BD2
CITY COUNCIL
City of Augusta, Maine

Date: ______________________

TITLE: Court Street - Discontinuance

ORDERED, That a section of a city street known as Court Street, description below, no longer of public use and necessity be discontinued:

DESCRIPTION: That part of Court Street lying southeasterly of Perham Street that is shown on a plan attached hereto labeled Exhibit B and entitled "Plan of Court Street Discontinuance Southeasterly of Perham Street, Augusta, Maine", dated February 2, 2015, by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine, and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the northeasterly right-of-way line of Court Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records September 10, 1827, at the westerly corner of land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority ("MGFA"), reference deed recorded in Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in Book 11117, Page 8 ("11117/8");

thence S 59° 30' 17" E along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Court Street a distance of 381.00 feet to a ¾-inch iron rod found and the southeasterly terminus of Court Street, being the northwesterly terminus of the portion of Court Street that was discontinued November 11, 1909 by Act of Maine Legislature, Chapter 313;

thence in a general southwesterly direction along the southeasterly terminus of Court Street along a curve to the left having a radius of 1,005.37 feet through a central angle of 2° 52' 01" an arc distance of 50.31 feet to a point and the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street, said point being S 26° 23' 06" W and a chord distance of 50.30 feet from the last mentioned iron rod;

thence N 63° 12' 26" W along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street a distance of 26.87 feet;

thence N 57° 12' 26" W along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street a distance of 356.25 feet to the easterly corner of the northeasterly terminus of Perham Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records – Street Book 1833, Pages 98-99 & 121-122;
thence continuing N 57° 12' 26" W along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street and the northeasterly right-of-way line of Perham Street a distance of 16.05 feet to the centerline of Perham Street;

thence N 33° 50' 57" E crossing Court Street a distance of 18.51 feet to the centerline of Court Street;

thence S 58° 21' 44" E along the centerline of Court Street a distance of 13.29 feet;

thence N 29° 58' 53" E crossing Court Street a distance of 18.77 feet to the point of beginning, containing 17,525 square feet, more or less.

Bearings are oriented to a 1987 magnetic north observation as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Standard Boundary Survey, Key Bank of Central Maine, Former Elks Club Property, 10 Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine", dated October 1988 by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine.

The intent being to discontinue the portion of Court Street that is proposed to be reconstructed by Maine Governmental Facilities Authority as part of the driveways and parking areas to serve the new court house. Easements for access and utilities on the subject portion of Court Street will be granted to and/or redefined for Greater Augusta Utility District and Central Maine Power Company to protect existing uses.

The City of Augusta shall not retain and hereby releases a public easement over the herein described area, as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A., Section 3026.

Notice sent to:

State of Maine – Abutter
Department of Transportation
16 Statehouse Station
Augusta, ME 04330-0016

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority – Abutter
P.O. Box 2268
Augusta, ME 04338-2268

Greater Augusta Utility District – Utility Owner
12 Williams Street
Augusta, ME 04330
NOTE:

THIS PLAN SHOWS PROPOSED LINES THAT WILL EXIST AFTER A PROPOSED CONVEYANCE FROM AUGUSTA PARKING DISTRICT TO MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.
City of Augusta

Draft Council Order

Discontinuance of that portion of Court Street between State Street and Perham Street

(to be discontinued before conveyances between Kennebec County and Maine Governmental Facilities Authority)

Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.
17 Hasson Street
Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207) 582-7762

February 26, 2015
100841 BD2A
CITY COUNCIL
City of Augusta, Maine

Date: __________________

TITLE: Court Street - Discontinuance

ORDERED, That a section of a city street known as Court Street, description below, no longer of public use and necessity be discontinued:

DESCRIPTION: That part of Court Street lying between State Street and Perham Street that is shown on a plan attached hereto labeled Exhibit B and entitled “Plan of Court Street Discontinuance, State Street to Perham Street, Augusta, Maine”, dated February 2, 2015, by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine, and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the northeasterly right-of-way line of Court Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records September 10, 1827, with the southeasterly right-of-way line of State Street, at the westerly corner of land of Kennebec County, reference deeds recorded in Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in Book 173, Page 260 (“173/260”), 67/161, 67/91, 65/132, 63/80 and 55/174;

thence S 59° 30' 17" E along the northeasterly right-of-way line of Court Street and the southwesterly line of said land of Kennebec County a distance of 199.56 feet to a ¾-inch iron rod set capped “Thayer Engineering Company” and the westerly corner of land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, reference deed recorded in 11117/8;

thence S 29° 58' 53" W crossing Court Street a distance of 18.77 feet to the centerline of Court Street;

thence N 58° 21' 44" W along the centerline of Court Street a distance of 13.29 feet;

thence S 33° 50' 57" W crossing Court Street a distance of 18.51 feet to the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street and the centerline of the northeasterly terminus of Perham Street, reference City of Augusta Street Records – Street Book 1833, Pages 98-99 and 121-122;
thence N 57° 12' 26" W along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Court Street and the northeasterly right-of-way of Perham Street and the northeasterly line of other land of Kennebec County, reference deeds recorded in 212/98 and 212/94, a distance of 52.58 feet;

thence N 60° 42' 27" W along the northeasterly line of said other land of Kennebec County a distance of 134.73 feet to the southeasterly right-of-way line of State Street;

thence N 33° 20' 43" E along the southeasterly right-of-way line of State Street a distance of 37.75 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7,016 square feet, more or less.

Bearings are oriented to a 1987 magnetic north observation as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Standard Boundary Survey, Key Bank of Central Maine, Former Elks Club Property, 10 Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine", dated October 1988 by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine.

The intent being to discontinue the portion of Court Street that is proposed to be reconstructed by Maine Governmental Facilities Authority as part of the driveways to serve the new court house. Easements for access and utilities on the subject portion of Court Street will be granted to and/or redefined for Greater Augusta Utility District and Central Maine Power Company to protect existing uses.

The City of Augusta shall not retain and hereby releases a public easement over the herein described area, as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A., Section 3026.

Notice sent to:

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Kennebec County Commissioners Office
125 State Street, 2nd Floor
Augusta, ME 04330

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority – Abutter
P.O. Box 2268
Augusta, ME 04338-2268

Greater Augusta Utility District – Utility Owner
12 Williams Street
Augusta, ME 04330

Central Maine Power Company – Utility Owner
Edison Drive
Augusta, ME 04336
City of Augusta

Draft Council Order

Redefinition of that portion of Winthrop Street Right-of-Way adjoining land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority

Thayer Engineering Company, Inc.
17 Hasson Street
Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207) 582-7762

January 25, 2013
100841 BD3
TITLE: Winthrop Street – Redefinition

ORDERED, That a section of the right-of-way line of a city street known as Winthrop Street, description below, having conflicting record locations, be redefined as follows:

DESCRIPTION: That part of the right-of-way line of Winthrop Street adjoining land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, reference deed recorded in Kennebec County Registry of Deeds in Book 10871, Page 329 ("10871/329"), described as follows:

Beginning at a "P-K" nail set with washer stamped "Thayer Engineering Company" at the easterly corner of land of Kennebec County, reference deed recorded in 67/91, and being at or near the easterly corner of Perham Street, all as shown on a plan attached hereto labeled Exhibit B and entitled "Plan of Winthrop Street Redefinition adjoining land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority Easterly of Perham Street, Augusta, Maine", dated December 20, 2012, by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine;

thence N 29° 58' 53" E a distance of 23.30 feet to a 4-inch by 6-inch granite monument found 0.7 feet below grade;

thence S 65° 39' 21" E a distance of 228.54 feet to the northerly corner of land of 16 Winthrop Street LLC, reference deed recorded in 11163/316, said corner being S 27° 23' 20" W and 0.65 feet from a 6-inch by 6-inch granite monument found flush with the ground.

Bearings are oriented to a 1987 magnetic north observation as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Standard Boundary Survey, Key Bank of Central Maine, Former Elks Club Property, 10 Winthrop Street & Court Street, Augusta, Maine", dated October 1988 by Thayer Engineering Company, Inc., Farmingdale, Maine.

The intent being to redefine the portion of Winthrop Street that is adjoining land of Maine Governmental Facilities Authority, to be in conformance with a plan entitled "Plan Showing Relocation of Winthrop Street, Augusta, Maine, from Water St. to State St.", dated May 1915 by A.G. Norcross, and to be in conformance with the existing improvements and uses along this section of Winthrop Street.
Easements for utilities will be granted to and/or redefined for Greater Augusta Utility District to protect existing uses.

The City of Augusta shall not retain and hereby releases a public easement over the area southwesterly of the herein described redefined right-of-way lines, as provided in Title 23, M.R.S.A., Section 3026.

Notice sent to:

Maine Governmental Facilities Authority – Abutter
P.O. Box 2268
Augusta, ME 04338-2268

Greater Augusta Utility District – Utilities Owner
12 Williams Street
Augusta, ME 04330
WINTHROP STREET
(CITY OF AUGUSTA STREET RECORDS, 1801 -
KENNEBEC COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECORDS,
VOL. 1, PAGE 110, & PLAN REF.)

MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
1087/329
1177/6

PLAN REFERENCE:
"PLAN SHOWING RELOCATION OF WINTHROP STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE, FROM WATER ST. TO STATE ST.," DATED MAY 1915 BY A. G. NORCROSS.

THAYER ENGINEERING COMPANY
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17 Nisson Street Farmingdale, Maine 04344-1613
(207)882-7762 fax (207)882-8113 thayereng.com

PLAN OF WINTHROP STREET REDEFINITION
ADJOINING LAND OF
MAINE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
EASTERLY OF PERHAM STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE

Date: DECEMBER 20, 2012
Drawn by: N
Chkd. by: EBT
Scale: 1" = 40' Drawing # B02 Proj. # 100941