AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:30 P.M.

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PROCLAMATION – May – Arbor Month

PRESENTATION – DOT Easements on Mount Vernon Avenue

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2016 Budget

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.

15-073 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held April 16, 2015 and April 23, 2015, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

15-074 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of April, 2015 in the amount of $5,041,468.53 be approved.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

TABLED

15-066 Mayor Rollins
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a $250,000 donation from the Elsie P. Viles Estate to refurbish the Alumni Field at Cony High School and both principal and interest may be expended.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con’t)

SECOND READING

15-069 City Manager
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 deleting the following:
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that having museums allowed in districts that vary from where they are currently allowed would better fit the existing pattern of museum locations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has unanimously recommended the following amendments to the Land Use Ordinance based on public hearings they held and testimony they heard related to museums in Augusta;

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

Add the following definition to Section 2.2, Additional Definitions, in its proper alphabetical location

Museum: a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment.

And, amend Section 2.2, Additional Definitions, as follows:

Services: Establishments primarily engaged in providing assistance, as opposed to products, to individuals, business, industry, government, and other enterprises. The sale of goods is permitted only when incidental to the providing of services. Examples of Services include but are not limited to: miscellaneous repair services (excluding automotive repair/services); parking services; rental services; animal boarding/riding services; motion picture services; amusement and recreation services such as bowling centers, miniature golf courses, pool rooms, and campgrounds; cultural services such as museums; art galleries and botanical and zoological gardens; and other service uses not specifically classified in the Table of Uses.

And amend Table 3.6.A.1 Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add a new use, MUSEUM, in the Business section of the table marking it as a conditional use in the BP, CC, KBD1, and KBD2 zones.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

15-075 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the City Council approve Lisa’s Restaurant, 15 Bangor Street, request to expand their patio for the second Saturday of each month through the summer months for their bike nights and an additional Wednesday in May for a large fundraiser. Dates: May 9, May 20, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12 and October 10.
ORDERED, That Voter Registration hourly schedule for open session for the June 9, 2015 Special Municipal Election and School Budget Validation be:

Thursday, June 4, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The intent of this order is to change the evening session time in accordance with M.R.S.A., Title 21-A, Section 122(8), as amended.

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to offer for sale by sealed bid the city owned tax acquired properties located:

- 110 Northern Avenue, Map 35, Lot 289
- 10 Kennedy Road, Map 62, Lot 5

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from the sale will be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the city.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to contract with Keenan Auction Company for the sale of the City owned tax acquired property located at 94 Winthrop Street, Map 27, Lot 121.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following buyer’s criteria shall be required as conditions of sale:

- No additional paving area to be allowed on property
- The exterior of the building must retain is original architectural integrity and character
- The renovations to the building must begin with 6 months of transfer of ownership
- A Certificate of Occupancy must be issued no longer that 18 months from the date of transfer of ownership
- Successful bidder must provide to the City of Augusta verification of the financial ability for her/him to complete project and meet sales criteria
- Should expected performance criteria not be met, property ownership will revert back to the City of Augusta

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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

WHEREAS, the Maine DOT has indicated that certain temporary and permanent easements are necessary to complete the Mt. Vernon Ave reconstruction;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED That the City Council of the City of Augusta authorizes
the City Manager to execute the easement documents related to two City owned parcels, as
presented by the Maine DOT for reconstruction of Mt. Vernon Ave, on Tax Map 29, Lot 52, and
Tax Map 29, Lot 3.

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

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

15-080 Councilor Munson
BE IT ORDAINED, That section 6-230 of the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances is hereby
repealed to be replaced with the following language: (see attached)

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
May 4, 2015