MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 p.m.

All members of Council were present except Mayor Rollins, Councilors Grant and Emery. Councilor At Large Munson brought the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Nominations for Chair were accepted; Councilor Paradis was appointed to preside over the meeting.

Presentation - Augusta School Department Update by School Board Chairperson Kimberly Martin.

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Amazing LLC d/b/a Amazing Garden, 57 Western Avenue

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED, FINAL READING

15-133 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Land Use Ordinance Planned Development2 (PD2) zone will meet the mixed use goals of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the following amendment to the Land Use Ordinance;

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

Make “Social Services (excluding offender rehabilitation and offender self-help and parole and probation offices, clinical uses and food and goods distribution facilities)”, a conditional use in the PD2 zoning district; and

Add the following performance criteria to the PD2 zoning district:

3.6.1.9.4.5 Social Services uses in the PD2 district shall be built on a scale appropriate to and sensitive to their immediate neighbors. Social Services uses in the PD2 district must be of a size and scale that is appropriate to and sensitive to their immediate neighbors.

Motion to amend to add language by: Munson Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0
Motion to amend to change language by: Munson Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended by: McCormick Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con’t)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

15-132
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Land Use Ordinance map entitled City of Augusta Base Zones and creating a contract Planned Development (PD) zone will meet the mixed use goals of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the following amendment to the Land Use Ordinance;

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

Create a Contract Planned Development (PD) zone that has a single use allowed, Parking Services, which is a subset Services, as defined in the Land Use Ordinance. This new Contract PD Zone will encompass the following parcels in the City of Augusta: Tax Map 54, Lots 3, 34, 35, 36, and 37.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

15-141
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that vacant and abandoned properties pose a significant public safety risk and that such properties should be identified, and a responsible ownership entity established, the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to establish a vacant building and property registry.

WHEREAS, a Vacant and Abandoned Property registry that will provide a just, equitable and practicable method for identifying, managing and responding to the numerous issues associated with vacant buildings throughout the City of Augusta.
WHEREAS, This ordinance is intended to prevent or mitigate dangers to health, safety and welfare, promote responsible management, provide a safe neighborhood for residents, safeguard property values, expedite housing repairs, and provide for prompt contact with owners or managers by Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement when issues or emergencies develop.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that Chapter 6, Article I, § 6-92 through 6-99, Property Maintenance – Vacant Building Registration ordinance be enacted (full ordinance language attached).

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con’t)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

15-136
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held August 6, 2015; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Munson
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-137
ORDERED, That the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved:
Amazing LLC d/b/a Amazing Garden, 57 Western Avenue

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-138
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign a three year Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Officer Program Grant for the Augusta State Airport for calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018 in an amount not to exceed $96,230. No local match required.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 6; Conti, Paradis, Blodgett, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays: 0

15-139
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign a five year cost neutral single sort recycling contract with ecomaine for processing of recyclable materials.
Motion for passage by: McCormick    Second by: Conti
Yeas:  6;    Conti, Paradis, Blodgett,
       Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  0

15-140
BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the
Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 5824(3) & 5826(6) for the transfer of $835.00 to the
Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did
make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or a related criminal case, namely,
State of Maine vs. Steffan Collins.

Motion for passage by: Munson    Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas:  6;    Conti, Paradis, Blodgett,
       Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson
Nays:  0

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
August 24, 2015