AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
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.

PUBLIC HEARING - J.S. McCarthy Project 2016 Economic Development Grant

PUBLIC HEARING – J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated IV Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

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.

16-061 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held April 7, 2016, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

16-062 Mayor Rollins
ORDERED, That Stephanie McMillan be appointed to the Dog Park Advisory Committee said term to expire April 21, 2019.

16-063 Mayor Rollins
ORDERED, That Walter Zaccadelli be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, said term to expire May 16, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

16-059 Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Land Use Ordinance map entitled City of Augusta Base Zones will meet the growth area and 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:
The lot known as Assessor’s Map 5A, Lot 32, 33, 51 and a portion of Map 79, Lot 14 shall be rezoned in accordance with Section 300-106.B.(d)[1] of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, as depicted on the map titled Proposed Rezoning Plan, J.S. McCarthy Printers, dated March 31, 2016. The new zone shall be Industrial District (IA).

16-060  Councilors Blodgett, Conti and McCormick
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Code of City of Augusta to include additional property maintenance requirements benefits the public health, safety, and welfare; now therefore;

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

Add a new Chapter 139 regarding property maintenance, as attached; and
Amend Chapter 207-13 regarding swimming pools, as attached; and
Amend Chapter 207-24 regarding unregistered motor vehicles, as attached.

NEW BUSINESS

16-064  Mayor and Council
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sell, as surplus property, the cedar posts of the former picket fence at Fort Western.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That all proceeds from the sale of the pickets will be retained by the Friends of Fort Western to be used towards special events for the community.

16-065  Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out an Economic Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing: and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager:

1). Is authorized and directed to submit an application for the following program and within the State of Maine’s CDBG Program:

Program:  J.S. McCarthy Project 2016 Economic Development Grant
Amount:   Up to $560,000.00
To the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the City of Augusta, substantially in the form presented to this Council;

2). Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the city of Augusta as required as part of such applications, and

3.) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program, consistent with the Charter of the City of Augusta and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of the community development programs in the State of Maine.

16-066 Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to establish the “City of Augusta J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated IV Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”) and establish the Development Program for the District (the “Development Program”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need for J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated to expand their facility and invest in new equipment to support their continued operation;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the facility at J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated will lead to an increase in the number of quality jobs in the City of Augusta;

WHEREAS, implementation of the Development Program will help to provide additional investment in the City of Augusta; improve and broaden the tax base in the City of Augusta and improve the economy of the City of Augusta and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve fire protection facilities and apparatus for the protection of citizens of the City of Augusta and the surrounding region;

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage the expansion, improvement and continuation of commercial activities through the establishment of the District in accordance with the provision of Chapter 207 of Title 30-A; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated IV Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District, and to adopt a Development Program for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving the designation of the District and the adoption of the Development Program for the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the development program creating the J.S. McCarthy Printers, Incorporated IV Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District, be approved and that the City Manager is authorized to sign a Credit Enhancement Agreement with the developer consistent with the Development Program adopted herein.
16-067 Mayor and Council  
BE IT ORDERED, That $225,000 be unappropriated from the Commercial Street Capital Improvement Renovation Project.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That $105,000 be unappropriated from the Leighton Road Capital Improvement Project.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That $330,000 be appropriated to the Cross Hill Road Capital Improvement Project.

16-068 Mayor and Council  
BE IT ORDERED, That $65,000 be unappropriated from the School Street Capital Improvement Project.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That $65,000 be appropriated to the Cony Street Extension Capital Improvement Project.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports  
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
April 19, 2016