MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:30 P.M.

All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

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 were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, AMENDED AS AN EMERGENCY

16-059
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).

WHEREAS, an emergency exists necessitating the immediate enactment of this ordinance.
Without immediate enactment the property owner affected will not be able to construct in
a timely fashion during this construction season and remain competitive in the global
printing market.

Motion to amend to be passed as an emergency, by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0
OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con’t)

READ AND PASSED

16-060
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.

Motion for passage by: Conti Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 1; Bilodeau

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

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

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

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

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-063
ORDERED, That Walter Zaccadelli be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals, said term to expire May 16, 2019.
Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-064
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.

Motion for passage by: Conti Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-065
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.
Motion for passage by: Munson       Second by: Paradis
Yeas:  8;       Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
       Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays:  0

16-066
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.

Motion for passage by: Munson       Second by: Paradis
Yeas:  8;       Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
       Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays:  0
16-067
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.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Grant
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-068
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.

Motion for passage by: Grant Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 8; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
April 25, 2016