

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTATION – Rotary Students of the Month for May: Clarita White and Joe Thibodeau

PRESENTATION – CATC Students of the Month for May and June: Matthew Bonsant, Holly Huntington and Nicole Wheeler

PRESENTATION - 2009 Edward's Dam Scholarship to Kimberlee Owen

PRESENTATION - Historic House Plaques to Patti Violette

PRESENTATION - By Alam Sher – Trip to Bahawalpur

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.

073 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held May 21, 2009 and May 28, 2009 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

074 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of May 2009 in the amount of \$4,950,371.74 be approved.

075 City Manager

ORDERED, That City Council accepts a donation for The Spring Running festival in an amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), from the Maine Coastal Program, State Planning Office.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

- 017 Councilor O'Brien  
WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the five criteria for approving an area rezoning, found in section 1.6.1.A.vii have been satisfied.

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

The parcels shown as the "area of change" on the attached map entitled Proposed Zoning and dated December 30, 2008, shall be rezoned to Planned Development (PD). Parcels included are Tax Assessor's Map 48, Lots 3, 3-A, 3-B, 4, 5, 5-B, 6, 7, 8, 8-A, 8-B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12-A, and the segment of railroad property that starts at Riggs Brook and runs south to Route 3.

- 021 Manager (Bureau of Planning)  
WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the Planning Board held the required public hearing on a proposed amendment to the City's comprehensive plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Augusta be amended as follows:

Volume 1, pages 33 and 34 of the City of Augusta 2007 Comprehensive Plan, which are maps entitled Future Land Use and Future Land Use Detail, shall be amended to include the area north of Rt. 3, west of Riverside Drive, south of Riggs Brook, and east of the Kennebec River as the same shade of brown, indicating mixed use development, as the area directly to the north of the modified area.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

- 076 City Manager  
ORDERED, That the City Council, consistent with salary adjustments awarded to union employees, authorize a 3% cost-of-living salary adjustment to non-union employees at the start of the pay week closest to July 1, 2009.

- 077 City Manager  
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept and manage a \$45,000 grant from the State of Maine Riverfront Community Development Bond (RCDB) Program administered by Maine DECD, Department of Economic & Community Development. These funds will be used to construct two (2) granite and metal informational markers in the style of the Kennebec-Chaudiere marker in Hallowell and as identified in the master plan for Mill Park: one will be located at the boat launch at Mill Park and the other at the

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

077 Continued

west side boat launch at Waterfront Park. Remaining funds will be used for three (3) interpretive signs along paths at Mill Park. These funds are part of a larger, multijurisdictional grant submitted by Gardiner and Augusta. Gardiner will receive \$450,000. The total grant is \$495,000.

078 Councilor Paradis

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit through the Augusta Police Department an ATV Enforcement grant application to the State of Maine, Department of Conservation, Bureau of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, ATV Division for the purpose of seeking grant funds to help assist with enforcing ATV laws and use of said vehicles in the City of Augusta. If successful, grant funds will be managed thru the Finance Department and administered through the Augusta Police Department.

079 Councilors Rollins and Coffin

WHEREAS, The Augusta City Council has been favorably impressed with the presentation for establishing a Unified Gym Sports Delivery Model between City of Augusta and the Kennebec Valley YMCA, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that creation of such a model and delivery system has the potential to add significantly to the recreational opportunities and quality of life to the residents of the City of Augusta and its environs, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds the proposed conceptual model as presented will be further developed and brought back to City Council and KVYMCA Board for review and consideration before implementation, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds the Kennebec Valley YMCA Board is in support of developing the proposed model.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Augusta do endorse the concept of developing a Unified Gym Sports Delivery Model and do authorize City staff to work collaboratively with the staff of the KVYMCA toward its fulfillment.

080 Councilor Paradis

ORDERED, That the City Council approve Smokey's Greater Shows carnival scheduled for the week of June 22, 2009 – June 28, 2009, and approve the necessary variances as required in the City's Code of Ordinances for such show to be held at the Mill Park.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- 081 Councilors Byron, Coffin, Doore and Stokes  
BE IT ORDERED, That with statutory notice having been provided to abutting property owners and the Planning Board and the Discontinuance Order having been filed with the City Clerk, that the Discontinuance Order for a portion of Gage Street be approved.
- BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Discontinuance Order be filed with the City Clerk.
- 083 Manager (Police Department)  
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept funding in the amount of \$68,815.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. In accordance with grant specifications, grant funding will be allocated as such: \$38,206.00 awarded to the Augusta Police Department, \$20,189.00 awarded to the Waterville Police Department and \$10,420.00 awarded to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. Grant funding to the Augusta Police Department will be utilized to purchase an unmarked Ford Police Cruiser, Panasonic Toughbook Computers, Glock Handguns, Tasers and Upgrade Memory in Police Department Computers.
- 084 Councilors Byron, Coffin, Doore and Stokes  
ORDERED, That the City Council appropriate up to \$12,000 from the Reserve for Fire Department Local Grant match for consulting services to assist in developing a Fire Act Grant for the renovation/expansion of Hartford Fire Station.
- 085 Councilors Byron, Coffin, Doore and Stokes  
WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the Hartford Street Central Station of the Augusta Fire Department has required substantial upgrades and expansion, and
- WHEREAS, Said improvements have been a part of the department's long-range capital plans for that period of time, and
- WHEREAS, In 2007, the Augusta City Council commissioned a comprehensive study of the Fire Department's current and projected service, coverage and facilities needs and did receive and accept that study and its recommendations, and
- WHEREAS, Primary among the study's recommendations was the modernization and expansion of the Hartford Street Central Station, and
- WHEREAS, The City Council has since commissioned architectural and engineering work to develop site plans, schematics and cost estimates for said improvements,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Fire Station Construction grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

085 Continued

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby commit to issue local general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for purposes of contingency funding and grant local match should FEMA make a grant award to the City of Augusta.

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

086 City Manager

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That ARTICLE V. SOLID WASTE, Sections 6-345 through 6-355 of the revised Code of Ordinances, 1990, as amended, be amended as attached.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
June 15, 2009