

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 15, 2006

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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 - Augusta Historic Preservation Commission on the YMCA building

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.

107 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)  
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held June 5, 2006 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

108 Manager (Department of Community Services)  
ORDERED, That the City Council accepts various donations for the Capital Area Technical Center / Augusta Nature Center Trail Project in an amount totaling Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Nine 99/100 Dollars, (\$82,409.99).

Donors are:

Bridgecorp	\$3,000.00	Trail Excavation Work
Stiman Steel	1,046.00	Steel and plate fabrication for bridge construction
Calderwood Engineering	4,965.00	Engineering and design services for trail project
Sherwin Williams	28.99	Paint for steel plates
Army National Guard	48,370.00	Bridge construction and placement
Cony Boosters Club	25,000.00	Paid \$10,000.00 up-front and a three year pledge of \$5,000.00 /year in FY 2007, 2008, 2009 to defray trail construction costs
TOTAL	\$82,409.99	

- 109 Mayor Dowling  
 ORDERED, That Laurence Ringrose replace Darek Grant on the Cable Television Committee as the School Board member; said term to expire June 19, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

- 102 Manager (Police Department)  
 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 adding the following:

Throughway	Entering Street
Civic Center Drive	Gaywalk Street

- 103 Manager (Bureau of Planning)  
 WHEREAS, Performance Zoning is a desired pattern of clustered development that seeks to retain common open space within development projects located in the Rural River (RR), Rural Ponds (RPDS), Rural Village (RV), and Planned Development (PD) zoning districts of the City; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance language regarding Performance Zoning penalizes developers as to the total number of residential dwelling units a particular parcel of land can yield when compared to conventional development, discouraging creative and efficient residential development; and

WHEREAS, the existing language also lacks specific design guidelines for proposed Performance Zoning developments; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Planning Board, having held several public hearings on the matter, voted unanimously to recommend amending the ordinance to encourage more Performance Zoning projects; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the Augusta City Council, that the attached changes to sections 3.6.1.5, 3.6.2, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.5(new), and 5.2.7.2 of the Land Use Ordinance be made, all involving performance zoning requirements, by adding the attached language shown in underscore, and by deleting existing language shown in strikethrough.

NEW BUSINESS

110 Councilor Koski

ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby directed to obtain a formal written market value appraisal for the Cony High School site located between Stone and Cony Streets prepared by an individual or company licensed and certified by the State of Maine to perform such work on a professional basis. The person or firm selected to do this work shall have no personal or professional relationship with anyone directly involved in Augusta City government nor any of the parties who have a direct or indirect financial interest in the project currently being proposed for the property where Cony High School is presently situated.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the written value appraisal shall include the estimated fair market value of the entire parcel excluding the portion occupied by the Cony Flatiron Building and shall be based upon potential land usage consistent with the rezoning enacted by the City Council on June 5, 2006. The formal appraisal shall also contain a detailed estimate of the demolition cost of the present 1965 school building including the estimated salvage value of all materials associated with the property as it will be turned over to the City by the School Department in the near future.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That included in the written report shall be a comprehensive and concise explanation detailing how each price and cost figure was derived. The report shall be completed and delivered to the City not later than August 31, 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk