

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:30 P.M.**

All members of the Council were present except Councilors Grant and Stokes; Mayor Katz presided.

Public comments were held on item listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

141 WHEREAS, The Maine Public Utilities Commission has solicited public comment on proposed changes to the system of E-911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) and public safety dispatching, and

WHEREAS, the Augusta City Council, after consultation with senior City staff including its Director of Public Safety, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Director of Finance and Administration, finds that the rules proposed by the PUC would have the effect of imposing additional mandated costs upon the City of Augusta and its taxpayers and would, based on recent past experience result in a diminishment in the quality of service currently provided to the City by the Somerset County Communications Center, and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has obligations stemming from its collective bargaining agreement with the Augusta Dispatchers bargaining unit requiring that entity's sign-off before bargaining unit work may be contracted out,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Augusta City Council finds that a ~~proposal~~ proposed rule making of the Maine Public Utilities Commission to effect the further consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) and public safety dispatching centers would result in significant increased costs to the residents of the City of Augusta, a diminished level of public safety services, and a mandate running counter to the City's police dispatch collective bargaining agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Augusta City Council hereby directs its City Manager to convey to the Public Utilities Commission its concerns that the proposed PSAP/Dispatch Statewide Plan will mandate that the City move away from participation in a cost effective and very efficient regional system already in place (the Somerset County RCC) to the detriment of the City of Augusta and its residents.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED (Con't)

141 Continued

Motion to amend by: Munson Second by: Rollins

Yeas: 6: Byron, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson.

Nays: 0

Motion for passage, as amended, by: O'Brien Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 6: Byron, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson.

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
September 10, 2010