

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 12, 2003

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, June 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

PRESENTATION - New Cony High School

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.

067 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held June 2, 2003 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

068 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #11 for the month of May 2003 in the amount of \$5,005,153.68 (warrants 220 through 244 inclusive) be approved.

069 Manager (Department of Finance)
ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial position through May 2003 be presented and accepted upon presentation.

070 Manager (Bureau of Taxation)
ORDERED, That the City of Augusta property taxes for the 2004 fiscal year shall be due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector as follows:

ONE HALF shall be due on September 15, 2003

ONE HALF shall be due on March 15, 2004

With interest being charged on any outstanding amount commencing one (1) day after the due date at rate of 7.00% per annum.

071 Manager (Bureau of Taxation)
 ORDERED, That the Municipal Officers of the City of Augusta, upon request of the Tax Collector/Treasurer of said municipality, hereby require and direct, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. section 906, that any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill, provided however, that no such payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers.

072 Manager (Bureau of Taxation)
 ORDERED, That the attached list of uncollectible real estate and personal property taxes be charged off to bad debt expense.

073 Mayor Dowling
 ORDERED, That the following individuals be reappointed:

NAME	COMMITTEE	TERM EXPIRES
David P. Smith	Planning Board	June 6, 2006
Chris Belanger	Zoning Board of Appeals	May 5, 2006
Thomas Simpson	Zoning Board of Appeals	May 5, 2006

074 Mayor Dowling
 ORDERED, That Margaret W. Ayotte be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Augusta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; said term to expire February 27, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

052 Manager
 BE IT RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, the sum of \$42,681,036 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$19,995, 238 to be set at \$22,685,798 (see attached).

NEW BUSINESSPART 1 - ORDERS

075 Manager (School Department)

ORDERED, That the following be appropriated for education funding.

ORDERED, That the following categories of funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature be accepted:

State Aid to Education (including Federal Pass-Through Funds of Categorical Grants) - Estimated \$11,300,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$16,911,671 be ratified as appropriated on June 16, 2003 as the foundation allocation for school purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$8,171,860 be raised as the local share of the foundation allocation for FY2003-2004; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$479,312 be ratified as appropriated on June 16, 2003 for the education debt service allocation; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$299,474 be raised as the local share of debt service for FY2003-2004; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$2,786,7470 be ratified as appropriated on June 16, 2003 and that the sum of \$2,516,747 be raised in additional local funds under the provision of Title 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 15614; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$2,691,500 be ratified as appropriated on June 16, 2003 from other revenue sources, including tuition revenue, miscellaneous receipts, fund balance, and other state subsidy sources for education; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$23,160,657 appropriated for school purposes on June 16, 2003 be ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Board of Education (School Board) for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 be authorized to expend said appropriation from the Foundation Allocation, Debt Service Allocation unexpended balances, tuition, receipts, local appropriations, State subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools; and

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- 075 Continued
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$504,427 be ratified as appropriated on June 16, 2003 for Adult Education; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the sum of \$264,427 be raised as the local share for Adult Education for FY2003-2004; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That this budget does not include the estimated amount of \$2,511,174 in employer share of teacher retirement costs that is paid directly by the State of Maine.
- 076 Councilor O'Brien
ORDERED, That the Historic Preservation Commission is authorized to conduct an archeological survey of city-owned property at Dickman and Winthrop Streets for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Said survey will be completed on or before August 15, 2003.
- 077 Manager (Department of City Services)
ORDERED, That a portion of Winthrop Court as described below be discontinued and no public easement be retained. (see attached description)
- 078 Manager (Department of City Services)
ORDERED, That a portion of Winthrop Street as described below be discontinued.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City chooses not to retain a public easement over the herein described area and that there shall be zero damages paid to abutting property owners, as would be allowed under Title 23, M.R.S.A. section 3026. (see attached description)
- 079 Manager
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to apply for grant funds for Calumet Park, consistent with the following Resolve:

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the National Park Service through the Department of Conservation for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant (L&WCF Grant) to carry out park renovations; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine law and the L&WCF Grant Program have been complied with,

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

079 Continued

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

1) is authorized and directed to submit applications for the following programs and dollar amounts within the State of Maine's L&WCF Grant:

Program: Calumet Park renovation Grant Request Amount: \$50,000 (Fifty-thousand dollars) to the Department of Community Services, Bureau of Parks and Cemeteries 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 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 community development programs in the State of Maine.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Frith
City Clerk