

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 7, 2005

Administration of Oath of Office to City Council Members by Senator Elizabeth Mitchell, Dedimus Justice - David L. Gomeau, Sylvia V. Lund, and Stanley C. Koski.

Administration of Oath of Office to School Board Members by Senator Elizabeth Mitchell, Dedimus Justice - Suzanne Allarie-Dowling, William R. Stokes, and Gregg D. Bernstein.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present; Mayor Dowling presided.

Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Community Enterprise Grant application for \$125,000 to establish a facade improvement program for the Water Street building owners.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

197 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:

<u>Throughway</u>	<u>Entering Street</u>
Congress Street	Third Avenue

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

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

That Chapter 18, Section 36 Schedule of yield right-of-way

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING (Con't)

- 198 Continued
signs, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended,
be further amended by deleting the following:

<u>Throughway</u>	<u>Entering Street</u>
Congress Street	Third Avenue

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

- 001 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held
December 13, 2004 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 002 ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for
the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$13,717.00.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 003 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #5 for the month of November
2004 in the amount of \$4,286,291.82 be approved.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

- 004 ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial
position through November 2004 be presented and accepted
upon presentation.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

005 ORDERED, That Donald Marchildon be reappointed to the Augusta Housing Authority; said term to expire January 10, 2010.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

006 ORDERED, That because of the problems which required the moratorium to be enacted on July 12, 2004 still exist and because the Planning Board is making reasonable progress in drafting a new comprehensive ordinance regulating mining and mineral extraction, the moratorium on new gravel pits enacted on July 12, 2004 is hereby extended by 180 days. The moratorium on new gravel pits, now extended to July 2, 2005, provides as follows:

That no owner, lessee, or operator of a gravel pit or other property upon or under which mining or mineral extraction occurs, or has occurred at anytime, may expand any existing use, formerly existing use or footprint of operation or begin any new mining activities, for a period of 180 days. This Order applies regardless of whether the operation is, or has been, licensed under State or other law.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

007 ORDERED, That the citizens' petition question (to repeal Order 101; Rezoning of Storey Street) filed with the City Clerk on December 2, 2004 be submitted to the voters of the City of Augusta at the next regular or special municipal election.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

008 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize a 1% cost of living salary increase effective January 1, 2005 to non-union employees of the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

008 Continued following to be paid for group insurance provided to non-union employees and their dependents:

- Effective January 1, 2005, the City will continue to pay 90% of the total monthly health insurance premiums for employees and their eligible dependents. Employees will be responsible for the remaining 10% of the total monthly premium.

- Effective January 1, 2005, the City will continue to pay 100% of the total monthly premium for an employee's dental insurance. Employees may elect dependent coverage at their cost.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

009 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations; M.R.S.A. Title 1, Sec. 405(6)(D).

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk