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AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 26, 2007

Minutes of the special City Council meeting held Monday, June 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Public comments were held on item listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

131 WHEREAS, commercial blasting and use of explosives for purposes of quarrying mineral extraction and the production of construction materials have been occurring frequently in the City of Augusta, and whereas numerous reports of property damage resulting from such blasting have been communicated to the City, and

WHEREAS, current City of Augusta Ordinances are inadequate to effectively regulate and prevent serious public harm and property damage which may occur as a result of blasting in the City, and

WHEREAS, City Staff is aware of planned blasting in the vicinity of residential homes in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Committee to draft a new Ordinance regulating blasting, which has not completed its work, and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs additional time to complete the process of enacting a new Ordinance regulating blasting.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council hereby ORDERS that a moratorium be enacted effective as of the date of passage by Council which prohibits all commercial blasting and use of explosives for the purpose of mineral extraction, quarrying or the production of construction materials within 2000 feet of a residence.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

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This moratorium will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of passage or upon the effective date of enactment of a new Ordinance regulating blasting, whichever occurs first.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk