

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

December 20, 2002

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, December 16, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

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

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Water Street:

No parking on the west side of Water Street beginning at the intersection of Bridge and Water Street, northerly for a distance of six hundred and thirty (630) feet.

No parking on the west side of Water Street from a point one hundred and forty (140) feet north of the intersection of Laurel Street, northerly to the beginning of Northern Avenue.

Parking shall be limited to one (1) hour on the east side of Water Street beginning at the intersection of Bridge Street northerly for a distance of two hundred and two (202) feet.

No parking on the east side of Water Street from a point two hundred and two (202) feet north of the Bridge Street intersection, northerly for a distance of forty-four (44) feet, which shall be designated a loading zone. This loading zone shall be restricted for use of vehicles loading and unloading freight or merchandise only.

Parking shall be limited to one (1) hour on the east side of Water Street from a point two hundred and forty-six

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING (Con't)

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(246) feet north of the Bridge Street intersection, northerly for a distance of two hundred and ninety-four (294) feet.

No parking on the east side of Water Street from a point of five hundred and forty (540) feet north of the Bridge Street intersection, northerly to the beginning of Northern Avenue.

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

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

Water Street:

Parking shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes on the west side from CMP Pole #2 north for thirty-four (34) feet.

Parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the east side of Water Street from the northerly end of Bond Brook Bridge, northerly for a distance of two hundred fifty (250) feet from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily and restricted to thirty minute parking at all other times.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

323 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held December 2, and 9, 2002 submitted by the Acting City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

324 ORDERED, That Donna Lerman be appointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee; said term to expire May 15, 2004.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0

325 ORDERED, That the City Council schedule of meetings for 2003 (as required by Article II, Section 2-50 of the City Code of Ordinances) be set as follows:

- January 6 - Business Meeting to include Swearing In of Newly Elected Officials
- January 13 - Informational Meeting
- January 27 - Informational Meeting

For the remainder of the year, Business Meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Informational Meetings will be called by the Mayor or City Manager on an as-needed basis. Business Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Informational Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

If a meeting date falls on a holiday or if there is a fifth Monday in a month, there will not be a meeting unless it is deemed necessary by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Mayor, City Council or City Manager may amend or revise dates and times of meetings as is deemed necessary.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0

326 ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Sections 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of \$1,126.00, defendant in Rem, or any portion thereof, on the

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

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grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this criminal case, namely, State of Maine v. Franklin F. Arbour Jr., Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CR-02-382.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

327 ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Sections 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of \$1,160.00, defendant in Rem, or any portion thereof, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this criminal case, namely, State of Maine v. Nicholas Chiasson, Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CR-02-384.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

328 WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out a community development program on behalf of the Maine Rural Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager:

1) Is authorized and directed to apply for and accept \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Maine on behalf of the Maine Rural Development Authority, provided that said Authority shall, to the satisfaction of the City Manager and City Attorney, fully

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

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indemnify the City of Augusta against any state or federal requirement to reimburse any or all of said \$400,000 should the Authority fail to meet any state or federal program requirement, including but not limited to HUD/CDBG job creation targets. In addition, that the application be substantially in the form presented to this Council.

2) Is authorized to apply for \$400,000 in CDBG funds from the Regional Assistance Fund Program in the following manner; \$200,000 in the 2002 program year and \$200,000 in the 2003 program year.

3) Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the City of Augusta required as part of such applications, and

4) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program(s), 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.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

329 ORDERED, That two part-time mental health worker positions be hereby created within the Police Department and that said positions shall be funded through grant funding made available by the State of Maine; said positions to lapse should state funding terminate.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

330 ORDERED, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to accept the sum of \$25,000.00 from a local business for the purposes of establishing an interest bearing trust fund.

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

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Said trust funds are to be set up in the name of the local business and called the "Cony High School Special Trust". Said funds are to be used only for a project(s) as determined by the donor and ratified by the City Council which relates to the construction or the completion of a new Cony High School.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

331 WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is committed to the development of a new Cony High School, and

WHEREAS, to that end, the voters of Augusta did in November, 2000 express their support in overwhelming fashion, for a new Cony High School at the site of the Augusta Area Vocational Technical School and did approve the appropriation of \$325,000 for architectural and engineering costs to advance this project, and

WHEREAS, the Augusta City Council, Augusta School Board and their staff have established as the first priority for City Government securing the funding for and building a new Cony High School, and

WHEREAS, because of the compelling circumstances driving the need for a new Cony High School to happen as soon as possible, the Cony High School Building Committee and Augusta School Board have both unanimously endorsed the concept of interim local financing for a new Cony High School, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Augusta City Council does hereby endorse the concept of interim local financing for a new Cony High School as provided under Maine law, subject to referendum of the voters of the City of Augusta, in the fall of 2003.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

332 ORDERED, That \$25,000 be transferred from the City's Fund Balance to the Augusta School Department to offset the loss of State revenue.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,  
O'Brien, Mayo-Wescott, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Veilleux  
Acting City Clerk