

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTATION: Cony High School Students of the Month for November - Ashley Kelly and James Neff

PRESENTATION: Historic Preservation Commission House Plaques
- Lorenzo Gaslin House
- Moses Safford House

PRESENTATION: Signage/Marketing Committee by Dave Rollins, Chair

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.

162 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 3, 2009 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

TABLED

115 City Manager
ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to conduct a structural engineering analysis of the Colonial Theater.

NEW BUSINESS

163 City Manager
WHEREAS, The City Council understands the importance of an effective transportation system and its impact on the vitality and future of the community, and

WHEREAS, The North Augusta region of the City has experienced significant growth in development over the past decade to the point where Exit 112/Civic Center Drive has

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

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become increasingly congested and such congestion may jeopardize the ability of future developments to be permitted, and

WHEREAS, MaineGeneral Health needs to develop a new inpatient regional hospital within the City in order to sustain its ability to provide world-class health care services to the residents of Augusta and Central Maine, and

WHEREAS, MaineGeneral Health has been working diligently with the City of Augusta, Maine Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Augusta Board of Trade to site this hospital facility out on the Old Belgrade Road and which would require proposed improvements for the North Augusta transportation network to be put in place, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council declares its ongoing support for the creation of a new exchange and ancillary connection off of Interstate 95 in Augusta, referred to as Exit 113, which is required in order to allow future development in North Augusta such as that being proposed by MaineGeneral Health.

164 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Maine Forest Service for a wood chip boiler system for the Department of Public Works complex. Said grant amount is to be \$645,000, to be matched by \$65,000 in local cash contribution and \$50,000 in city in-kind contribution, for a total project cost of \$760,000.

165 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby delegated authority under 14 MRSA, Sec. 6026 (A). Municipal Intervention to Provide Delivery of Heating Fuel, to act on the City's behalf in carrying out the provisions of said statute.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager shall report on a regular basis to the Mayor and Council expenditures made against municipal accounts for this provision.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 15, 2009