

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

April 18, 2008

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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 - Certificate of Recognition to:

- Cony High School and CATC Students of the Month
- 2008 State Skills USA Competition Medalists

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.

- 057 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held April 7, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- 058 Manager
ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations for the Viles Memorial at Mill Park in the amount of \$6,000.00.
- 059 Manager (Fire Department)
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$100.00 from Walter Goodwin family of Waterville, Maine for fire prevention materials.
- 060 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That John V. Finnegan be reappointed to the General Assistance Fair Hearing Authority; said term to expire May 3, 2011.
- 061 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That Kenneth R. Knight be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals; said term to expire May 17, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERSHAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

131 Mayor Katz and Councilor Gomeau

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.

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.

039 Councilor Rollins

WHEREAS, the 2007 Augusta Comprehensive Plan speaks generally to allowing appropriately designed commercial development on parcels adjacent to Western Avenue.

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the contract rezoning will permit the developer to present the project to the Planning

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Board for full review under the Major Development criteria of the Land Use Ordinance, including neighborhood compatibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following contract rezoning be approved:

A portion of the lot known as Assessor's Map 84, Lot 2, as shown on the attached map entitled "Proposed Rezoning 11-13-2007" shall be Contract Zoned in accordance with Section 1.6.1(A)(iv)(b) of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance. The new contract zone shall be the Regional Business district (CC) with the following restriction: 1) Use of the lot shall be for a Hotel and Accessory Uses for the Hotel only.

NEW BUSINESS

062 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That the 2008 Augusta City Council goals and objectives as herein attached are adopted.

063 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the attached list of election clerks be appointed in accordance with Title 21-A, Section 503, said terms to expire May 1, 2010.

064 Manager (Civic Center)
ORDERED, That the following Capital Investments totalling \$34,300 are authorized for the Civic Center Enterprise Fund:

Tables	\$24,500
Risers	7,500
Computers	2,300

065 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby endorse the establishment of a committee to promote and support public open spaces in the City of Augusta. Said committee shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall coordinate its activities with the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and other involved entities. The City Manager shall provide for appropriate administrative support of said committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk