

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

December 31, 2003

OATH OF OFFICE

Council Chambers - 7:00 p.m.

(Mayor, City Council Members and School Board Members)

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, January 5, 2004, Council Chambers, City Center.

PRESENTATION - Awards of Valor & Exceptional Service to 5 Police Officers

PRESENTATION - Capital Read 2004 - Betsy Pohl, Lithgow Library Director

PRESENTATION - Augusta Water District

PRESENTATION - Sprague Workers House 25 Bond Street

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.

001 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held December 15 and 22, 2003 submitted by the Acting City Clerk be approved.

002 Mayor Dowling

ORDERED, That the following individuals be appointed:

Name	Committee/Board	Term Expires
James R. Chase	Assessment Review Board	November 21, 2006
John O. Clark, Sr.	Assessment Review Board	November 21, 2006
Donald S. Cameron	Conservation Commission	December 31, 2006
Brian Marson, III	Tree Board	November 17, 2006
John O. Pucciarelli	Tree Board	November 17, 2006

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERSHAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

- 111 Manager (Department of City Services)
ORDERED, That the following property located at 759-761 Eastern Avenue, Augusta, Maine, Tax Map 14, Lot 2, is declared a "Dangerous Building" that is:
- a. structurally unsafe, and
 - b. unstable, and
 - c. unsanitary, and
 - d. constitutes a fire hazard, and
 - e. constitutes a health or safety hazard because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, and
 - f. is otherwise dangerous to life or property.

Therefore, the above-mentioned property is adjudged to be a dangerous nuisance, and shall be forthwith repaired or restored to a safe condition, or removed, or demolished within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Order. Failing said action by the building's owner, and failing the filing of an appeal with the Superior Court within the prescribed period, the City of Augusta shall act to cause the above-mentioned dangerous nuisance to be abated or removed in compliance with this Order. Should the City of Augusta be required to abate or remove the above-mentioned dangerous nuisance in accordance with this Order, all expenses attendant thereof shall be repaid to the City by the owner or co-owner within thirty (30) days after demand or a special tax may be assessed by the City Assessor against the land on which said building was located for the amount of such expenses and such amount shall be included in the next annual warrant to the City's Tax Collector for collection, and shall be collected in the same manner as other state, county, and municipal taxes are collected. In addition to levying a special tax, the City may recover its expenses by means of a civil action brought against the owner.

NEW BUSINESSPART 1 - ORDERS

- 003 Manager
ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$295,376.77.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

PART 2 - ORDINANCE BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME -
NO VOTE REQUIRED

004 Manager
 Dumpsters Ordinance Proposal (S. Langsdorf is working on the
 wording)

OTHER BUSINESS

 Executive session to discuss labor negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS

 Committee Reports

 City Manager's Report

 Respectfully submitted,

 Linda Veilleux
 Acting City Clerk