

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

May 15, 2008

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, May 19, 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 - Update from Kennebec Historical Society - Joseph Owen, President (81 Green Street)

PRESENTATION - Cony High School Jazz Band - Competition in the Maine Music Educators Association

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.

074 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held May 5, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

075 Manager (Department of Community Services)
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from Central Maine Power for \$500.00 to be used to support an Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) for Public Works and Bureau of Parks, Cemeteries and Trees employees.

076 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That the following be appointed to the Joint Audit Committee:

	Term expires
Michael Byron (Council representative)	12/31/2008
William Stokes (Council representative)	12/31/2010
Scott Small (at large member)	05/19/2011

077 Manager (Department of Community Services)
ORDERED, That City Council accepts donation for The Spring Running festival in an amount totaling Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from Kennebec Savings Bank.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS 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.

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

072 Manager

BE IT RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, the sum

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

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of \$51,341,008 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$27,112,385 to be set at \$24,228,623.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$26,467,270 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the City of Augusta raise \$9,030,432 as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$349,637 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital renovations that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the City as follows:

Lincoln & Farrington Elementary Schools - approved by the voters on November 4, 1986.

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New Cony High School - Preliminary bond - approved by the voters on November 7, 2000.

New Cony High School - approved by the voters on December 2, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$752,505 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$280,784 as required to fund the budget recommended by School Board.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the City's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of minor capital school construction projects that will help achieve the City's budget for educational programs. The appropriate exceeds the Essential Program and services model in the following areas: special education, extra and co-curricular activities, transportation, pension obligations debt, central administration, and contingency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$575,272 and raise \$348,165 for Adult Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$28,144,684 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

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	PRELIMINARY BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET
<u>LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE</u>		
Mayor and Council	\$ 41,801	
City Manager	264,731	
Corporation Counsel	117,180	
Central Services	6,060	
Unclassified	295,649	
Council Contingency	20,000	
Manager Contingency	10,000	
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	\$ 755,421	_____
 <u>FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</u>		
City Clerk	\$ 197,944	
Registration and Elections	31,277	
City Auditor	146,736	
Information Systems	407,955	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	274,034	
Assessor	203,418	
Finance and Administration	112,587	
Human Resources	226,609	
TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,600,560	_____
 <u>CITY SERVICES</u>		
Economic Development	\$ 257,712	
Planning	156,278	
Historical Preservation	5,825	
Code Enforcement	266,245	
City Service Administration	61,773	
Engineer	178,170	
City Buildings	534,797	
Buker School	158,986	
Cony/Flatiron	61,959	
TOTAL CITY SERVICES	\$ 1,681,745	_____
 <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>		
Conservation Commission	\$ 2,686	
Community Services Administration	204,586	
Public Library	610,668	
Recreation	184,964	

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	Parks and Cemeteries	787,239
	Fort Western	121,372
	Bicentennial Nature Park	64,789
	Health and Welfare	185,947
	General Assistance	85,650
	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 2,247,901
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
	Police	\$ 3,889,591
	Fire	2,183,192
	Civil Emergency Preparedness	10,005
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 6,082,788
	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	
	Public Works Administration	\$ 116,378
	Highway	1,502,076
	Snow Removal	976,935
	Waste Removal	766,060
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 3,361,449
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 2,125,432
	TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	\$ 2,137,908
	TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 1,186,885
	TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P	\$ 590,000
	TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$ 1,426,235
	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
	REGULAR INSTRUCTION	\$ 9,379,960
	SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,850,473
	CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$ 2,772,660
	OTHER INSTRUCTION	\$ 686,531
	STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 2,290,430
	SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 633,108
	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,383,547
	TRANSPORTATION	\$ 954,615
	FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,451,630
	DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,018,458

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	ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$	148,000
	ADULT EDUCATION	\$	575,272
	TOTAL EDUCATION		<u>\$28,144,684</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$51,341,008

NEW BUSINESS

078 Councilor Byron
 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Keep America Beautiful grant application for the purpose of seeking \$2,000.00 to help assist with removing Graffiti in the City of Augusta. If successful, grant funds will be managed through the Finance Department and administered through Community Services Department.

079 Manager (Department of Community Services)
 ORDERED, That the City Council approve the Augusta Tree Board's recommended use of Tree Board account funds in the amount of \$12,000.00 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) with \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) to be used for Memorial Park renovations and up to \$6,000.00 (Six Thousand Dollars) to be used to develop a Forest Management Plan for the Bond Brook parcel and adjacent City lands, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That once timber receipts begin to be generated from the Bond Brook property and funds are available, the Tree Board's working account will be reimbursed for the amount to commission a Forest Management Plan not to exceed \$2,500.00.

080 Councilor Coffin
 ORDERED, That \$3,400.00 be re-appropriated from FY 2004 Library Renovations Capital Improvement project to FY 2006 Library Restoration/Expansion Capital Improvement project. Said Funds to be expended consistent with Council Order #188, dated November 7, 2005.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(A).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk