

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

January 9, 2004

Administration of Oath of Office to School Board Members by Patrick E. Paradis, Dedimus Justice - Richard Carl Barnes, Darek M. Grant and Laurence G. Ringrose

Administration of Oath of Office to Council Members by Patrick E. Paradis, Dedimus Justice - Donna E. Lerman and Donna R. Doore

Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor William E. Dowling by Patrick E. Paradis, Dedimus Justice

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, January 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, City Center.

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

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

Presentation - Augusta Water District

Presentation - Sprague Mill Workers House - 25 Bond Street

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

111 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

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

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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.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

004 BE IT ORDAINED, That the following section of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Augusta is hereby enacted:

Sec. 6-348 Removal of Items from Containers.

No person may open, inspect, tamper with, add any item to, or remove any item that has been placed in a rubbish/recycleable container at a residential or non-residential property unless written permission of the owner or occupant of property is requested by and provided to the person requesting permission to do any of the above prohibited activities.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

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

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

002 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

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

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

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

005 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a process to receive bids on the construction of the parking facility on the Dickman Lot. Based on engineers estimates provided by WBRC and Desman Associates, the receipt of a \$500,000 grant from the State of Maine Municipal Investment Trust Fund brings the level of available project funding in line with the anticipated project costs.

Furthermore, that the City Council will be formally asked to approve the project upon the conclusion of the bid process.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

006 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Veilleux
Deputy City Clerk