

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

August 22, 2006

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Presentation - 2006 Spring Running by Dana Morse, Chair

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

124 ORDERED, That the following property located at 759 Eastern Ave, Augusta, Maine, Tax Map 14, Lot 2, is declared a "Dangerous Building" that is:

- a. unsanitary, and
- b. constitutes a fire hazard, and
- c. constitutes a health or safety hazard because of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, and
- d. 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, or under a bona fide purchase / sales contract within ~~fifteen~~ ninety (90) 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

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

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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: 6; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Coffin, Koski

Nays: 1; Lund

NEW BUSINESSWITHDRAWN

- 138 BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, section 38 Schedule of one-way streets, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Sunset Avenue, east only.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

- 139 BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 7, section 2 Voting Places, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended as follows:

(a) For the purposes of this section the term "voting place" shall mean the building in which ballots are cast at an election.

(b) The voting places in the city wards are the following:

Ward 1: Augusta State Armory Buker Center

Ward 2: City Center

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Ward 3: Augusta Civic Center

Ward 4: Augusta Vocational Center St. Andrews Parish  
Hall

(c) The voting place locations described in subsection (b) of this section may be temporarily changed by Council order provided that the alternative locations and procedures comply with applicable state statutes.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

135 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held August 7, 2006 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

136 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to submit and follow through on a Maine Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program grant application as endorsed by the Augusta School Department in the amount of \$154,700.00.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

137 ORDERED, That \$400,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund balance for the purpose of funding the reconstruction of Pearl Street.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk