

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

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

Musical Selection - Cony Madrigals

Oath of Office – City Council Members and Board of Education Members
Cecil E. Munson – Councilor, At-Large
William R. Stokes – Councilor, At-Large
Patrick E. Paradis – Councilor, Ward 3
Kimberly Martin – Board of Education, At-Large
Willie Emerson – Board of Education, Ward 1 (absent)
Katie K. Vose – Board of Education, Ward 4

Musical Selection - Cony Madrigals

Presentation - Recognition of UMA Student Design Exhibition winners:
1st place - Sarah Pendleton, (Artist 4)
2nd place - Carol St. Pierre (Artist 2)
3rd place - Catherine McDade (Artist 3)
Honorable Mention - Kelly Dakin (Artist 1)

Presentation - Cony High School Students of the Month for November:
- Katie Beach
- James Fongemie

Presentation - Greater Augusta Utility District

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

10-198

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the criteria for approving a text Amendment, found in Section 1.6.1.B of the Land Use Ordinance has been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that restaurants are a use proposed by the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for this commercial corridor; and

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (CON'T)

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING (CON'T)

10-198 Continued

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that traffic concerns on Mt. Vernon Ave are of heightened significance, necessitating the careful consideration of new uses that might impact congestion and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes Mt. Vernon Ave as an important mixed use, residential/commercial corridor that is a primary access point to the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Amend Table 3.6.A.1, Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add "Restaurants, without drive through services" as a new use in the table and as a Conditional Use (CU) in the Resource Development (RD) zoning district only.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Rollins

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

11-001

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held December 16, and December 30, 2010 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-002

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$5,580,259.69 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T)

READ AND PASSED (CON'T)

11-003

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from the Get Together Senior Citizens Club in an amount totaling \$100.00 for heating assistance.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-004

ORDERED that Delaine Nye be reappointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire December 17, 2013.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-005

ORDERED that Suzanne Page be reappointed to the Housing Authority; said term to expire December 5, 2015.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-006

ORDERED, That the City Manager's appointment of Robert Gregoire to the position of Chief of Police is hereby consented to by the Augusta City Council.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

Major Robert C. Gregoire was sworn in by Mayor Roger J. Katz

11-007

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute collective bargaining agreements effective July 1, 2010 for a three-year term with the Teamsters Local 340,

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T)

READ AND PASSED (CON'T)

11-007 Continued

Police Supervisory, Police Patrol, General Government and Civic Center units, and with AFSCME Council 93, Public Works unit.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-008

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 from Team Cony funds for Cony auditorium curtain.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

11-009

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement on behalf of the City between the Maine Department of Transportation, MaineGeneral Medical Center and the City of Augusta, referred to as the "Cooperative Agreement: Modification of Interstate 95 Exit 113 Into A Full Services Interchange" and which is attached herein.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

Mayor Roger J. Katz announced his resignation and Councilor Paradis took over as Chair for the remainder of this meeting.

11-011

WHEREAS, the Honorable Roger J. Katz has resigned as Mayor of the City of Augusta effective January 6, 2011 and, as a result thereof, a vacancy presently exists in that office; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that when there is a vacancy in the Office of Mayor, the City Council shall schedule an election for the purpose of filling the unexpired term for that Office "as soon as practical;"

NEW BUSINESS (CON'T)

READ AND PASSED (CON'T)

11-011 Continued

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That a special election to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Roger J. Katz shall be held on June 7, 2011.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Munson

Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis,
 Rollins, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 2; O'Brien, Coffin

11-010

WHEREAS, Augusta Mayor Roger Katz has resigned on January 6, 2011 and, as a result thereof, a vacancy exists in that office, and the City Charter provides that until such time as that vacancy is filled at a municipal election, the vacancy shall be filled from within the membership of the City Council by a majority vote of its members; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has informally indicated a consensus (following a precedent set in the election of 1981) that no candidate for mayor in the upcoming special election should be considered for council election as mayor in the interim and non-candidate councilors Paradis and Rollins have both expressed a willingness to serve as mayor in the interim;

THEREFORE, in the interest of maintaining the outstanding "esprit de corps" within this council, it is hereby;

ORDERED, That this Council elects Councilor Pat Paradis to serve first as Mayor commencing immediately until April 1, 2011, to be followed by Councilor Dave Rollins commencing on April 1, 2011 until our new mayor is elected and qualified by the voters of Augusta in June.

Motion for passage by: Stokes Second by: Byron

Yeas: 8; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
January 10, 2011