

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

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.

PROCLAMATION - Meaghan Maloney

PUBLIC HEARING - Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License application for Mark Raymond, d/b/a PJ's Lounge, 80 Water Street

PUBLIC HEARING - Consolidation of Voting Wards for June 9, 2009 School Budget Validation and State of Maine Special Election

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.

- 025 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held February 19, 2009 and February 26, 2009 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- 026 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)
ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of February 2009 in the amount of \$4,989,502.74 be approved.
- 027 Manager (Department of Community Services)
ORDERED, That the City Council accepts a donation for up to 100 flats annual flowers valued at \$3,200.00 to be used in the City's gardens from Longfellow's Greenhouses.
- 028 Mayor Katz
ORDERED that Walter J. Zaccadelli be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; said term to expire December 31, 2011.
- 029 Mayor Katz
ORDERED that Matthew Pouliot be appointed as a Junior Associate to the Zoning Board of Appeals; said term to expire March 5, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

- 017 Councilor O'Brien
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the five criteria for approving an area rezoning, found in section 1.6.1.A.vii have been satisfied.

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

The parcels shown as the "area of change" on the attached map entitled Proposed Zoning and dated December 30, 2008, shall be rezoned to Planned Development (PD). Parcels included are Tax Assessor's map 48, Lots 3, 3-A, 3-B, 4, 5, 5-B, 6, 7, 8, 8-A, 8-B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12-A, and the segment of railroad property that starts at Riggs Brook and runs south to Route 3.

- 021 Manager (Bureau of Planning)
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Board held the required public hearing on a proposed amendment to the City's comprehensive plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Augusta be amended as follows:

Volume 1, pages 33 and 34 of the City of Augusta 2007 Comprehensive Plan, which are maps entitled Future Land Use and Future Land Use Detail, shall be amended to include the area north of Rt. 3, west of Riverside Drive, south of Riggs Brook, and east of the Kennebec River as the same shade of brown, indicating mixed use development, as the area directly to the north of the modified area.

NEW BUSINESS

- 030 Mayor Katz
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council finds that the area bounded by Riverside Drive, Riggs Brook, the Kennebec River, and Rte. 3 is currently zoned Residential A (Low Density Residential) and a modification of the zoning to allow some limited non-residential uses is desirable.

- 031 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That the following application for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License be approved:

Mark Raymond, d/b/a PJ's Lounge, 80 Water Street

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

032 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED That following the public hearing for the purpose of consolidating the City's four (4) voting wards for the School Budget Validation and State of Maine Special Election to be held June 9, 2009, that the ward boundaries for Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 as described in Chapter 7, Section 1 of the Augusta Code of Ordinances be consolidated into one (1) ward, and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That for voting purposes for the June 9, 2009 School Budget Validation and State of Maine Special Election, the designated voting place shall be City Center, 16 Cony Street, Augusta, and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Clerk file this order and required certificate as required by M.R.S.A., Title 21-A, Section 631.

033 Councilor Doore

WHEREAS the Augusta City Council has been favorably impressed with the presentation by supporters of a Mountain Bike Trail system to be located at the City of Augusta Bond Brook parkland, and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that creation of such a trail system would add significantly to the recreational opportunities and quality of life to the residents of the City of Augusta and its environs , and

WHEREAS the City Council finds the trail project is consistent with the Short Term Bond Brook parkland plan as approved by City Council on October 6, 2008

WHEREAS the City Council finds the Augusta Conservation Commission is in support of developing the Mountain Bike trail system

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to encourage the proponents of said trail project and to facilitate their ability to raise funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Augusta do endorse the concept of developing new Mountain Bike Trails at Bond Brook parkland and do authorize City staff to work collaboratively with the trail project proponents toward its fulfillment.

034 Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize a \$100 appropriation from the Tree Board funds at the recommendation of the Tree Board to help support attendance by Steve Rodrigue, a college student majoring in horticulture, at the Planet Student Career Days.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
March 2, 2009