

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

November 26, 2008

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, December 1, 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 - Recognition of Cony High School Students of the Month for September: Ashlee Smith and Travis Biggs

PRESENTATION - Recognition of Capital Area Technical Center Students of the Month for October: Aaron Klajbor and Christine Hofferberth.

PRESENTATION - Steve Landry DOT, Negotiating the New Cony Circle

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.

198 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held November 17, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

199 Manager (Department of Community Services)
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for The Bond Brook Trail Project in an amount totaling Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from Calderwood Engineering for bridge design services.

The bid quote submission from Calderwood Engineering was in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) with a donation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for a contract fee total of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for bridge design services making this quote low bidder.

200 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That David R. Simard be reappointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire December 7, 2011.

- 201 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That Scott Milewski and Andrew Silsby be appointed to fill two vacancies on the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees; said terms to expire December 1, 2011.
- 202 Manager
ORDERED, That Barbara E. Wardwell be reappointed as Registrar of Voters in accordance with Title 21-A, Section 101(2), to be effective January 1, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

- 182 Mayor Katz
ORDERED, That the section of Grove Street between Memorial Circle and Water Street shall forthwith be considered a part of and be renamed Water Street. This order shall take effect January 1, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 - ORDERS

- 203 Manager
ORDERED, That the City Council schedule of meetings for 2009, as required by Article II, Section 2-50 of the City Code of Ordinances, be set as follows:
- January 8 - Business Meeting to include swearing in of Newly Elected Officials
 - January 15 - Informational Meeting
 - January 22 - Business Meeting
 - January 29 - Informational Meeting

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that for the remainder of the year, the City Council Business Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Informational Meetings will be called by the Mayor or City Manager and held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month on an as-needed basis. Business Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Informational Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mayor, City Council or City Manager may amend or revise dates and times of meetings as is deemed necessary.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

204 Councilor Doore

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a one year lease agreement with Lon Walters, owner of the former Y.M.C.A. located at 33 Winthrop Street, with an annual lease payment of \$3380.00, said payment being equal to one year's property taxes.

205 Mayor Katz

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to allocate \$198,222.02 in Homeland Security funding through the Maine Emergency Management Agency's metro area allocation. Said allocation to be \$139,222.02 for public safety communications systems and \$59,000.00 for electrical upgrades for an emergency generator at Cony High School.

PART 2 - ORDINANCE BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

206 Councilor Doore

WHEREAS, the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Augusta strongly recommends that the area including Mr. Ross's parcel be rezoned as part of the growth area of the City.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the five criteria for approving a parcel 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 lot known as Assessor's Map 62, Lot 15 shall be rezoned in accordance with Section 1.6.1(A)(iv)(a) of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance. The new zone shall be Institutional/Business/Professional (BP).

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive session to discuss labor negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(D)

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk