

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

November 19, 2004

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, November 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Presentation - Community and Social Services Advisors regarding
Violence in the Workplace Policy

Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Community
Enterprise Grant application for \$125,000 to
establish a facade improvement program for the
Water Street building owners.

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

171 ORDERED, That the Mayor is authorized to appoint a seven-member committee to develop a process that invites and maximizes opportunities for deliberative and collaborative public participation and decision-making, and allows the public the opportunity to interact with their government before decisions are made. The committee will include at least one representative of the Planning Board, one member from each of the Neighborhood Associations, at least one member of the Augusta City Council, and one at-large member from the city of Augusta.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that said committee recommend to the City Council an appropriate deliberative process for citizen participation within 60 days of such appointment, with specific recommendations for convening, clarifying responsibilities, framing the issues, deliberating, maximizing the interests satisfied and implementing the solutions or concepts.

NO MOTION TO REMOVE ITEM FROM THE TABLE

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

- 182 BE IT ORDAINED, That Chapter 18, Section 41 (b) of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990 (truck weight limits), as amended be further amended by adding the following:

Edward Street, entire length
 Kenneth Street, entire length
 Patrick Street, entire length

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

- 172 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held November 3 and November 8, 2004 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
 Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
 Nays: 0

- 173 ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$4,091.00.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
 Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
 Nays: 0

- 174 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #4 for the month of October 2004 in the amount of \$10,295,248.25 be approved.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
 Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
 Nays: 0

- 175 ORDERED, That the report regarding the City's financial position through October 2004 be presented and accepted upon presentation.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
 Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
 Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

176 ORDERED, That the City Council appoint Dr. Laurel Coleman to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term; said term to expire May 17, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Paul Riese be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees; said term to expire November 6, 2007.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

177 BE IT ORDERED, That Council Order 141, Capital Improvement and Equipment Acquisition Bond Issues, approved by the Council on October 4, 2004, is amended to provide that the amount of \$500,000, in each place that it appears in Council Order 141, is changed to \$495,000 and the amount of \$255,000, in each place that it appears in Council Order 141, is changed to \$250,000. In all other respects, Council Order 141 is ratified and confirmed.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

178 WHEREAS, domestic violence costs businesses nationally about \$3,000,000 in lost productivity, absenteeism and improper use of company resources; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of domestic violence is rising steadily in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta desires to provide a safe working environment for its employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta City Council has adopted a Workplace Violence Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager review the applicability of the current policy and report back to the City Council within 60 days; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of any

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

178 Continued
revisions to the policy, that the City Manager will implement a Citywide Workplace Violence Prevention Program, to include program guidelines and procedures for security assessment, prevention and control; training, reporting and responding to workplace violence incidents; and record keeping.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
Nays: 0

179 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to submit grant funding applications for the development of trail facilities along Bond Brook as recommended by the Director of Community Services and Augusta Conservation Commission.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
Nays: 0

180 ORDERED, That the City of Augusta Department of Public Works is authorized to exercise discretion in the placement of snow removed by City crews from municipal sidewalks onto either side of said sidewalks so as to insure safe and passable municipal sidewalks and streets.

Yeas: 6; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Lund
Nays: 1; Koski

181 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding from the Maine State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$33,075 for implementation of a traffic calming program on the west side of the City and is further authorized to expend as matching funds an amount not to exceed \$22,050 from the west side neighborhood capital improvement reserve funds for said project and to utilize in-kind resources of City staff in the implementation of said project.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk