

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 23, 2006

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Presentation - Edwards Dam Scholarship Award to Robert Choate

Presentation - Augusta Historic Preservation Commission on the YMCA building

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

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

That Chapter 18, section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Throughway	Entering Street
Civic Center Drive	Gaywalk Street

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

103 WHEREAS, Performance Zoning is a desired pattern of clustered development that seeks to retain common open space within development projects located in the Rural River (RR), Rural Ponds (RPDS), Rural Village (RV), and Planned Development (PD) zoning districts of the City; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance language regarding Performance Zoning penalizes developers as to the total number of residential dwelling units a particular parcel of land can yield when compared to conventional development, discouraging creative and efficient residential development; and

WHEREAS, the existing language also lacks specific design guidelines for proposed Performance Zoning developments; and

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING (Con't)

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WHEREAS, the Augusta Planning Board, having held several public hearings on the matter, voted unanimously to recommend amending the ordinance to encourage more Performance Zoning projects; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the Augusta City Council, that the attached changes to sections 3.6.1.5, 3.6.2, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.5(new), and 5.2.7.2 of the Land Use Ordinance be made, all involving performance zoning requirements, by adding the attached language shown in underscore, and by deleting existing language shown in strikethrough.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND NOT PASSED

110 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby directed to obtain a formal written market value appraisal for the Cony High School site located between Stone and Cony Streets prepared by an individual or company licensed and certified by the State of Maine to perform such work on a professional basis. The person or firm selected to do this work shall have no personal or professional relationship with anyone directly involved in Augusta City government nor any of the parties who have a direct or indirect financial interest in the project currently being proposed for the property where Cony High School is presently situated.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the written value appraisal shall include the estimated fair market value of the entire parcel excluding the portion occupied by the Cony Flatiron Building and shall be based upon potential land usage consistent with the rezoning enacted by the City Council on June 5, 2006. The formal appraisal shall also contain a detailed estimate of the demolition cost of the present 1965 school building including the estimated salvage value of all materials associated with the property as it will be turned over to the City by the School Department in the near future.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That included in the written report

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND NOT PASSED (Con't)

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shall be a comprehensive and concise explanation detailing how each price and cost figure was derived. The report shall be completed and delivered to the City not later than August 31, 2006.

Yeas: 2; Gomeau, Koski
Nays: 6; Byron, Doore, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Lund

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

107 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held June 5, 2006 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund
Nays: 0

108 ORDERED, That the City Council accepts various donations for the Capital Area Technical Center / Augusta Nature Center Trail Project in an amount totaling Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Nine 99/100 Dollars, (\$82,409.99).

Donors are:

Bridgcorp	\$3,000.00	Trail Excavation Work
Stiman Steel	1,046.00	Steel and plate fabrication for bridge construction
Calderwood Engineering	4,965.00	Engineering and design services for trail project
Sherwin Williams	28.99	Paint for steel plates
Army National Guard	48,370.00	Bridge construction and placement
Cony Boosters Club	25,000.00	Paid \$10,000.00 up-front and a three year pledge of \$5,000.00 /year in FY 2007, 2008, 2009 to defray trail construction costs
TOTAL	\$82,409.99	

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

109 ORDERED, That Laurence Ringrose replace Darek Grant on the Cable Television Committee as the School Board member; said term to expire June 19, 2009.

Yeas: 8; Bryon, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

111 ORDERED, That the City Council meetings for the month of July will be as follows:

- July 3 - No meeting due to Holiday
- July 10 - 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- July 17 - No meeting
- July 24 - 6:30 p.m. Informational Meeting
- July 31 - No meeting - fifth Monday

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk