

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

July 2, 2008

Agenda for the regular City Council meeting to be held Monday, July 7, 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.

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.

- 105 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)  
ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held June 16, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- 106 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)  
ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of June 2008 in the amount of \$5,486,195.26 be approved.
- 107 Manager (Bureau of Parks and Cemeteries)  
ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for \$1,000.00 from the United Way for cost of paint and materials used in the United Way Day of Caring.
- 108 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)  
ORDERED, That Joan I. Theberge (Chair) be reappointed to the Registration Appeals Board; said term to expire June 1, 2011.
- 109 Mayor Katz  
ORDERED, That Roger W. Lessard be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals as a Senior Associate member; said term to expire July 7, 2011.
- 110 Mayor Katz  
ORDERED, That Michael Byron be reappointed to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee; said term to expire June 30, 2010.
- 111 Mayor Katz  
ORDERED, That David P. Smith be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District; said term to expire July 31, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERSHAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

131 Mayor Katz and Councilor Gomeau

WHEREAS, commercial blasting and use of explosives for purposes of quarrying mineral extraction and the production of construction materials have been occurring frequently in the City of Augusta, and whereas numerous reports of property damage resulting from such blasting have been communicated to the City, and

WHEREAS, current City of Augusta Ordinances are inadequate to effectively regulate and prevent serious public harm and property damage which may occur as a result of blasting in the City, and

WHEREAS, City Staff is aware of planned blasting in the vicinity of residential homes in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Committee to draft a new Ordinance regulating blasting, which has not completed its work, and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs additional time to complete the process of enacting a new Ordinance regulating blasting.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council hereby ORDERS that a moratorium be enacted effective as of the date of passage by Council which prohibits all commercial blasting and use of explosives for the purpose of mineral extraction, quarrying or the production of construction materials within 2000 feet of a residence.

This moratorium will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of passage or upon the effective date of enactment of a new Ordinance regulating blasting, whichever occurs first.

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

104 Manager (Police Department)

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:

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

- 104 Continued  
Throughway Entering Street  
Winthrop Street Blaine Avenue

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 - ORDER

- 112 Mayor Katz  
 ORDERED, That the City Council appropriate \$218,600.00 in  
 Downtown TIF proceeds for the Mayor's downtown initiative as  
 follows:

Signage	\$100,000
Radio Tourism Broadcast	53,200
Wi-Fi	45,400
Cultural/Heritage/Recreation Map	20,000
Total	\$218,600

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

- 113 Councilors Rollins, Coffin, Munson  
 BE IT ORDAINED, That the Augusta City Council accepts the  
 Blasting Ordinance as recommended by the Blasting Committee  
 (see attached).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
 City Clerk