

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

September 10, 2004

The Mayor has called a special City Council meeting to be held Monday, September 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

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WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, the Citizens of the State of Maine will vote whether to enact a citizens' initiative entitled, "An Act to Impose Limits on Real and Personal Property Taxes," more commonly known as the Palesky Initiative;

WHEREAS, if passed, the Palesky Initiative would limit property taxes to 1% of the assessed value of property;

WHEREAS, reducing the City of Augusta's tax rate to 1% of the assessed value of property as provided for by the Palesky Initiative would devastate the City's ability to provide essential services;

WHEREAS, the Palesky Initiative would exempt from the 1% cap the payment of interest on and principal of indebtedness approved by the voters in accordance with the initiative; and

WHEREAS, approval of certain orders authorizing indebtedness of the City of Augusta will mitigate the impact of the Palesky Initiative on the City of Augusta in the event that it is enacted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED By the City Council of the City of Augusta that:

1. The Augusta City Council finds that the following Orders authorizing indebtedness of the City of Augusta prior to July 1, 1999 were not approved by the voters of the City of Augusta prior to July 1, 1999:

- Order #498 / 1996 Public Improvements \$500,000.00
- Order #209 / 1997 Public Improvements \$500,000.00
- Order #602 / 1998 Public Improvements \$450,000.00

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

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2. The Augusta City Council finds that the following Orders authorizing indebtedness of the City of Augusta on or after July 1, 1999 were not approved by the voters of the City of Augusta on or after July 1, 1999 by 2/3 of the votes cast by voters voting on the respective orders in a general election:

- Order #186 / 1999 Series D Bond Payment \$497,500.00
- Order #308 / 2000 Series A Bond Payment \$922,500.00
- Order #422 / 2000 Civic Center Expansion \$4.3 million
- Order #423 / 2000 Parking Garage \$2.5 million
- Order #51 / 2001 City Capital Improvement Project \$495,000.00
- Order #265 / 2002 Capital Improvement Series E \$179,000.00
- Order #236 / 2002 Supplemental Parking Garage \$500,000.00
- Order #113 / 2003 New Cony High School \$29.5 million
- Order #39 / 2004 Capital Expenditures \$500,000

3. The following question shall be voted on at the November 2, 2004 General/Referendum and Municipal Election:

"Shall certain Orders authorizing indebtedness of the City of Augusta as described in Order #129 be ratified by the voters of the City of Augusta?"

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive session to discuss a personnel matter, M.R.S.A., Title 1, Sec. 405(6)(A)(1)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk