

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

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 - Capital Area Technical Center Students of the Month for May
Alli Chase
Elizabeth Murphy

PRESENTATION - Cony High School Students of the Month for April
Michael Jacques
Corey Lim

PRESENTATION - Mayor Rollins to David Wheelock

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.

11-67 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk & Treasury)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held May 19, 2011 and May 26, 2011, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

11-68 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of May 2011 in the amount of \$4,139,970.06 be approved.

11-69 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk and Treasurer)

ORDERED, That Linda Hadley-Rood of 32 Jefferson Street serve as Ward Clerk in Ward 3, Civic Center, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That Nancy Birch serve as Warden in Ward 4, St Andrew's Hall for the Special Municipal Election to be held June 7, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

11-70 City Manager

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency requires municipalities to adopt specific floodplain zoning regulations in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, participation in the NFIP by a municipality is required in order for the municipality to qualify for certain disaster relief funds from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, participation in the NFIP by a municipality is required in order for residents of the municipality to purchase flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, mortgage financing by financial institutions requires flood insurance be purchased for properties located in the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of commercial and residential property in the City of Augusta is within the designated floodplain and therefore would require flood insurance in order for a buyer to obtain financing to purchase the property; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists affecting health, safety, and property if the city were suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program on June 17, 2011, due to failure to enact significant updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance as an emergency ordinance enactment effective immediately: (see attachment)

PART 2 – ORDINANCES BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

11-71 City Manager

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Land Use Ordinance: (see attachment)

11-72 City Manager

WHEREAS, the Kennebec County Courthouse intends to expand to the east; and

WHEREAS, the current Kennebec Business District 1 zoning on the parcels adjacent to the courthouse do not permit courts as a use and have very limited height restriction relative to Water Street's elevation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that a rezoning of the parcels be initiated and sent to the Planning Board for public hearing, in accordance with Section 1.6.1.2 of the Land Use Ordinance. And that the Planning Board consider the following rezoning recommendation, with the stipulation that any recommendation for modification of the proposal be considered by the Board based on public comment or the Board's knowledge of the area:

Amend the Official Zoning Map, to move Tax Map 33, Lot 208A, 223, and 229 from the KBD1 zoning district to the adjacent BP zoning District.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
May 31, 2011