

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

There will be no pre-meeting. A reception for the newly elected members will be held outside the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE - Mayor, City Council Members and Board of Education Members

William R. Stokes - Mayor
David M. Rollins – Councilor, At-Large
Darek M. Grant – Councilor, Ward 2
Amanda Eve Bartlett – Board of Education, At-Large
Laura C. Hamilton – Board of Education, At-Large
Nicole Desjardins – Board of Education, Ward 3

PROCLAMATION - Mayor & Council to Honor Michael Duguay, former Director of Development Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

12-195 Councilor Munson

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Fuel Wood Production, otherwise known as firewood processing, is a use already regulated by the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, but lacks a clear definition; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a clear definition creates a problem regarding enforcement of the ordinance, as the code enforcement officers are unable to easily distinguish a commercial operation from a private residential operation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following text be added to Section 2.2 of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance, in proper alphabetical order:

Fuel Wood Production: is the mechanized processing of wood into any length less than tree length, not accessory to a timber harvest, when not burned or consumed on site.

NEW BUSINESS

13-001 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 20, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 31, 2012