

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of the Council were present, except Councilor O'Brien; Mayor Stokes presided.

Public Hearing - To consider an amendment to the Cony Circle Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - To consider an amendment to the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) report for the former American Tissue Mill site

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

11-146

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed \$120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

12-006

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 5, 2012, submitted by the Deputy City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis

Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

12-007

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of December, 2011 in the amount of \$8,383,998.37 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-008

ORDERED, That the following application for a Taxi Driver's License be approved:
Robert L. Sherwood II, 220 River Road, Chelsea

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-009

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the "City") designated its "City of Augusta Downtown Development and Tax Increment Financing District" (the "District") and approved Program for the District (the "Development Program") by Order 267 of the City Council adopted August 26, 2002. The designation of the District and the Development Program were approved by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the "DECD") by letter dated January 8, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Development Program was approved by Order of the City Council on November 9, 2005 and by the DECD by letter dated February 2, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Development Program was approved by Order of the City Council on March 19, 2007 and by the DECD by letter dated March 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Third Amendment to the Development Program was approved by Order of the City Council on March 3, 2008 and by the DECD by letter dated March 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment to the Development Program was approved by Order of the City Council on March 3, 2011 and by DECD by letter dated March 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to further amend the District in order for it to better meet the needs of the City and to carry out the goals that were approved by the community in the adoption of the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District and Development Program is amended as follows:

1. That the boundaries of the TIF District be extended as follows; extend the TIF boundaries within the publicly owned right-of-way to include the remaining portion of Water Street up to where it connects to Memorial Circle and to include the Hartford Fire Station and corresponding parcel of land, more specifically Map 33-Lot 268.

Motion for passage by: Rollins Second by: Grant
Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-010

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the "City") designated it's "Cony Circle Economic Development Program and Tax Increment Financing District" (the "District") and approved Program for the District (the "Development Program") by Order 024 of the City Council adopted February 26, 2009. The designation of the District and the Development Program were approved by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the "DECD") by letter dated July 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the District in order for it to better meet the needs of the City and to carry out the goals that were approved by the community in the adoption of the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District and Development Program is amended as follows:

1. That the boundaries of the TIF District be extended as follows; extend the TIF boundaries within the publicly owned right-of-way to include the remaining portion of Gannett Street, ending at School Street and continuing to include School Street to the east and to the west within the public right-of-way and ending at Bangor Street and Pearl Street, respectively.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Byron
Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

12-011

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss:

A potential litigation; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)
Labor negotiations

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 7 Byron, Grant, Paradis
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M Charest, Deputy City Clerk
January 20, 2012