

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Councilor Conti; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation - Historic Building Plaque to Leo J. Murphy, owner of the Robinson-Hallet Davis House, circa. 1871, 16 Pleasant Street

Public Hearing - Amendment J. S. McCarthy (2001) Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment J. S. McCarthy (2011) Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment Downtown Omnibus Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment 222-232 Water Street Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment Augusta East Redevelopment Corporation Tax Increment Financing District

Public Hearing - Amendment Cony Circle Tax Increment Financing District

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND TABLED

16-015

BE IT ORDERED, That \$733,528 be and hereby is appropriated from the North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District to supplement the \$3,615,000 appropriated for the North Augusta Fire Station.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$26,071 be and hereby is appropriated from the 2011 J. S. McCarthy Tax Increment Financing District to supplement the \$3,615,000 appropriated for the North Augusta Fire Station.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$66,830 be and hereby is appropriated from the NRF Distributors Inc. Tax Increment Financing District to supplement the \$3,615,000 appropriated for the North Augusta Fire Station.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$21,203 be and hereby is appropriated from the 2014 NRF Distributors Facility Consolidation Tax Increment Financing District to supplement the \$3,615,000 appropriated for the North Augusta Fire Station.

16-007

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bids on the following tax acquired properties:

- 36 Oak Street, Map 34, Lot 124, in the amount of \$15,855.55 to Betinna Heath
- 44 State Street, Map 34, Lot 206 in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Clarence Martin
- 4 Chase Avenue, Map 34, Lot 270, in the amount of \$1,511.00 to Steven Veayo

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to convey by quit claim deed without covenants the City's interest in the properties.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from each sale will be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the City.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-008

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the "City") is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the "City of Augusta, 2001 J.S. McCarthy Printers Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District" (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct and equip a fire station in North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the financial terms of the District development program until FY 2030-31 will allow the financing of a portion of the costs to construct and equip the facility; and

WHEREAS, the city requires authorization from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to utilize debt service pursuant to the development program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the extension of the financing term and use of debt service within the development program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the City of Augusta, 2001 J.S. McCarthy Printers Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-009

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta, 2011 J.S. McCarthy Printers Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct and equip a fire station in North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the financial terms of the District development program until FY 2040-41 will allow the financing of a portion of the costs to construct and equip the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the extension of the financing term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the City of Augusta, 2011 J.S. McCarthy Printers Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-010

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta Downtown Omnibus Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District Program” (the “District”) and to amend the Development Program for the District (the “Development Program”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the term of the program until FY 2032-33; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the geography of the district to encompass the properties of the former Statler/Augusta Tissue site now known as Kennebec Locke, and adjacent parcels identified in the Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving this amendment to the existing Financing and Development Program for the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Financing and Development Program, which amends the City of Augusta Downtown Omnibus Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District Program, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-011

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta, 2011 222-232 Water Street Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program” (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve and equip Hartford Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the financial terms of the District development program until FY 2039-40 will allow the financing of a portion of the costs to renovate, expand and equip the facility; and

WHEREAS, the city requires authorization from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to utilize debt service pursuant to the development program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the extension of the financing term and use of debt service within the development program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the City of Augusta, 2011 222-232 Water Street Tax Increment Financing District and Development Program, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-012

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta, 2009 North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to construct and equip a fire station in North Augusta; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the financial terms of the District development program until FY 2038-39 will allow the financing of a portion of the costs to construct and equip the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the extension of the financing term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the City of Augusta, 2009 North Augusta Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-013

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta, 2013 Augusta East Redevelopment Corporation Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to renovate, construct and equip fire stations in Augusta; and

WHEREAS, construction of and improvements to fire stations and acquisition of apparatus is allowed under state statute; and

WHEREAS, the city is required to add construction of and improvements to fire stations and acquisition of apparatus, as an approved project under the District Development Program; and

WHEREAS, the city requires authorization from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development to utilize debt service pursuant to the Development Program; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, approving the additions to the authorized Development Program and the utilization of debt financing to the Financial Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the existing City of Augusta, 2013 Augusta East Redevelopment Corporation Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

16-014

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to amend the “City of Augusta, 2009 Cony Circle Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to remove overlapping acreage designated in the 2013 Flatiron-Cony Economic Development Program Municipal Tax Increment Financing District.

WHEREAS, the removal of the overlapping acreage from the District will not affect either the projects or financial plan for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving the removal of the overlapping acreage from the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the District Plan, which amends the City of Augusta, 2009 Cony Circle Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick
Yeas: 7; Grant, Paradis, Blodgett
 Munson, Bilodeau, McCormick, Alexander
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
January 22, 2016