

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012
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.

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.

12-012 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 19, 2012, submitted by the Deputy City Clerk, be approved.

12-013 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Lorie Mastemaker be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

12-014 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Andrew B. Loman be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

12-015 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Daniel Emery be appointed to the Augusta Trails Board; said term to expire on February 2, 2015.

12-016 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Dr. Paul R. Wade be reappointed to the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire February 2, 2015.

12-017 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation to the Fire Department from Robert and Jo Patenaude in memory of Fred Merrick in the amount of \$30.00.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

11-146 Councilor O'Brien

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.

11-149 Councilors Byron and Munson

WHEREAS, noise in the city of Augusta can have a detrimental effect on private property value and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the proposed noise ordinance changes.

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:

Section 5.1.15.1.1 be repealed and replaced with a new Section 5.1.15.1.1 as attached.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

12-018 Councilors O'Brien and Grant

ORDERED, That the City Council request the Planning Board review the zoning districts in the Eastside Planning Committee study area and recommend two new zoning districts replace the current five.

12-019 Mayor and City Council

ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby appropriate \$10,000 from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Fund to support a proposed downtown forgivable loan program as recommended by the Augusta Downtown Alliance (ADA) said program to be administered by the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That this City TIF contribution shall only be expended upon satisfactory evidence to the City Manager that all necessary noncity funding is in place and available for distribution as loans to qualified downtown Augusta businesses or individuals.

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

12-020 City Manager (Bureau of Public Safety – Police)

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Throughway	Entering Street
Townsend Road	Albert Avenue High Ridge Drive Glen Street Windy Street

12-021 Mayor and City Council

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the criteria for approving a text Amendment, found in Section 1.6.1.B of the Land Use Ordinance has been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that educational services are a use proposed by the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for this part of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that during the creation of the Table of Uses in 2007, educational services in the Civic Center District (CD) was erroneously eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Amend Table 3.6.A.1, Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add “Educational Services” as a permitted use in the table in the Civic Center Development (CD) zoning district.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session for sale or lease of property negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Charest, Deputy City Clerk
January 30, 2012