

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Councilors Bilodeau and Rollins; Mayor Stokes presided.

- Recognition - Recognition of Newly Promoted Officers John Bennett and Jason Farris
- Recognition - Recognition of Tom Hinds of Cony High School on the occasion of him being named the 2012 Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.
- Presentation - Appointment of Members of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Business and Community Service Recognition Committee
- Public Hearing - Haymarket/Market Square Community Development Block Grant CDBG)
- Public Hearing - Permanent Ward 4 Polling Place to Cony High School Music Room

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

13-009

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the issues of various changes to the sign ordinance section of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend changes to the sign ordinance section of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments will provide a more harmonious integration of signs into the Augusta landscape enabling residents and visitors to navigate the city and businesses to adequately advertise, all in accordance with the recommendations of the 2007 Augusta Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Land Use Ordinance, Section 5.1.17 Street Graphics - Signs, be amended as outlined in the attached document.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

13-019

ORDERED, That following the public hearing addressing the Ward 4 polling place, the City Council accepts the Committee's recommendation that the permanent designated polling place be the Cony High School Music Room, 60 Pierce Drive.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Munson
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

13-020

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract with the architectural firm of Johnson Roberts Associates for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; up to \$50,000 of which shall come from city funds held in reserve for the Lithgow Library Building project and up to \$50,000 of which shall come from the Friends of Lithgow Library in equal matching amounts.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Munson
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

13-021

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to submit an application for CDBG grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 for improvements to the Market/Haymarket Square, with necessary matching funding to come from Downtown Tax Increment Financing Funds.

Motion for passage by: Emery Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

13-022

ORDERED, That the Planning Board review the current zoning of Riverside Drive and consider a recommendation to the City Council to rezone it to PD 2.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Emery
Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson
Nays: 0

13-023

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute a lease renewal of five years with a possibility of a five year extension between the City of Augusta and the University of Maine at Augusta for space at the Augusta Civic Center consistent with terms and conditions recently reviewed by Council at its Informational Meeting of January 10, 2013.

