

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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.

12-023 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held February 2, 2012, and the Special City Council meeting held February 6, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

12-024 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of January, 2012 in the amount of \$4,128,997.30 be approved.

12-025 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Scott M. Emery be reappointed to the Assessment Review Board; said term to expire on February 16, 2015.

12-026 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Councilor Jeffrey M. Bilodeau be appointed to the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire February 16, 2015.

12-027 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Jean Firth be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals; said term to expire February 16, 2015.

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.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

SECOND READING

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.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 - ORDERS

12-028 Mayor Stokes and Council

ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby adopt the attached 2012 Goals and Actions as drafted by the Mayor and Council at workshops held on January 21st and February 6th 2012.

12-029 Manager (Bureau of Community Services – Childcare)

ORDERED, That the City Council accepts from the “Let’s Go” Program as funded by The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital At Maine Medical Center and administered by the Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, a Grant Award in the amount of (\$1,920.48) One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars and Forty Eight Cents for the establishment of a vegetable garden

at Lincoln Elementary School; expand the current garden at Gilbert Elementary School and for the purchase of physical activity equipment to benefit Augusta children in the city's childcare program.

NEW BUSINESS

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

12-030 Mayor Stokes and Councilors Byron and Grant

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed a three person City Council committee to review the City's herbicide practices and policies and,

WHEREAS, the committee met 15 times to review the literature, take testimony from stakeholders, met with staff to review the Best Management Practices and Integrated Pest Management and,

WHEREAS, the committee met with the Director and other staff of the State of Maine Board of Pesticides Control and,

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the work and findings of the State of Maine's Toxicologist who conducted a thorough review of the literature that was presented to City Council and,

WHEREAS, the Committee watched the movie "A Chemical Reaction" and met with the producer of the movie and,

WHEREAS, the Committee looked at various means of mitigating weeds including; mechanical, heat, natural and organic chemicals and synthetic chemicals for the purpose of preserving the City's Right-of-Way infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, the Committee examined the impact of weeds not being treated for two seasons in the City's neighborhoods as compared to areas that had been treated.

BE IT ORDAINED, That the City Council adopt the Pesticide Ordinance, Herbicide Policy and Opt Out program as recommended by the Herbicide Committee.

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
February 13, 2012