

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation - Lauren Wallace, Mrs. Augusta

Presentation - Wayne Mitchell, Board of Trade

Public Hearing - Malt Liquor License Application for Better Burger LLC, d/b/a
Elevation Burger of Augusta LLC by Chris Dimillo

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

15-036

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that modifications to the city parking regulations are necessary to accommodate the changing needs of residents in the downtown and throughout the city.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Chapter 18 of the Augusta Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec 18-66. Parking in excess of twenty-four hours; notice to move; removal by city.

It shall be unlawful to leave a motor vehicle parked on a public way or in a municipal parking lot for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless such vehicle possesses a valid residential parking permit issued by the Augusta Parking District, is in a space designated by the Augusta Parking District for resident parking, and meets the standards of MRSA Title 29-A. If a vehicle is parked in violation of this section, a notice shall be placed on the windshield of such vehicle ordering its removal within twenty-four (24) hours. If after the expiration of such notice the vehicle is still in violation of this section, such vehicle may be removed in accordance with the provisions of this article. Where this section conflicts with Sec 18-68 (a) regarding winter parking on streets, Section 18-68 shall apply.

Sec 18-67. ~~Nighttime parking, permit required, exceptions.~~

~~(a) No vehicle shall be parked in any street of the city for a longer period than one (1) hour, between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except on permit granted by the Police Department.~~

~~(b) This section shall not apply to physicians on professional, or to fire, police or city highway vehicles.~~

~~(c) No vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be parked, excluding the Augusta Business Park, for a longer period than one (1) hour in any street between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except on permit granted by the Police Department.~~

Sec. 18-68. - Nighttime parking ~~not to hinder snow removal.~~

- a. Unless a permit has been issued by the Police Department for overnight parking, no person shall park or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any street of the city, with the exception of the east side of Commercial Street between Oak Street and Water Street, between 10:00 p.m. ~~midnight~~ and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, since such parking or remaining parked vehicles may interfere with snowplowing or the loading or removal of snow from such street.
- b. No vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be parked, excluding the Augusta Business Park, for a longer period than one (1) hour in any street between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except on permit granted by the Police Department.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

15-025

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held February 5, 2015, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-026

ORDERED, That Andrew Loman be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire February 2, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-027

Ordered, That Scott M. Emery be reappointed to the Assessment Review Board, term to expire February 19, 2018.

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

15-027A

ORDERED, That Councilor Cecil Munson be appointed as chair of the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire February 19, 2018.

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

15-028

ORDERED, That the City Council accept from MaineGeneral Hospital a donation for the Farmers' Market at Mill Park in an amount totaling \$5,000.00.

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

15-029

ORDERED, That the application for a Malt Liquor License be approved:
- Better Burger LLC, d/b/a Elevation Burger of Augusta LLC

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

15-030

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby grant approval pursuant to Title 15 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, section 5824(3) & 5826(6) to the transfer of \$1,320.00, or any portion thereof to the Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of the criminal case, namely, State of Maine vs. Peter Hernandez.

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

15-031

BE IT ORDERED. That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for the Evidence Based Impaired Driving High Visibility Enforcement Grant.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-032

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation and to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the Downtown TIF monies as a local match to state and federal funding for the construction of the Kennebec River Rail Trail trailhead from the current terminus north into the Waterfront Park.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-033

ORDERED, That the Edwards Dam Scholarship shall, going forward, not maintain a minimum balance and that an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 shall be awarded until said scholarship monies are depleted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That, should sufficient additional funds become available for the scholarship, the Edwards Dam Scholarship Committee (appointed by the Mayor and consisting of one Council member, one School Board member, and the Cony High School principal) shall have the discretion to award an additional \$500 annual scholarship.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-034

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a six month trial agreement with ECO Maine for the purpose of implementing a single-sort recycling program.

Motion for passage by: McCormick Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-035

ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby designate City Manager William Bridgeo as the City's representative to the Maine Service Center Coalition and does designate Assistant City Manager Ralph St. Pierre as the City's alternate representative.

Motion for passage by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-037

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss a pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(e).

Motion to Suspend the rules to add order and passage by: Conti Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Conti, Grant, Paradis, Blodgett,
 Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
February 23, 2015