

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

There will be no pre-meeting.

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.

14-033 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held February 6, 2014, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

14-034 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Kathleen (Sukey) Sikora be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District Board of Trustees; said term to expire February 19, 2017.

14-035 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Alison Sucky be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire February 20, 2017.

14-036 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for up to 100 flats annual flowers valued at \$3,400.00 to be used in the City's gardens from Longfellow's Greenhouses.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

14-037 Councilor Grant

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that temporary, on-site contractor signs help residents understand the reason for activity at a site; and

WHEREAS, international service organizations have no easy way to reach visiting members; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following underlined text be added to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance:

5.1.17.8.7 **Temporary Street Graphics.** Temporary street graphics shall be allowed in the following manner:

5.1.17.8.7.1 Contractor. One sign placed at a property where a contractor(s) is performing work may be installed without a permit as follows:

5.1.17.8.7.1.1 Sign shall not be larger than 24" x 18", unless multiple contractors are working on the job and will create a common sign for all contractors. A project with multiple contractors displayed on a single sign shall not be larger than 48" x 96".

5.1.17.8.7.1.2 Signs shall not be placed more than 7 calendar days prior to the start of a contractor's job and shall be removed within 7 calendar days of the completion of the job. Signs for jobs that require a building permit are considered to start on the date the building permit is issued and end on the date a certificate of occupancy is issued. Signs for jobs that do not require a building permit shall not be place for more than 30 calendar days during any 1 calendar year.

5.1.17.8.9 **Service Organization Signs.** The city shall allow official signs within the public right of way for international service organizations that have chapters and organized meetings within the city, but don't own or rent permanent space, as follows:

5.1.17.8.9.1 Signs dimensions shall meet Maine DOT Official Business Directory Sign dimensions and specifications; or

5.1.17.8.9.2 Round signs shall not exceed 18" in diameter.

5.1.17.8.9.3 All signs shall be installed in locations and a manner approved by the city Public Works Director, who may require that signs be installed only by the Public Works Department.

14-038 Councilors Paradis and O'Brien

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Social Services are an important component of the fabric of the city that need to be spread throughout the city to be available to all residents; and

WHEREAS, the topography on Mt. Vernon Ave is challenging and presents unique problems for a maximum setback in certain areas; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed the issue, held a public hearing, and made a unanimous recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be approved:

Amend the RD zoning district such that “Social Services” is added to the district in the Table of Uses, Table 3.6.A.1 as a conditional use.

Amend the Section 3.6.1.1.4.b, the subsection on Dimensional Requirements and Performance Standards, to eliminate the maximum setback of 25 feet from the north side of Mt. Vernon Ave.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session to discuss property negotiations; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
February 18, 2014