

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 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 HEARING: Ward 4 Polling Place for State of Maine Primary and School Budget Validation Election on June 12, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

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

12-030 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.

NEW BUSINESS

12-031 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held February 16, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

12-032 Councilors Grant, Munson and O'Brien

ORDERED, That following the public hearing addressing the Ward 4 polling place for the State of Maine Primary and the School Budget Validation Election to be held June 12, 2012, the City Council accepts the Committee's recommendation that the designated polling place be Augusta Civic Center, North Wing 1st floor, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, for this election only, and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the established committee proceed with determining the most convenient, permanent, Ward 4 polling place and submit its recommendation to City Council by July 31, 2012.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session to discuss labor negotiations 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(D).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Charest, Deputy City Clerk
February 27, 2012