

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Mayor Rollins. Councilor At Large Munson brought the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Nominations for Chair were accepted; Councilor Munson was appointed to preside over the meeting.

Presentation - Ross Cunningham, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce

Public Hearing - Modification of Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL 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)~~

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”), has requested certain modifications to the Mall Area Development Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the attached modification to the Mall Area Development Program be approved and incorporated therein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council hereby finds and determines that the City Council has considered all evidence presented to it with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that the proposed modification of Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District will not result in a substantial detriment to any existing business in the City, and any adverse economic effect of the proposed Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District on any existing business in the City is outweighed by the contributions expected to be made by the Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District and the projects and improvements described in the Mall Area Development Program to the economic growth or well-being of the City or to the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered and directed to submit the said modification to Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District to the Commissioner of DECD for review and approval, pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. §5226(2), the form of which submission shall be as the City Manager determines to be reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval by the Commissioner of DECD, so long as such revisions are consistent with this Order and the basic structure and intent of the Mall Area Development Program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
March 9, 2015