

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016  
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.

**PROCLAMATION-** Honoring Augusta Resident Paul Vachon upon his Induction into the Franco American Hall of Fame

**PUBLIC HEARING -** Western Avenue Development Program and Tax Increment Financing District

**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.

**16-039      Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)**

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 3, 2016 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

**16-040      Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)**

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of February, 2016 in the amount of \$5,579,112.78 be approved.

**16-041      Mayor**

ORDERED, that Robert Corey be appointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of David Smith. Said term to expire July 31, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PART 1 –      ORDERS**

**16-042      Sponsor, City Manager**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety's 2016 Data Driven Speed Enforcement Grant.

**16-043      Mayor and Council**

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the "City") is authorized pursuant to Chapter 207 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to designate a specific location within the City as the

“Western Avenue Tax Increment Financing District” (the “District”) and to adopt a Development Program for the District (the “Development Program”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend and improve the community trail system at Mill Park; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve fire protection facilities and apparatus for the protection of citizens of the City of Augusta and the surrounding region;

WHEREAS, implementation of the Financial Program will provide additional investment in the City of Augusta’s designated Downtown District; improve and broaden the tax base in the City of Augusta and improve the economy of the City of Augusta and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage the expansion, improvement and continuation of commercial activities through the establishment of the District in accordance with the provision of Chapter 207 of Title 30-A; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Western Avenue Development Program and Tax Increment Financing District, and to adopt a Development Program for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (the “Department”), approving the designation of the District and the adoption of the Development Program for the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Western Avenue Development Program and Tax Increment Financing District, be approved.

**16-044 Sponsor, City Manager**

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 \$746.00, 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. Corey J. Dionne.

**16-045 Sponsor, Mayor and Council**

ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to pursue an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age Friendly Community designation subject to appropriate funding availability.

**16-046 Sponsor, Mayor and Council**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the \$5,000.00 offer made through the real estate firm of Sprague and Curtis Real Estate on the tax acquired property at 323 Bolton Hill Road, Map 11, Lot 53.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED That the net proceeds from the sale be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the City.

**16-047 Sponsor, Mayor and Council**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sell the tax acquired property by way of sealed bid at 455 Church Hill Road, Map 7 Lot 31 B, minimum bid required to be \$2,400.00.

**16-048 Sponsor, City Manager**

ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to obtain a slope easement from Dayna A. Devalk for the property located at 44 Patterson Street, Map 42 Lot 54, in the amount of \$2,667.60

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to obtain a slope easement from Richard and M. Gail Hinkley for the property located at 48 Patterson Street, Map 42 Lot 53, in the amount of \$987.66

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the total of \$3,655.26 be charged to the Patterson Street Capital Improvement project.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports  
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Lathe, Executive Assistant  
March 14, 2016