

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Stokes was absent. All members of the Council were present, however Councilor Grant was absent for Executive Session but present for the Informational and Business Meetings.

Motion to vote Councilor Rollins as Chairman Pro-tem by: O'Brien Second by: Byron

Yeas: 5: Byron, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery

Nays: 0:

Councilors Paradis and Munson did not vote (abstained).

Motion to Enter into an executive session, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841(2), to discuss an application for abatement of property taxes on account of infirmity or poverty;

1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(F) by: O'Brien Second by: Byron

Yeas: 7: Byron, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0:

Motion to suspend the Business Meeting and enter into the Informational Meeting first by: O'Brien Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7: Byron, Paradis, O'Brien
Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0:

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Thaweasuk, d/b/a M Thai Restaurant and Noodle House

Public Hearing - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Lee Kerr of L and B BBQ LLC, d/b/a Dickey's Barbeque Pit

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

READ AND TABLED

11-146

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.

12-035

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND TABLED

12-045

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Lee Kerr of L and B BBQ LLC d/b/a Dickey's Barbeque Pit

Motion to table by: Byron Second by: Munson

Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0:

12-047

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract with Neokraft signs of Lewiston, Maine to manufacture and install Welcome and Gateway signage additions on existing gateway signage infrastructure that will incorporate the City's new logo for an amount not to exceed \$6,990.00 to be charged to the Council Contingency fund.

Motion to table by: O'Brien Second by: Byron

Yeas: 6: Byron, Grant, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 2: Paradis, Rollins

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

12-039

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 15, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron

Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0:

12-040

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of March, 2012, in the amount of \$4,551,671.18 be approved.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

12-041

ORDERED, That Maurice Fortin be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review; said term to expire April 12, 2015.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

12-042

ORDERED, That Jeffrey Bilodeau be appointed to the Edwards Dam Selection Committee; said term to expire on April 12, 2015.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

12-043

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a \$70.00 donation for heating assistance for residents of Augusta who are not General Assistance eligible.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Byron
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

12-044

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Thaweesuk Soikum, d/b/a M. Thai Restaurant and Noodle House

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Bilodeau
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: O'Brien
Yeas: 8: Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery, Munson
Nays: 0:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M Charest, Deputy City Clerk
April 13, 2012