

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING
7:30 P.M.**

All members of Council were present; Mayor Rollins presided.

Public comments were held on item listed on the agenda.

15-090

BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the sum of \$54,895,244 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$26,007,679 be set at \$28,887,565.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta appropriate \$27,862,810 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the City of Augusta raise \$12,675,479 as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$570,082 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital renovations that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the City as follows:

- New Cony High School – approved by the voters on December 2, 2003
- Gilbert Renovation Project – approved by the voters on March 28, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$0 in additional local funds, which is less than the State’s Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$587,512 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

Explanation: The additional local funds, if any, are those locally raised funds over and above the City’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of minor capital school construction projects that will help achieve the City’s budget for educational programs. The appropriate is less than the Essential Program and Services model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta appropriate \$582,609 and raise \$360,109 for Adult Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$28,445,419 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 from the City’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

	FINAL BUDGET
LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	\$29,788
CITY MANAGER	\$215,862
CORPORATION COUNSEL	\$128,004
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$9,787
UNCLASSIFIED	\$139,788
COUNCIL CONTINGENCY	\$20,000
MANAGER CONTINGENCY	\$10,000
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	\$553,229
CITY CLERK, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR	\$513,436
REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS	\$36,893
CITY AUDITOR	\$172,834
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	\$404,782
ASSESSOR	\$166,533
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$152,611
HUMAN RESOURCES	\$271,671
TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$1,718,760

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$252,350
PLANNING	\$173,140
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION	\$5,825
CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$157,631
CITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	\$60,384
ENGINEER	\$ 83,343
CITY BUILDINGS	\$621,900
BUKER SCHOOL	\$184,058
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	<u>\$1,538,631</u>
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	\$182,236
PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$671,941
RECREATION	\$166,543
PARKS AND CEMETERIES	\$ 805,851
FORT WESTERN	\$99,470
BICENTENNIAL NATURE PARK	\$27,050
HEALTH AND WELFARE	\$161,195
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$304,500
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	<u>2,418,786</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
POLICE	\$4,635,731
FIRE	\$4, 158,534
CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	\$10,920
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$8, 805,185</u>
PUBLIC WORKS	
PUBLIC WORKS ADM	\$66,589
HIGHWAY	\$1, 872,798
SNOW REMOVAL	\$869,024
WASTE REMOVAL	\$ 823,419
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>\$3, 631,830</u>
TOTAL UTILITIES	\$2,481,753
TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	\$2,174,287
TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES	\$1,459,255
TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P.	\$225,000
TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$1,458,109

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$438,010
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	\$793,684
MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$2,399,674
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	\$8,945,134
CONY HIGH SCHOOL	\$6,059,430
CAPITAL ARE TECHNICAL CENTER	\$2,331,598
SYSTEM WIDE SERVICES	\$4,572,698
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,322,582
ADULT EDUCATION	\$582,609
TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	<hr/> \$28,445,419
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 \$54,895,244

Motion to amend by: Bilodeau Second by: Blodgett
*Option #2 – Reduce Municipal Expenditures by \$310,000
Yeas: 2; Blodgett, Bilodeau
Nays: 5; Conti, Grant, Paradis,
 Munson, McCormick

Motion to amend by: Grant Second by: Paradis
*Option #3 – Reduce Municipal Expenditures by \$85,000; Increase utilization of
Unassigned Fund Balance by \$60,000
Yeas: 5; Conti, Grant, Paradis,
 Munson, McCormick
Nays: 2; Blodgett, Bilodeau

Motion for passage, as amended, by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 5; Conti, Grant, Paradis,
 Munson, McCormick
Nays: 2; Blodgett, Bilodeau

*Details of the amendments are available in the City Clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
June 1, 2015