

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014
CONFERENCE ROOM A, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Councilors McCormick and Rollins; Mayor Stokes presided.

Public Hearing – Community Natural Gas and Tax Increment Financing District

Public comments were held on items+ listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

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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 “Community Natural Gas and 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 maintain public streets, roads intersections impacted by the installation of natural gas utility lines in the City of Augusta; 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 Community Natural Gas Economic Development Program and Tax Increment Financing District, and to adopt a Development Program for the District; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development has requested that the City revise its initial application to expand the geography of the tax increment financing district and clarify issues regarding the assessed value of the public street network; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine Department of

