

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of the Council were present; Mayor Stokes presided.

Presentation – Historic Building Plaques by Richard Bridges, Historic Preservation Commission

- Charles T. Penney House c. 1903
- Lottie and James Merrill House c. 1903

Presentation – Edwards Dam Scholarship to Keenan Tilsley

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

11-81

WHEREAS, the 2007 Growth Management Plan for the City of Augusta encourages efficient review of projects to encourage business development, while also ensuring adequate public input to development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on March 8, 2011, and voted unanimously modify the Land Use Ordinance to enable all development projects to be heard in a single meeting, when the circumstances of the project do not demand additional meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance:

Amend Section 4.3.1, second paragraph, as follows:

As to any intended subdivision of land or as to any intended major or minor development, the sub-divider or developer shall prepare and formally submit:

Amend Section 4.4, first sentence, as follows; leaving the text that follows the first sentence in tact:

Before submission of a formal preliminary plan, a pre-application for a subdivision or major/minor development shall be made to the City Planner and shall include six (6) copies of a sketch plan.

Amend Section 4.5, section title, as follows:

Preliminary Plan: (~~Major Subdivisions and Major Developments~~ All subdivisions and developments)

Amend Section 4.5.1.1, General, as follows:

- (1) ~~Minor subdivisions and minor developments shall not require preliminary approval by the Planning Board. However, all information required for preliminary plan submission is also required for a minor subdivision or minor development. Preliminary and final plan approvals shall occur at the same meeting, effectively combining the process such that any development could be approved in a single Planning Board meeting provided all information required by the ordinance and the Planning Board is present for the public and Planning Board to review. If the Planning Board finds at the first public hearing that additional information is necessary to make their decision, the Board may table the item, after discussion, to a later date when the requested material is available. All subdivisions and developments are required to submit the information required for preliminary approval and final approval. Where there are overlaps, the information does not have to be provided twice.~~

Repeal Section 4.5.3, Planning Board Decision, as it relates to the preliminary approval decision that is being eliminated.

Motion for passage by: Rollins Second by: Grant
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

11-92

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:
That Chapter 7, section 2 Voting Places, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended as follows:

- (a) For the purposes of this section the term "voting place" shall mean the building in which ballots are cast at an election.
- (b) The voting places in the city wards are the following:
- Ward 1: ~~Baker Center~~ Augusta State Armory
 - Ward 2: City Center
 - Ward 3: Augusta Civic Center
 - Ward 4: St. Andrews Parish Hall
- (c) The voting place locations described in subsection (b) of this section may be temporarily changed by Council order provided that the alternative locations and procedures comply with applicable state statutes.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

11-93

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:
That chapter 18, section 36 Schedule of yield right-of-way signs, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

Throughway
Lipman Road

Entering Street
Dalton Road

BE IT FURTHER AMENDED, By adding the following:

Throughway
Dalton Road

Entering Street
Lipman Road

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

11-82

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held June 16, 2011, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

Motion for passage by: Rollins Second by: O'Brien
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-83

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of June 2011 in the amount of \$7,131,556.30 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Rollins Second by: O'Brien
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-84

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$50.00 from the Robert & Jo Patnaude family of Augusta to purchase fire prevention materials.

Motion for passage by: Rollins Second by: O'Brien
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-85

ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations in the amount of \$1,115.00 from various donors in memory of Thomas Sawyer, to purchase fire prevention materials.

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

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-86

ORDERED, That Cecil Munson be appointed to the Capital Planning Commission; said term to expire July 7, 2014.

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

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-87

ORDERED, That Patrick Paradis be appointed to the Edwards Dam Scholarship Committee; said term to expire on July 7, 2014.

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

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-88

ORDERED, That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to submit a grant application to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development requesting \$400,000 from the Communities for Maine's Future Bond Program, so as to renovate the existing brick building located on Mill Park into a cultural and heritage center.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

11-89

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to apply for two (2) Firefighter Assistance Grants for a combined total of \$629,065. One (1) grant for twenty-nine (29) self contained breathing apparatus for a total cost of \$159,065. The second grant for a replacement of Engine 6 for a total cost of \$470,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the five percent required local match be appropriated from the City's Public Safety Local Grant Match Reserve.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Rollins
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-91

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to contract for the demolition of the structure located at 6 Morton Street pursuant to court order, said demolition to be funded from proceeds of the Downtown Tax Increment Financing Program.

Motion for passage by: Munson Second by: Paradis
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-94

ORDERED, in accordance with the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances, Section 6-229, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to close Mt. Vernon Ave to all traffic in the vicinity of the Bond Brook Bridge on or about July 24, 2011. Closure shall be for the purpose of utility construction for the Greater Augusta Utility District, is anticipated to last approximately 24 hours, and may be rescheduled by the City Manager if necessary due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Traffic will be re-routed as necessary.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-96

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize beer and wine to be served at Mill Park as part of Augusta Fuel's hosting of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce August 2011 "After Hours" monthly social.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the beer and wine will be managed and operated by a duly licensed vendor with all applicable licenses, permits and insurance in place prior to the event and that all servers will be properly TIPS trained and certified.

Motion to suspend the rules by: Paradis Second by: Munson
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Grant
Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

11-95

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter; 1
M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

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

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien,
 Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk

July 11, 2011