

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015  
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.

**PRESENTATION** - Recognition of Retiring Augusta Civic Center Director, Dana Colwill

**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.

**15-111      **Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)****

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held June 18, 2015; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

**15-112      **Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)****

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of June, 2015 in the amount of \$4,981,979.75 be approved.

**15-113      **City Manager****

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation in the amount of \$72,834 from the Friends of Lithgow Library Inc. for the restoration and installation of stained glass windows at Lithgow Library.

**15-114      **City Manager****

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for the Bicentennial Nature Park in an amount totaling \$5,000 from the Friends of Bicentennial Nature Park and the Augusta Rotary Foundation.

**OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS**

**SECOND READING**

**15-109      **City Manager****

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Water Street:

No parking on the westerly side beginning at Green Street southerly for a distance of 140 feet.

No parking on the east side from West Side Circle to Gage Street.

Chamberlain Street:

No parking on the west side from Capitol Street to Chapel Street.

Chamberlain Street (Seasonal):

No parking on the east side from a point 173 feet north of Capitol Street northerly to the intersection of Higgins Street, from October 15 to April 15.

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

~~Grove Street:~~

~~No parking on the west side from Capitol Street to Chapel Street.~~

~~No parking on the east side from West Side Circle to Gage Street.~~

~~Grove Street (Seasonal):~~

~~No parking on the east side from a point 173 feet north of Capitol Street northerly to the intersection of Higgins Street, from October 15 to April 15.~~

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **15-115 City Manager**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for the 2015 ATV Enforcement Grant. Grant funding will be utilized to provide directed ATV Enforcement.

### **15-116 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 \$2,826.00, 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. Tiona Brown.

### **15-117 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 \$2,000.00, or any portion thereof and one (1) Cobra .380 cal. Semi-automatic Model FS380; Serial #FS082112 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. Robert Desjardins.

**15-118 City Council**

ORDERED, That the City Council authorize beer and wine to be served at Market Square Park as part of August 15<sup>th</sup> Augusta Downtown Alliance's Block Party.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That all alcohol service comply with all applicable licenses, permits and insurances and that all servers be properly TIPS trained and certified.

**15-119 City Council**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a Management and Operating Agreement with the State of Maine for the operation of the Augusta State Airport. The term of said agreement will be July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

**15-120 Mayor and Council**

WHEREAS, the Augusta Downtown Alliance has as one of their goals the enhancement of downtown's curb appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Downtown Alliance has proposed to work with the City of Augusta in developing a public art display program; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Downtown Alliance has offered to work with city staff in developing a landscape design plan for the open space at the corner of Green and Water streets and place a piece of public art therein; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Downtown Alliance proposes to raise the funding necessary to pay for the public art to be placed at said location; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Downtown Alliance as a long-term goal seeks to place other pieces of public art in various locations in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work of the Augusta Downtown Alliance is consistent with the City Council's beautification goal,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered that the Augusta Downtown Alliance is authorized to work with City staff in the design and placement of public art in the Green and Water Streets open space, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, the Mayor, after consultation with the Augusta Downtown Alliance, will establish a public art committee for the purpose of developing policies, procedures and selection methodology for public art that will be placed in downtown Augusta.

**15-121 REO Committee**

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to offer by sealed bid auction with a reserve price of \$5,000 the sale of the city owned property at 97 Bog Road.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the proceeds from the sale of the property be allocated to the city fund for the demolition of unsafe structures.

**15-122 REO Committee**

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to contract with Keenan Auction Company for the sale, with restrictive covenants, of the city owned properties at 9 Patterson Street and 110 Northern Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following buyer's criteria shall be required as conditions for sale:

- No additional paving to be allowed on property
- The renovations to the building must begin within 6 months of transfer of ownership
- A Certificate of Occupancy must be issued no longer than 18 months from the date of transfer of ownership
- Successful bidder must provide to the City of Augusta verification of the financial ability for her/him to complete the project and meet sales criteria
- Should expected performance criteria no be met, property ownership will revert back to the City of Augusta

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the proceeds from the sale of these properties be allocated to the city fund for the demolition of unsafe structures.

**15-123 REO Committee**

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to list for sale the city owned properties at 323 Bolton Hill Road and Lone Indian Trail through a real estate agent to be retained through an RFP process.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the proceeds from the sale of these properties be allocated to the city fund for the demolition of unsafe structures.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter; 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A).

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports  
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
July 13, 2015