

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014
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 - Mayor's Recognition for Excellence Award (REX):
Community Excellence Award to the Save Lithgow Library Referendum Committee

PRESENTATION - Update on Western Avenue Reconstruction Project by Ernie Martin, MDOT

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.

14-113 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held June 19, 2014, July 1, 2014 and July 10, 2014; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

14-114 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of June, 2014 in the amount of \$4,775,878.47 be approved.

14-115 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That David P. Smith be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District; said term to expire July 31, 2017.

14-116 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Samantha Nowlin be appointed to the Augusta Housing Authority; said term to expire July 17, 2019

14-117 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Scott Lessard be appointed to the Dog Park Advisory Committee; said term to expire July 17, 2017.

14-118 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Roger Lessard be reappointed to the Zoning Appeals Board; said term to expire July 7, 2017.

14-119 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Dale McCormick be appointed to the Airport Advisory Committee; said term to expire July 17, 2017.

14-120 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Michael Byron be appointed as the City Council representative to the Augusta Colonial Theater Committee (per the request of the Augusta Colonial Theater Board of Directors).

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

14-108 City Manager

BE IT ORDAINED, That Section 6-84 of the Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

Sec. – 84. Performance standards. All blasters must comply with the following performance standards:

(a) *Hours of detonation.*

(2) *All other blasting.* Hours of detonation are limited to between sunrise and sunset or between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., whichever is greater, Monday through Friday inclusive, except by special exception as allowed under Section 6-88 of this division. In no case shall a blast occur on the following legal holidays: New Year's, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Blasting which occurs as part of a mineral extraction license must occur pursuant to §6-76(b)(9)(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

14-121 Council

ORDERED, That up to fourteen thousand, three hundred and three dollars (\$14,303), be appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund balance to be used for enhanced law enforcement presence in the downtown area.

14-122 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Mayor Stokes shall appoint an ad-hoc Lithgow Library Construction Advisory Committee to include in its membership two City Councilors, a representative of the Friends of Lithgow Library and a representative of the Library Board of Trustees. The City Manager shall serve as Chair of the committee and shall involve the active participation of the Director of Community Services, the Library Director and other City staff members as appropriate. The Committee shall meet regularly and shall ensure that the City Council, the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of Lithgow Library and other interested parties are kept informed of the progress of the renovation and expansion project.

14-123 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1650, Firefighters Unit of the Augusta Fire Department. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1650A, Battalion Chiefs Unit of the Augusta Fire Department. Term of the agreement is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

14-124 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept an MMA Safety Enhancement Grant for safety equipment in the amount of \$2,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the local match in the amount of \$1,000. be hereby expended from the Fire Department's equipment account.

14-125 Councilor Paradis

ORDERED, that the City Council accept a parcel of land (Tax Map 1, Lot 105) from NRF Distributors, Inc. The conservation easements will be enforced by the City of Augusta Conservation Commission. The parcel is adjacent to existing conservation land and is offered by NRF as mitigation for development impacts on a small area of wetland adjacent to their existing warehouse facility. The City Manager is authorized to execute any necessary legal documents to enable the transfer.

14-126 Councilors O'Brien and Byron

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that a text amendment regarding contractor services in the Planned Development 2 (PD2) zoning district be initiated and sent to the Planning Board for public hearing, in accordance with Section 1.6.1.2 of the Land Use Ordinance. The Planning Board should consider the following text amendment recommendation, with the stipulation that any recommendation for modification of the proposal be considered by the Board based on public comment or the Board's knowledge of the area:

Add Contractor Services, or some subset of contractor services that includes electricians, as a permitted or conditional use in the PD2 zoning district.

14-127 Council

ORDERED, That an additional amount not to exceed \$93,932 be appropriated from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District for the reconstruction of Water Street from Memorial Circle to Green Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session to discuss:

- a personnel matter; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(A)
- pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A., §405(6)(E)

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
July 14, 2014