

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 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:** Remarks from Former Mayor, William R. Stokes

**PRESENTATION:** Commemoration of Charest Lane

**PROCLAMATION -** A Proclamation Recognizing and Saluting the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team

**PUBLIC HEARING -** Malt Liquor License application for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 1 Stephen King Drive

**PUBLIC HEARING -** Hodgkins School Affordable Housing District (TIF)

**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.

**14-129      **Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)****

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held July 17, 2014, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

**14-130      **Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)****

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of July, 2014 in the amount of \$4,311,998.43 be approved.

**14-131      **Mayor****

ORDERED, That \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby appointed as the City of Augusta representative to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee for the term beginning in July, 2014.

**14-132      **City Council****

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for the Bicentennial Nature Park in an amount totaling \$5,000.00 from the Augusta Rotary Club and Friends of Bicentennial Nature Park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**14-133 City Council**

WHEREAS, William R. Stokes has tendered his resignation as Mayor of the City of Augusta effective July 31, 2014 due to his appointment as a Superior Court Justice, and

WHEREAS, Article III Section 2 of the Augusta City Charter provides for the City Council to appoint a mayor when a vacancy for that position exists

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that (intentionally left blank) is hereby appointed Mayor of the City of Augusta until a duly qualified successor shall be elected and sworn in.

**14-134 Mayor and City Council**

WHEREAS, the Honorable William R. Stokes has resigned as Mayor of the City of Augusta effective July 31, 2014 and, as a result thereof, a vacancy presently exists in that office; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the City Charter provides that when there is a vacancy in the Office of Mayor, the City Council shall schedule an election for the purpose of filling the unexpired term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, That an election to fill the unexpired mayoral term of the Honorable William R. Stokes shall be held on November 4, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That nomination petitions for mayor will be available at the City Clerk's office on Friday, August 8, 2014 and nomination petitions must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2014.

**14-135 Mayor and City Council**

ORDERED, That the Augusta City Council does hereby authorize the placement of a Charter revision question on the November 4, 2014 ballot to read as follows: "Shall Article IV Section 7 of the Augusta Charter be amended to remove the following language "The superintendent need not be a resident of the city or state at the time of his or her appointment but shall become a resident of the City of Augusta within six (6) months and remain so during his or her tenure of office.?"

**14-136 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)**

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt Liquor License be approved for:

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 1 Stephen King Drive

**14-137 City Manager**

ORDERED, That the revised City Administrative Regulations be adopted per the attached version. Furthermore, that new language in the ordinances is indicated by underline and removed language by strikeout, and upon adoption of this ordinance, such indications shall be removed.

**14-138 City Council**

ORDERED, That the rate of compensation for Corporation Counsel shall be adjusted as follows: monthly retainer \$4,000 per month, hourly rate for additional services not to exceed \$200 per hour. Said changes to be effective August 1, 2014.

**14-139 Councilors Byron , Rollins, Bilodeau**

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta (the “City”) is authorized pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A, §5250-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, to designate a specific location within the City as the “Hodgkins School Affordable Housing District” (the “District”) and to adopt a Development Program for the District (the “Development Program”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need for quality, affordable age-restricted housing in the City of Augusta; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reuse the vacant, former Hodgkins School building for the citizens of the City of Augusta; to improve and broaden the tax base of the City of Augusta and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Development Program will help to provide additional investment in the City of Augusta; 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, the City desires to designate the Hodgkins School Affordable Housing District, and to adopt a Development Program for the District; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approval will be obtained from the Maine State Housing Authority (the “Authority”), approving the designation of the District and the adoption of the Development Program for the District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the attached Development Program, which creates the Hodgkins School Affordable Housing District, be approved and that the City Manager is authorized to sign a Credit Enhancement Agreement with the developer consistent with the Development Program adopted herein.

**14-140 City Council**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to demolish the following Tax Acquired properties which have been determined by the Bureau of Code Enforcement to be structurally unsafe or constitute a threat to public health and safety:

- 18 Greenlief Street (cost \$8,240)
- 36 Maple Street, Building #1 (cost \$32,960)
- 36 Maple Street, Building #2 (cost \$29,870)
- End of Penobscot Street (cost \$2,575)
- 4 Chase Avenue (cost \$6,695)
- 13 North Street (cost \$8,240)

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That \$128,580 be and hereby appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance to remove hazardous material (\$40,000) and demolish the structures (\$88,580).

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the demolition of 18 Greenlief Street be delayed 30 days to allow time for the city to attempt to sell the property.

**14-141 City Council**

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Council hereby approves the slate of nominees to serve on the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Executive Committee as selected by the MMA Nominating Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Reports  
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
August 4, 2014