

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present; Councilor Rollins opened the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, nominations for Mayor were accepted. Order 14-133 was moved to the beginning of the agenda. Councilor O'Brien was appointed Mayor, took the Chair and presided over the meeting.

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 Colorado, LLC, 1 Stephen King Drive

Public Hearing -         Hodgkins School Affordable Housing District (TIF)

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND PASSED

14-133

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 Mark S. O'Brien is hereby appointed Mayor of the City of Augusta until a duly qualified successor shall be elected and sworn in.

Nominations: Michael G. Byron by Michael G. Byron: 7 Nays  
Mark S. O'Brien by Patrick Paradis: 7 Yeas

Motion to Suspend the rules to move agenda item: Munson           Second by: McCormick  
Yeas: 8;           Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                          Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

Motion for passage: Byron                      Second by: Munson  
Yeas: 8;        Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien  
                    Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

Motion to Suspend the rules to move #136 & 139 agenda items: McCormick  
Second by: Bilodeau  
Yeas: 7;        Byron, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

14-136

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

Motion for passage: Paradis                      Second by: Byron  
Yeas: 7;        Byron, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

14-139

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





Motion for passage: Byron                      Second by: Paradis  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis,  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

14-140

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.

Motion for passage: Byron                      Second by: Paradis  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis,  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

14-141

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.

Motion for passage: Byron                      Second by: McCormick  
Yeas: 7;            Byron, Grant, Paradis,  
                         Rollins, Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
August 11, 2014