

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2012  
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.

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.

**12-122           Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)**

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held August 2, 2012, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

**12-123           City Manager**

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$20.00 from Raymond Bonsant of Augusta, Maine for fire prevention materials.

**12-124           Mayor Stokes**

ORDERED, That Martha Muetzel be appointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire on August 16, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

TABLED

**12-111           Councilors Byron and Rollins**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that increasing the likelihood of preserving Augusta's historic buildings contributes positively to Augusta's sense of place and is supported by the 2007 Comprehensive Plan (Volume I, Page 29);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that:

Section 6-35 of the Augusta Code of Ordinances be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the attached language.

NEW BUSINESS

**12-125      Manager (Police Department)**

BE IT ORDERED. That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife for the 2012 ATV Enforcement Grant. Grant funding will be utilized to provide directed ATV enforcement in Augusta.

**12-126      City Manager**

BE IT ORDERED, That the following sums be and hereby appropriated for the following capital improvement projects:

City Wide Paving	\$350,000
Rescue 3 Ambulance Replacement	\$195,000
Equipment Storage Building-Public Works	\$130,000
City Wide Sidewalks	\$20,000
Installation of 3 Traffic Pre-Emption Equipment	\$20,000
Replace Roof Storage Garage-Police Station	\$15,000
Replacement Mowers	\$15,000
City Center Parking Lot Drainage	\$12,000
Cunningham Park-Fencing	\$11,700
Cunningham Park-Water Element	\$11,500
City Wide Street Signage Improvement	\$10,000
City Wide Swimming Pool Improvements	\$6,000
Replacement Water Heater-Hartford Station	\$5,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following sum be and hereby appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance, \$516,200.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following sum be and hereby be appropriated from surplus cash capital improvement funds, \$285.000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the following sum be and hereby authorized for the following capital improvement projects:

**CENTRAL GARAGE**

Power Washer	\$7,000
Replacement 4 Wheel Drive SUV	\$22,000
Replacement ¾ Ton Pickup & Plow	\$28,000
Replacement ¾ Ton Pickup W/Utility Body	\$30,000
Replacement Sidewalk Tractor	\$130,000
Replacement CLASS 8 Dump Truck	\$135,000

**HATCH HILL**

Two New Roll Off Containers	\$10,000
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Pump Station Upgrade	\$60,000
Temporary Closure North Side of Expansion III	\$150,000

**CIVIC CENTER**

Carpet Extractor	\$4,000
Pipe and Drape	\$10,000
16” Stage Sections	\$10,000
Stack Ovens for Kitchen	\$10,000
Banquet Chairs	\$12,000
Pneumatics Upgrades	\$12,000
North Wing Entry Doors	\$15,000
Replace Lobby Heaters	\$18,000
Caulking of Doors/Windows	\$18,500
Auditorium Destratification	\$25,000
Roof Repair Main Auditorium/Misc Areas	\$30,000
Upgrade North Wing 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Décor	\$30,000
Repair/Replace Restroom Plumbing	\$50,000

**12-127 Mayor and Council**

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has been a responsible partner with the State of Maine for the almost two centuries that the State’s primary mental health treatment facilities have been centered in Augusta, and

WHEREAS, with the advent of modern medications and community-based care therapies, the City of Augusta has absorbed as residents thousands of current and former patients of the State mental health treatment system, and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta recognizes and supports the concepts of community-based treatment of mental illness, and its ongoing responsibilities as host community thereof, and

WHEREAS, the housing and treatment of potentially dangerous forensic mentally ill patients is accepted as a necessary component of the State’s treatment facilities, and

WHEREAS, to be fair to the residents of the City of Augusta and to make the partnership between the City and the State effective, full and open communication and cooperation must exist between the two entities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Augusta City Council does hereby express its disappointment and concern at the recent lack of advance communication by State authorities regarding their decision to close their three on-campus forensic group homes and relocate those patients into homes in residential neighborhoods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby request that the State of Maine and/or Motivational Services, Inc. reinstate the recently discontinued Intensive Case Manager position within the Augusta Police department and does ask that Motivational Services

establish a modest payment-in-lieu-of-taxes plan to provide funds to offset some of the direct costs incurred annually by the City of Augusta, most particularly police, fire and EMS services, associated with Motivational Services Augusta-based clients and facilities.

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  
August 13, 2012