

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 - Augusta School Department Update by School Board Chairperson Kimberly Martin.

PUBLIC HEARING - Malt and Vinous Liquor License application for Amazing LLC d/b/a Amazing Garden, 57 Western Avenue

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.

15-136 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held August 6, 2015; submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

15- 132 City Council

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Land Use Ordinance map entitled City of Augusta Base Zones and creating a contract Planned Development (PD) zone will meet the mixed use goals of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the following amendment to the Land Use Ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Create a Contract Planned Development (PD) zone that has a single use allowed, Parking Services, which is a subset Services, as defined in the Land Use Ordinance. This new Contract PD Zone will encompass the following parcels in the City of Augusta: Tax Map 54, Lots 3, 34, 35, 36, and 37.

15-133 City Council

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the Land Use Ordinance Planned Development2 (PD2) zone will meet the mixed use goals of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and unanimously recommended the following amendment to the Land Use Ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Make “Social Services (excluding offender rehabilitation and offender self-help and parole and probation offices)” a conditional use in the PD2 zoning district; and

Add the following performance criteria to the PD2 zoning district:

3.6.1.9.4.5 Social Services uses in the PD2 district shall be built on a scale appropriate to and sensitive to their immediate neighbors.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDER

15-137 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved:
Amazing LLC d/b/a Amazing Garden, 57 Western Avenue

15-138 Mayor and Council

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign a three year Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Officer Program Grant for the Augusta State Airport for calendar years 2016, 2017, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$96,230. No local match required.

15-139 Mayor and Council

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign a five year cost neutral single sort recycling contract with ecomaine for processing of recyclable materials.

15-140 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) for the transfer of \$835.00 to the Augusta Police Department, on the grounds that the City of Augusta Police Department did make a substantial contribution to the investigation of this or a related criminal case, namely, State of Maine vs. Steffan Collins.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

Part 2 – ORDINANCE BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

15-141 Councilors Grant, McCormick and Munson

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that vacant and abandoned properties pose a significant public safety risk and that such properties should be identified, and a responsible ownership entity established, the City of Augusta Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to establish a vacant building and property registry.

WHEREAS, a Vacant and Abandoned Property registry that will provide a just, equitable and practicable method for identifying, managing and responding to the numerous issues associated with vacant buildings throughout the City of Augusta.

WHEREAS, This ordinance is intended to prevent or mitigate dangers to health, safety and welfare, promote responsible management, provide a safe neighborhood for residents, safeguard property values, expedite housing repairs, and provide for prompt contact with owners or managers by Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement when issues or emergencies develop.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that Chapter 6, Article I, § 6-92 through 6-99, Property Maintenance – Vacant Building Registration ordinance be enacted (full ordinance language attached).

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
August 17, 2015