

**REVISED AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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.

PROCLAMATION – National American Indian Heritage Month

PROCLAMATION – Small Business Saturday

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.

14-193 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held November 6, 2014, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

14-194 Mayor Rollins

Ordered, That John Harvey Versteeg to be reappointed to the Conservation Commission; said term to expire November 20, 2017.

14-195 Council

Ordered, That as recommended by the Augusta Conservation Commission, the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept as a donation, a 2.23 acre parcel of land (Tax Map 35 Lots 24 & 30) from the Gagne family.

14-196 Council

Ordered, That as recommended by the Augusta Conservation Commission, the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept as a donation, 58 + or - acres of land (Tax Map 5 Lots 58 and 88-A and Tax Map 5-A, Lot 39) from Kennebec Wetlands LLC that were purchased to mitigate wetland requirements for the Augusta Crossing Mall project.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

14-191 Council

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Board found the proposal for the Viles property to be used as a conference center for non-profits to be in keeping with its long term traditional use when the Viles' lived there; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following text and map amendments be made to the Augusta Land Use Ordinance:

Add two new definitions, in proper alphabetical order, to Section 2.2 Additional Definitions of the Land Use Ordinance, as follows:

Conference Center – A facility used for conferences and seminars, with accommodations for food preparation and eating, entertainment, resource facilities, and meeting rooms. The total floor area of a conference center shall not exceed 20,000 square feet.

Convention Facility – A building, or portion thereof designed to accommodate 300 or more people in assembly.

Include these two new uses in the Table 3.6.A.1 Table of Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts as sub uses under “Services”.

Allow Conference Center as Conditional Uses in the following districts: Business/Institutional/Professional (BP), Local Business (CB), Regional Business (CC), Kennebec Business District 2 (KBD2), and Kennebec Lockes (KL).

Allow Convention Facility as a conditional Use in the following districts: Regional Business (CC), and Civic Center District (CD)

Amend the Official Zoning Map such that the front 600 feet as measured from the property line bordering Stone Street of Tax Map 10, Lot 31, is rezoned from Residential A (RA) to Institutional/Business/Professional (BP).

14-192 Councilor Byron

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, Section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Throughway	Entering Street
<u>Water Street</u>	<u>Green Street</u>

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Chapter 18, Section 38 Schedule of one-way streets., of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

~~Green Street, between Grove Street to State Street, west only.~~

This section of Water Street was formerly named Grove Street.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 – ORDERS

14-197 Council

ORDERED, that the City Manager is authorized to employ the Construction Management At-Risk process for the Lithgow Library renovation and expansion capital improvement project.

14-198 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to sign the contract between the City and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System which authorizes the change to Special Plan 3C on January 1, 2015 for Firefighters and Battalion Chiefs hired after December 31, 1989. The change will impact only future contributions for these employees, and those hired prior to January 1, 1990 will remain covered under Plan 2C, as per the collective bargaining agreement authorized and signed in July 2014.

14-199 Mayor Rollins, Councilors Bilodeau and Byron

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bids on the following tax acquired properties:

- 17 Hospital Street, Map 41, Lot 174, in the amount of \$12,114.00 to Matthew Harriman and Nicole Chaplin.
- 1144 South Belfast Avenue, Map 65, Lot 13, in the amount of \$330.00 to Peter and Heather Cunningham

All other bids to be rejected on the following:

- 323 Bolton Hill Road, Map 11, Lot 53
- 18 Greenlief Street, Map 38, Lot 88
- Lone Indian Trail, Map 4A, Lot 72B
- Cross Hill Road, Map 4

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from each sale will be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the City.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

**PART 2 – ORDINANCES BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED**

14-200 City Manager

WHEREAS, an emergency exists affecting health, safety, and property if nighttime parking regulations are not modified to accommodate both downtown building owners and renters, as well as the city's need to conduct snow removal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the following amendments be made to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 68 (Nighttime Parking Not to Hinder Snow Removal), as an emergency ordinance enactment effective immediately:

No person shall park or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any street of the city, with the exception of the east side of Commercial Street between Bridge Street and Oak Street and Commercial Street Extension between Water Street and Bridge Street, between ~~12:00 p.m.~~ midnight and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, since such parking or remaining parked may interfere with snowplowing or the loading or removal of snow from such street.

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14-202 Council

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Board appointed a subcommittee, heard testimony at public hearings, and unanimously recommended amending the Land Use Ordinance related to the Riggs Brook Village zoning district;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Augusta that the attached amendments to the City of Augusta Land Use Ordinance, which are all related to the Riggs Brook Village zoning district, be enacted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
November 18, 2014