

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Mayor Stokes and Councilor Rollins; Councilor Emery presided.

Presentation - UMA, Office of Civic Engagement Val Marsh and Students

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ, FIRST READING

13-201

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Riverside Drive is a mixed use area, but that the scope and scale of the uses that exist are generally small in nature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan encourages a reduction in the intensity of development allowed on Riverside Drive via the current zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the rezoning that were well attended; and

WHEREAS, nearly all the speakers at the Planning Board hearings were in favor of rezoning the area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the area shown surrounded by a red outline on the attached map entitled "Riverside Drive Rezoning" and dated December 13, 2013, be rezoned from its current Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 2 (PD2).

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

13-199

~~ORDERED, That \$525,000 be appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance to cover a deficit in the estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing line item due to the reduction in Municipal Revenue Sharing allocation in the FY 2014 State budget.~~

WHEREAS, the Mill Park Advisory Committee has met many times to review the current park plan and met with the park's stakeholders to solicit input for park ideas, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has made recommended changes to the Mill Park plan to City Council, and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan recommended to City Council is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the original CRID Mill Park plan as approved by City Council in March 2002,

BE IT ORDERED, that, as so recommended by the Mill Park Advisory Committee, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to expend \$110,000 from the Mill Park Restoration Fund, for the purpose of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for electricity to the north end, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for a skating & performance slab.

Motion for passage by: Paradis Second by: Bilodeau

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

13-200

ORDERED, That \$7,000 be appropriated from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District for the purchase and installation of video recording cameras for enhanced public safety for the Commercial Street area.

Motion for passage by: Byron Second by: Munson

Yeas: 6; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Emery, Munson

Nays: 1 Bilodeau

13-202

ORDERED, That the City Council enter into executive session to discuss a settlement offer pursuant; 1 M.R.S.A. 1 §405(6){E}.

Motion for passage by: O'Brien Second by: Paradis

Yeas: 7; Byron, Grant, Paradis, O'Brien
 Bilodeau, Emery, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 27, 2013