

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

February 5, 2008

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present; Mayor Katz presided.

Presentation - Augusta Historic Preservation Commission -  
Historic House Plaques

Public comments were held on items listed on agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

131 WHEREAS, commercial blasting and use of explosives for purposes of quarrying mineral extraction and the production of construction materials have been occurring frequently in the City of Augusta, and whereas numerous reports of property damage resulting from such blasting have been communicated to the City, and

WHEREAS, current City of Augusta Ordinances are inadequate to effectively regulate and prevent serious public harm and property damage which may occur as a result of blasting in the City, and

WHEREAS, City Staff is aware of planned blasting in the vicinity of residential homes in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has appointed a Committee to draft a new Ordinance regulating blasting, which has not completed its work, and

WHEREAS, the City Council needs additional time to complete the process of enacting a new Ordinance regulating blasting.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council hereby ORDERS that a moratorium be enacted effective as of the date of passage by Council which prohibits all commercial blasting and use of explosives for the purpose of mineral extraction, quarrying or the production of construction materials within 2000 feet of a residence.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED (Con't)

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This moratorium will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of passage or upon the effective date of enactment of a new Ordinance regulating blasting, whichever occurs first.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

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

That Section 2-265. Joint Audit Committee, be added to Chapter 2. Administration, Article V. Finance, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, as follows:

Section 2-265. Joint Audit Committee.

There is hereby established a Joint Audit Committee composed of: two (2) Councilors appointed by the Mayor, two (2) School Board Members appointed by the Chairperson of the School Board, and one (1) member at-large appointed by the Mayor. The terms of the Councilors and School Board Members are to coincide with their respective terms of office. The at-large member term shall be three (3) years.

The committee shall lead the process of selecting an independent auditor, direct the work of the independent auditor as to the scope of the annual audit and any matters of concern with respect to internal controls. Finally, the committee shall receive the report of the independent auditor and present that report to the City Council and School Board with any recommendation from the committee.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

025 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with Front Row Marketing Services for a study of additional advertising opportunities including but not limited to naming rights study for the Augusta Civic Center in an amount not to exceed \$13,500.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

023 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held January 22, 2008 and January 28, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
Nays: 0

024 ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations for the Viles Memorial at Mill Park in the amount of \$50.00.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
Nays: 0

026 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation; 1 M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(E)

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes  
Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk