

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

May 5, 2006

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

All members of the Council were present except Councilor Doore; Mayor Dowling presided.

Proclamation - Arbor Month

Presentation - United Way Day of Caring, May 3, 2006, by Rob Gordon

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

068 BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council that the ordinance that established the Airport Advisory Committee on October 5, 1998 and placed in the revised Code of Ordinances in Chapter 6, Article VI, Division 1, Sub-section 6-379, be amended as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED, That the Airport Advisory Committee be established as a standing committee of ~~13 members~~ 8 members with three-year staggered terms, including:

Two Councilors

Two members representing the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce

Two members representing the Augusta Board of Trade

One member representing the airport tenant community

One member representing the local travel/hospitality industry

Five members representing the general public

One City Councilor

Two members representing the business community

One member representing the airport tenant community

One member representing the local travel/hospitality industry

Three members representing the general public

The purpose of the Committee shall be to advise the Mayor and Council, the City Manager, the Director of Economic and Community Development and the Airport Manager in matters related to the City of Augusta's management and operation of

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING (Con't)

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the Augusta State Airport; to foster, encourage, promote and assist in the current use and future development of the Augusta State Airport; to foster and promote awareness of the airport, its facilities and the services of its tenants within the local area business community, state and local government, and the general public; to assist and cooperate with other organizations in all matters relating to the general welfare of the airport; and to represent the airport at any appropriate forum.

The committee may also recommend municipal appropriations for the development of on- or off-site infrastructure and income-producing facilities, and for meeting the administrative and other expenses of the airport.

The Chair shall be the sitting City Council member. All appointments to the committee shall be made by the Mayor, with input from the City Council.

All meetings of the Airport Advisory Committee shall be open to the public, and the Committee will keep record of its proceedings. The Committee members will annually elect officers, as the committee may deem appropriate.

This ordinance rescinds and replaces Council Order #349, passed October 20, 1997, and is replaced in the revised Code of Ordinances in Chapter 6, Article VI, Division 1, Sub-section 6-379.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

054 ORDERED, That the goals for 2006, as amended and attached hereto, are formally adopted by the City Council.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

075 ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby establish a seven member committee, Chair and 6 members, to be appointed by the Mayor to study the future of Bond Street and its buildings and make recommendations to the City Council accordingly.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

077 BE IT RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated for the support of the departments of the City of Augusta, for payment of County Taxes, for the bonded indebtedness of the City, and for all the other debts incurred by the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, the sum of \$47,354,933 of which a summary appears below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amount to be raised from current real and personal taxes considering estimated departmental revenues, fund balance, and other sources of \$24,390,434 to be set at \$22,964,499.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$19,751,968 for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that the City of Augusta raise \$8,088,300 as the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

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appropriate \$608,487 for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the City's long-term debt for major capital school construction and minor capital renovations that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters of the City as follows:

Lincoln & Farrington Elementary Schools - approved by the voters on November 4, 1986.
 New Cony High School - Preliminary bond - approved by the voters on November 7, 2000.
 New Cony High School - Future bond (estimated May 2006) approved by the voters on December 2, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$1,726,412 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$137,494. The Augusta Board of Education recommends \$137,494 for the following reasons:

The State does not provide sufficient funding in the areas of:

Extra & Co-Curricular Activities	\$432,000
Pension Obligation Bond	115,000
Salary, Wages and Benefits	99,000
Contingency account	90,000
Limited English Proficiency (ESL)	65,000
System Administration & Support	59,000
Technical Education	59,000
Gifted & Talented program	58,000
Transportation	29,000

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the City's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Pre-K

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through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual debt service payment on previously approved non-state-funded school construction projects and the non-state-funded portion of minor capital school construction projects that will help achieve the City's budget for educational programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$518,635 and raise \$306,452 for Adult Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$26,079,975 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 from the City's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade twelve as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools.

PRELIMINARY
BUDGET

LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE

Mayor and Council	\$ 40,846
City Manager	246,773
Corporation Counsel	96,600
Central Services	9,625
Unclassified	254,367
Council Contingency	20,000
Manager Contingency	10,000
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	\$ 678,211

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

City Clerk	\$ 185,658
Registration and Elections	31,755
City Auditor	138,722
Information Systems	272,440
Treasurer and Tax Collector	286,535
Assessor	212,711

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

077	Continued	
	Finance and Administration	101,405
	Human Resources	213,603
	TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,442,829
	<u>CITY SERVICES</u>	
	Economic Development	\$ 229,215
	Planning	88,410
	Historical Preservation	5,825
	Code Enforcement	270,882
	City Service Administration	50,702
	Engineer	172,932
	City Building	464,447
	Buker School	87,368
	TOTAL CITY SERVICES	\$ 1,369,781
	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u>	
	Conservation Commission	\$ 2,762
	Community Services Administration	195,810
	Public Library	562,929
	Recreation	172,713
	Parks and Cemetery	771,507
	Fort Western	111,698
	Bicentennial Nature Park	58,268
	Health and Welfare	171,528
	General Assistance	77,350
	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 2,124,565
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
	Police	\$ 3,599,933
	Fire	2,029,739
	Civil Emergency Preparedness	5,800
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 5,635,472
	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	
	Public Works Administration	\$ 107,531
	Highway	638,327
	Street Cleaning	93,914

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	Snow Removal	848,789
	Waste Removal	735,395
	Walks	81,128
	Street & Road Maintenance	212,571
	Resurfacing of Streets	277,322
	Signs	102,555
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 3,097,532
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 2,133,588
	TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	\$ 1,627,009
	TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 1,302,281
	TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P	\$ 524,000
	TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$ 1,339,690
	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
	Board of Education	\$ 123,511
	Office of Superintendent	711,139
	Hodgkins School	1,939,581
	Farrington School	1,827,286
	Gilbert School	1,392,713
	Hussey School	943,794
	Lincoln School	1,100,819
	Cony High School	5,295,817
	Vo Tech Center	2,616,751
	System Wide Services	5,881,331
	District Wide Special Education	3,675,940
	Adult Education	518,635
	Secular Services	6,050
	Crossing Guides	46,608
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$26,079,975
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$47,354,933

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

069 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held April 18, 2006 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

070 ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$2,400.00.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

071 ORDERED, That Stacy Cummings-Gervais be appointed to the Augusta Parking District; said term to expire on May 1, 2011.

Yeas: 7: Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

072 ORDERED, That Judith Kypragora be appointed to the Tree Board; said term to expire May 1, 2009.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

073 ORDERED, That Andrea J. Lord be reappointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire May 5, 2009.

Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

074 ORDERED, That the Voter Registration hourly schedule for open session for the June 13, 2006 State Primary Election be as follows:

Thursday, June 8, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

- 074 Continued
The intent of this order is to change the evening session time in accordance with M.R.S.A., Title 21-A, Section 122(8), as amended.
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 076 ORDERED, That three (3) petitions dated April 27, 2006 submitted to the City Clerk be submitted to Corporation Counsel for opinion to be issued at the City Council's next regular business meeting.
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 078 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter; 1 M.R.S.A., Sec. 405(6)(E).
- Yeas: 7; Byron, Gomeau, O'Brien,
Lerman, Coffin, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk