

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

July 11, 2008

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

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

Public comments were held on items listed on the 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.

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)

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING

104 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:

<u>Throughway</u>	<u>Entering Street</u>
Winthrop Street	Blaine Avenue

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

112 ORDERED, That the City Council appropriate designate \$218,600.00 in Downtown TIF proceeds for the Mayor's downtown initiative as follows:

Signage	\$100,000
Radio Tourism Broadcast	53,200
Wi-Fi	45,400
Cultural/Heritage/Recreation Map	20,000
Total	\$218,600

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

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ AND AMENDED, FIRST READING

113 BE IT ORDAINED, That the Augusta City Council ~~accepts~~ adopts the Blasting Ordinance as recommended by the Blasting Committee (see attached).

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

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

- 105 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meeting held June 16, 2008 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0
- 106 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of June 2008 in the amount of \$5,486,195.26 be approved.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0
- 107 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for \$1,000.00 from the United Way for cost of paint and materials used in the United Way Day of Caring.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0
- 108 ORDERED, That Joan I. Theberge (Chair) be reappointed to the Registration Appeals Board; said term to expire June 1, 2011.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0
- 109 ORDERED, That Roger W. Lessard be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals as a Senior Associate member; said term to expire July 7, 2011.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0
- 110 ORDERED, That Michael Byron be reappointed to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee; said term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Paradis, O'Brien,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson, Stokes
- Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

111 ORDERED, That David P. Smith be reappointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District; said term to expire July 31, 2011.

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

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk