

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

All members of the Council were present except Councilors Doore, O'Brien and Stokes; Mayor Katz presided.

Presentation - Rotary Students of the Month for May: Clarita White and Joe Thibodeau

Presentation - CATC Students of the Month for May and June: Matthew Bonsant, Holly Huntington and Nicole Wheeler

Presentation - 2009 Edward's Dam Scholarship to Kimberlee Owen

Presentation - Historic House Plaques to Patti Violette

Presentation - By Alam Sher – Trip to Bahawalpur

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

017 WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the five criteria for approving an area rezoning, found in section 1.6.1.A.vii have been satisfied.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

The parcels shown as the "area of change" on the attached map entitled Proposed Zoning and dated December 30, 2008, shall be rezoned to Planned Development (PD). Parcels included are Tax Assessor's Map 48, Lots 3, 3-A, 3-B, 4, 5, 5-B, 6, 7, 8, 8-A, 8-B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12-A, and the segment of railroad property that starts at Riggs Brook and runs south to Route 3.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

021 WHEREAS, The City Council finds that the Planning Board held the required public hearing on a proposed amendment to the City's comprehensive plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Augusta be amended as follows:

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED (Con't)

- 021 Continued
Volume 1, pages 33 and 34 of the City of Augusta 2007 Comprehensive Plan, which are maps entitled Future Land Use and Future Land Use Detail, shall be amended to include the area north of Rt. 3, west of Riverside Drive, south of Riggs Brook, and east of the Kennebec River as the same shade of brown, indicating mixed use development, as the area directly to the north of the modified area.

(NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE)

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

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

That ARTICLE V. SOLID WASTE, Sections 6-345 through 6-355 of the revised Code of Ordinances, 1990, as amended, be amended as attached.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

- 073 ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meetings held May 21, 2009 and May 28, 2009 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 074 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of May 2009 in the amount of \$4,950,371.74 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

- 075 ORDERED, That City Council accepts a donation for The Spring Running festival in an amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), from the Maine Coastal Program, State Planning Office.

Motion for passage by: Munson

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 076 ORDERED, That the City Council, consistent with salary adjustments awarded to union employees, authorize a 3% cost-of-living salary adjustment to non-union employees at the start of the pay week closest to July 1, 2009.

Motion for passage by: Rollins

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 077 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept and manage a \$45,000 grant from the State of Maine Riverfront Community Development Bond (RCDB) Program administered by Maine DECD, Department of Economic & Community Development. These funds will be used to construct two (2) granite and metal informational markers in the style of the Kennebec-Chaudiere marker in Hallowell and as identified in the master plan for Mill Park: one will be located at the boat launch at Mill Park and the other at the west side boat launch at Waterfront Park. Remaining funds will be used for three (3) interpretive signs along paths at Mill Park. These funds are part of a larger, multijurisdictional grant submitted by Gardiner and Augusta. Gardiner will receive \$450,000. The total grant is \$495,000.

Motion for passage by: Paradis

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 078 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit through the Augusta Police Department an ATV Enforcement grant application to the State of Maine, Department of Conservation, Bureau of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, ATV Division for the purpose of seeking grant funds to help assist with enforcing ATV laws and use of said vehicles in the City of Augusta. If successful, grant funds will be managed thru the Finance Department and administered through the Augusta Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

078 Continued
Motion for passage by: Rollins
Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

079 WHEREAS, The Augusta City Council has been favorably impressed with the presentation for establishing a Unified Gym Sports Delivery Model between City of Augusta and the Kennebec Valley YMCA, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that creation of such a model and delivery system has the potential to add significantly to the recreational opportunities and quality of life to the residents of the City of Augusta and its environs, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds the proposed conceptual model as presented will be further developed and brought back to City Council and KVYMCA Board for review and consideration before implementation, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds the Kennebec Valley YMCA Board is in support of developing the proposed model.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Augusta do endorse the concept of developing a Unified Gym Sports Delivery Model and do authorize City staff to work collaboratively with the staff of the KVYMCA toward its fulfillment.

Motion for passage by: Coffin
Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

080 ORDERED, That the City Council approve Smokey's Greater Shows carnival scheduled for the week of June 22, 2009 – June 28, 2009, and approve the necessary variances as required in the City's Code of Ordinances for such show to be held at the Mill Park.

Motion for passage by: Paradis
Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

- 081 BE IT ORDERED, That with statutory notice having been provided to abutting property owners and the Planning Board and the Discontinuance Order having been filed with the City Clerk, that the Discontinuance Order for a portion of Gage Street be approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Discontinuance Order be filed with the City Clerk.

Motion for passage by: Coffin

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 083 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept funding in the amount of \$68,815.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. In accordance with grant specifications, grant funding will be allocated as such: \$38,206.00 awarded to the Augusta Police Department, \$20,189.00 awarded to the Waterville Police Department and \$10,420.00 awarded to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. Grant funding to the Augusta Police Department will be utilized to purchase an unmarked Ford Police Cruiser, Panasonic Toughbook Computers, Glock Handguns, Tasers and Upgrade Memory in Police Department Computers.

Motion for passage by: Paradis

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 084 ORDERED, That the City Council appropriate up to \$12,000 from the Reserve for Fire Department Local Grant match for consulting services to assist in developing a Fire Act Grant for the renovation/expansion of Hartford Fire Station.

Motion for passage by: Rollins

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

- 085 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the Hartford Street Central Station of the Augusta Fire Department has required substantial upgrades and expansion, and

WHEREAS, Said improvements have been a part of the department's long-range capital plans for that period of time, and

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

085 Continued

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Augusta City Council commissioned a comprehensive study of the Fire Department's current and projected service, coverage and facilities needs and did receive and accept that study and its recommendations, and

WHEREAS, Primary among the study's recommendations was the modernization and expansion of the Hartford Street Central Station, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has since commissioned architectural and engineering work to develop site plans, schematics and cost estimates for said improvements,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Fire Station Construction grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$5 million.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council does hereby commit to issue local general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for purposes of contingency funding and grant local match should FEMA make a grant award to the City of Augusta.

Motion for passage by: Munson

Yeas: 5; Byron, Paradis,
Rollins, Coffin, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
June 22, 2009