

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

June 10, 2005

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Public Hearing - Appropriation Resolve FY 2006 (Order #73)

Public Hearing - To discuss the City of Augusta's 2005 Community Development Block Grant / Community Enterprise Grant Phase II Application (Order #92)

Public Hearing - To discuss an application to the State of Maine's Municipal Investment Trust Fund (MITF) for infrastructure for the Edwards Mill Site (Order #94)

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

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

That Chapter 18, section 38 Schedule of one-way streets, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended be further amended by adding:

Melville Street, between Green Street and Western Avenue, south only.

NO MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, FINAL READING, AS AMENDED

073 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, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, the sum of \$45,441,170 \$45,336,049 of which a summary appears below.

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

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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 \$22,103,253 \$22,375,649 to be set at \$23,337,917 \$22,960,400.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta appropriate \$17,985,054 \$18,059,403 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 \$8,180,704 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 \$615,261 for the annual payments on the non-state funded school construction projects and the non-state funded portions of school construction projects as listed below, in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the City'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 not approved for state subsidy. The voters of the City approved the bonding of this long-term debt 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.

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

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New Cony High School - Future bond (estimated October 2005) approved by the voters on December 2, 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta raise and appropriate \$2,608,035 \$2,478,665 in additional local funds which exceeds the State s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$129,370.

The Augusta Board of Education recommends \$129,370 for the following reasons:

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

Special Education
Extra and Co-Curricular Activities
Personnel Costs

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 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 raise and appropriate \$492,696 \$494,965 and raise \$281,398 in funding for Adult Education. of which \$278,998 will be local funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta authorize the Augusta Board of Education to expend \$24,919,435 \$24,866,814 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 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.

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

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PRELIMINARY
BUDGETLEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE

Mayor and Council	\$ 40,907	
City Manager	241,162	
Corporation Counsel	96,600	
Central Services	9,625	
Unclassified	243,554	\$236,054
Council Contingency	20,000	
Manager Contingency	10,000	
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	\$ 661,848	\$654,348

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

City Clerk	\$ 181,638	
Registration and Elections	32,224	
City Auditor	136,550	
Information Systems	264,663	
Treasurer and Tax Collector	313,332	
Assessor	205,989	
Finance and Administration	96,318	
Human Resources	206,834	
TOTAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,437,548	

CITY SERVICES

Economic Development	\$ 212,626	
Planning	84,731	
Historical Preservation	5,825	
Code Enforcement	239,944	\$264,944
City Service Administration	45,943	
Engineer	169,751	
City Building	436,597	
Buker School	57,942	
TOTAL CITY SERVICES	\$ 1,253,359	\$1,278,359

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Conservation Commission	\$ 2,819	
Community Services Administration	187,390	
Public Library	542,842	
Recreation	172,955	
Trees and Landscaping	84,287	

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

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	Parks and Cemetery	649,007	
	Fort Western	111,890	
	Bicentennial Nature Park	50,001	
	Health and Welfare	163,971	
	General Assistance	88,350	
	TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 2,053,512	
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
	Police	\$ 3,409,726	
	Fire	2,011,338	\$2,001,338
	Civil Emergency Preparedness	6,200	
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 5,427,264	\$5,417,264
	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
	Public Works Administration	\$ 103,828	
	Highway	662,196	
	Street Cleaning	103,641	
	Snow Removal	764,675	
	Waste Removal	729,251	
	Walks	78,683	
	Street & Road Maintenance	210,589	
	Resurfacing of Streets	291,545	\$241,545
	Signs	105,979	
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 3,050,387	\$3,000,387
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 1,950,633	
	TOTAL RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	\$ 1,557,644	
	TOTAL SERIAL BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 1,305,834	
	TOTAL RESERVE AND CASH C.I.P	\$ 564,700	\$554,700
	TOTAL COUNTY TAX	\$ 1,259,006	
	<u>EDUCATION</u>		
	Board of Education	\$ 123,016	
	Office of Superintendent	740,333	\$740,893
	Buker School	0	
	Hodgkins School	1,846,006	\$1,846,631
	Farrington School	1,780,719	\$1,783,252

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	Gilbert School	1,314,130	\$1,315,388
	Hussey School	944,264	\$945,076
	Lincoln School	1,115,323	\$1,116,457
	Cony High School	5,194,481	\$5,176,185
	Vo Tech Center	2,399,865	\$2,401,923
	System Wide Services	5,282,186	\$5,232,148
	District Wide Special Education	3,628,924	\$3,633,257
	Adult Education	492,565	\$494,965
	Secular Services	12,400	
	Crossing Guides	45,223	
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$24,919,435	\$24,866,814
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$45,441,170	\$45,336,049

Yeas: 7; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Lund

Nays: 1; Koski

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

095 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:

Throughway	Entering Street
Blaine Avenue	Mulliken Court

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

085 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held May
16, 2005 & May 23, 2005 submitted by the City Clerk be
approved.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

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

086 ORDERED, That the City Council accept various donations for the new Cony High School in an amount totaling \$3,400.00.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

087 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts #11 for the month of May 2005 in the amount of \$6,183,277.03 be approved.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

088 ORDERED, That Anthony Douin be reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire June 21, 2008.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

089 ORDERED, That the City of Augusta property taxes for the 2006 fiscal year shall be due and payable at the Office of the Tax Collector as follows:

- ONE HALF shall be due on September 15, 2005
- ONE HALF shall be due on March 15, 2006

With interest being charged on any outstanding amount commencing one (1) day after the due date at the rate of 7.75% per annum.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

090 ORDERED, That the City Council approve the following election officials as replacements during the June 14, 2005 Special Municipal Election:

Constable / Ward 3: Norman Veilleux, 20 Glen Street, for
Gloria Morrisette

Warden / CPP: Renette Leibowitz, 4 Alton Road, for William
Fleming

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

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Ward Clerk / CPP: Linda Radcliffe, 19 Townsend Road, for
Renette Leibowitz

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

091 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to apply for
grant funds for Edwards Mill Site Park, consistent with the
following.

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the
National Park Service through the Department of
Conservation for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
(LWCF Grant) to carry out park renovations; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine law and the
LWCF Grant program have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, CRID will provide the required local 50% match;
and

WHEREAS, the Capital Riverfront Improvement District (CRID)
Board has approved and encourages the submission of the
LWCF Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Maine has made available to the
Edwards Mill Site funds for park improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of
Augusta that the City Manager:

1. Is authorized and directed to submit applications for
the following program and dollar amounts with the State of
Maine's LWCF Grant:

- Program: Edwards Mill Site Grant

- Request amount: \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars)

To the Department of Community Services, Bureau of Parks
and Cemeteries on behalf of the City of Augusta and CRID
substantially in the form presented to this Council;

2. Is authorized to make assurance on behalf of the City of

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

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Augusta required as part of such applications, and

3. Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds, to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program, consistent with the Charter of the City of Augusta and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

092 WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Augusta that the City Manager:

1. Is authorized and directed to submit an application for the following program(s) and dollar amount(s) within the State of Maine's CDBG Program:

- Program: 2005 Community Enterprise Grant Program
- Amount: \$125,000

To the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the City of Augusta, substantially in the form presented to this Council;

2. Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the City of Augusta required as part of such applications, and

3. Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing said program(s), consistent with the Charter

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

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of the City of Augusta and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.
- Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 093 ORDERED, That \$50,000 of the City's Undesignated Fund Balance be hereby designated for Lithgow Library architectural services.
- Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 094 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to apply for grant funds from the State of Maine Municipal Investment Trust Fund for the construction of infrastructure at the Edwards Mill Site consistent with the CRID Master Plan.
- Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 096 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations; M.R.S.A., Title 1, Sec. 405 (6) (D)
- Yeas: 8; Sotir, Doore, Gomeau, Foster,
Lerman, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell
City Clerk