

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

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

- 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:

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 AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

- 042 ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held March 19, 2009 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED (Con't)

- 042 Continued
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the Minutes be amended to reflect the failed motion to remove Order #17 from the table.

Motion for passage as amended by: O'Brien

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

Nays: 0

- 049 WHEREAS, the Augusta City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of residents of the City of Augusta and surrounding communities to support the full build out of the I-95 Exit 113 interchange and related connections to Route 27 and Route 27 capacity enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta City Council is in full support of plans for ~~Maine General Hospital~~ MaineGeneral Medical Center to consolidate facilities in the area of Exit 113 so as to modernize the delivery of medical services; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to the Maine General modernization program to have full access via Exit 113 to its planned new campus; and

WHEREAS, the existing configuration of Route 27 and Route 3 connectors are limiting the expansion of development in the planned growth areas of the northwest quadrant of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta has worked collaboratively with the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and Augusta Board of Trade to address transportation needs in the northwest quadrant, as well as a number of successful prior instances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Augusta Planning Board held a joint public meeting/ workshop on February 26, 2009 to review and respond to development concepts for Exit 113 as proposed by the Maine Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, the Augusta business community, and ~~Maine General Hospital~~ MaineGeneral Medical Center;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council endorses moving forward with the planning process that is required to develop a full interchange at Exit 113 with connections to Old Belgrade Road and Route 27.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED (Con't)

049 Continued

Motion for passage as amended by: Stokes

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

Nays: 0

050 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept grant funding in the amount of \$332,086.00 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: \$157,965.00 awarded to the Augusta Police Department, \$83,470.00 awarded to the Waterville Police Department, \$43,081.00 awarded to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, \$17,951.00 awarded to the Gardiner Police Department, \$17,951.00 awarded to the Winslow Police Department and \$11,668.00 awarded to the Oakland Police Department. Grant funding to the Augusta Police Department will be utilized to purchase two (2) Ford Expeditions, two (2) police snowmobiles with trailer, one (1) police motorcycle, weapons suppressor systems, protestor extrication tools, surveillance equipment, ~~IMC GPS tracking for police vehicles,~~ ballistic shields, file transfer protocol server, polygraph equipment and a firewall for the Augusta Police Department.

Motion for passage as amended by: Doore

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

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

043 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of March 2009 in the amount of \$5,113,649.94 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson

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

Nays: 0

044 ORDERED, That City Council accepts donations for The Spring Running festival in an amount totaling Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$4,225.00). The sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from Roger Pomerleau, the sum of One Thousand

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

- 049 Continued
Dollars (\$1,000.00) from Hannaford's, the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$725.00) from Time & Tide, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from The Maine Coastal Program, and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) from Sea Grant.

Motion for passage by: Munson

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

Nays: 0

- 045 ORDERED that David M. Rollins be reappointed to the Capitol Planning Commission; said term to expire April 7, 2010.

Motion for passage by: Munson

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

Nays: 0

- 046 WHEREAS the Augusta City Council has been favorably impressed with the presentation by supporters of a Nordic Trail system to be located at the City of Augusta Bond Brook parkland, and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that creation of such a trail system would 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 trail project is consistent with the Short Term Bond Brook parkland plan as approved by City Council on October 6, 2008

WHEREAS the City Council finds the Augusta Conservation Commission is in support of developing the Nordic Ski trail system

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to encourage the proponents of said trail project and to facilitate their ability to raise funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Mayor and City Council of Augusta do endorse the concept of developing new Nordic Ski Trails at Bond Brook parkland and do authorize City staff to work collaboratively with the trail project proponents toward its fulfillment.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

046 Continued

Motion for passage by: Rollins

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

Nays: 0

047 ORDERED, That the City Council adopt the Bond Brook Forest Management Plan as presented and recommended for adoption to City Council by the Augusta Tree Board and the Augusta Conservation Commission.

Motion for passage by: Doore

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

Nays: 0

048 ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for renovation and expansion of the Hartford Fire Station and the Bangor Street Fire Station as funds may be available.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the City Manager is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from existing reserves for public safety matching grant funds.

Motion for passage by: Stokes

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

Nays: 0

051 ORDERED, That the labor contract with the Teamsters Local 340, Dispatchers unit (January 2009 – June 2010) be ratified consistent with the agreement with the Union.

Motion for passage by: Stokes

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

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
April 24, 2009