

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

April 11, 2003

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, April 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Proclamation - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

032 RESOLVED, That the City of Augusta supports the recommendation of the Maine Rail Passenger Corridor Committee regarding the extension of rail passenger service from Portland to Bangor.

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) has adopted a Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan which does not show a recommended rail passenger connection between Portland and Bangor; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT has current plans to extend passenger rail service from Portland to Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan recommends rail passenger service between intermodal facilities at Bangor and the area of Acadia National Park; and

WHEREAS, Portland, Maine is currently receiving Amtrak rail passenger service; and

WHEREAS, the MDOT Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan designates Bangor as one of two passenger transportation intermodal centers in Maine;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the City of Augusta hereby strongly supports the recommendation of the Maine Rail Passenger

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

032 Continued

Corridor Committee exploring rail passenger opportunities for RTAC Regions 3, 4, and 5; that the Maine Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan and forthcoming MDOT transportation plans, be updated to identify the Portland-Brunswick-Hallowell-Augusta-Waterville-Newport-Bangor rail corridor as a future passenger route linking southern and northern Maine, with connections to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and that this contiguous rail corridor and its related infrastructure be preserved for future passenger and freight rail services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the cities and communities within the Portland to Bangor rail corridor are encouraged to reserve locations accessible to the rail lines in this corridor for stations, parking and intermodel connections that will best serve the interest of these communities and their service regions.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESSHAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

035 ORDERED, That Gabriella Howard be reappointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees; said term to expire February 7, 2003 2006.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

038 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a n easement license, subject to review and approval of the City attorney, over City property adjacent to 287 Water Street to provide for the construction of an outdoor deck at 287 Water Street.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

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

- 034 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held March 17 and 24, 2003 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 036 ORDERED, That John C. Bridge be reappointed to the Augusta Development Commission; said term to expire December 31, 2003.
- Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 037 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to provide for an application to the State of Maine for community development block grant funds to be passed through to Bread of Life Ministries for approximately \$50,000 in public service funds for a vocational training program to be sponsored by the Bread of Life Ministries.
- Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 039 ORDERED, That the Council Goals and Objectives established on March 1, 2003 and revised on March 19, 2003 are hereby approved and the City Manager is hereby directed to proceed with their implementation.
- Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0
- 040 ORDERED, That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Augusta and the Capital Riverfront Improvement District (CRID) related to the Edwards Dam site park as presented to the City Council at an informational meeting on March 31, 2003 and as modified by the City attorney to reflect changes recommended by members of the City Council.
- Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund
- Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

041 ORDERED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a renewal contract for employment of William R. Bridgeo as City Manager for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2003, terms and conditions to be drafted by the City attorney.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

042 ORDERED, That the City Council enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and a financial matter.

Yeas: 7; Doore, Veilleux, Foster,
O'Brien, Davis, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Frith
City Clerk