

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

AUGUSTA, MAINE

March 6, 2007

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Center.

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

Presentation - Winners of the Writing Skills Competition sponsored by Sylvan Learning Center.

High School:

- First Place to Nadia Liyange-Don
- Second Place to Cameron O'Brien
- Third Place to Kaithlin Clifford.

Middle School (Farrington):

- First Place to Carlene Mosca
- Third Place to Marie Ange Donisvitch.

Presentation - Comprehensive Planning Committee

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED

049 ORDERED, That the 2007 Augusta City Council goals and objectives as herein attached are adopted.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

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

That Chapter 18, section 73 Schedule of no parking, restricted parking areas, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended be further amended by adding the following:

Middle Street

No parking on the east or west side from the intersection of Caldwell Road southerly for a distance of four hundred twenty eight (428) feet.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

051 BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Chapter 11, Article IV, Section 11-112 Cable Television and Telecommunications Committee be amended as follows:

Sec. 11-112. Cable Television and Telecommunications Committee.

(a) Established. no changes

(b) Number and qualifications. The Committee shall consist of nine {9} seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Augusta School Board and one (1) a member of the Council. At least a majority of the members of the Committee shall be residents or taxpayers of the City. All members of the Committee shall be residents of the City of Augusta. The Director of Community Services, or designee, and the Augusta Public School's Business Manager or designee shall be a member, ex officio, without vote. All Committee members shall serve without compensation.

(c) Terms. The initial members shall be appointed for a term of one {1} year. At the expiration of these initial terms, three {3} members shall be appointed to serve a three year term, three {3} to serve a two year term, and three {3} to serve a one year term, and thereafter all terms shall be for three {3} years. Members shall be appointed for three year terms with (2) two members appointed each year and during one year (3) three members shall be appointed to retain the (7) seven person Committee. Members may serve multiple terms.

(d) Officers and their terms. no changes

(e) Meetings. The Committee shall meet not fewer than four (4) times in any twelve-month period, and may at any meeting establish a date of its next meeting. The Chair in at the Chair's discretion, may call a meeting of the Committee, and not fewer less than one-third (1/3) of the members, acting together, may call special meetings; in either case, notice by mail or telephone shall be given to all Committee members. At any meeting, a quorum of the Committee shall consist of a minimum of ~~five {5}~~ (4) four members, provided that a majority of these present shall be Augusta residents or taxpayers.

(f) By-laws. no changes

(g) Policies and procedures. The Committee shall, after notice and public hearing, and after an opportunity for the public to submit written comments, adopt policies and procedures governing the education and government channels authorized under the current state eable cable TV franchise agreement. The policies and procedures shall become effective upon approval by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING (Con't)

- 051 Continued  
(h) Duties and powers. no changes  
(i) Franchisee's funding of education and government channels.  
no changes  
(j) Reports required. no changes  
(k) Separate fund established. no changes  
(l) Budget; expenditures. no changes  
(m) Cooperation. no changes

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE REQUIRED)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED

- 040 ORDERED, That minutes of the City Council meetings held February 20, 2007 and February 22, 2007 submitted by the City Clerk be approved.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0
- 041 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from Sam's Club for the Augusta Recreation Bureau Youth Cheerleading Program in an amount totaling \$500.00.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0
- 042 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation from MaineGeneral Hospital for the Augusta Farmers' Market in an amount totaling \$5000.00.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0
- 043 ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$100.00 from Ross Hutchings of Augusta for fire prevention materials.
- Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund  
Nays: 0

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

044 ORDERED, That Paul N. Castonguay be appointed to the Assessment Review Board; said term to expire March 5, 2010.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

045 ORDERED, That Roll of Accounts for the month of February 2007 in the amount of \$4,230,614.36 be approved.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

046 ORDERED, That consistent with City personnel policy, the Augusta City Council hereby creates the permanent, part-time position of Old Fort Western Office Assistant.

Note: The salary and fringe benefit costs associated with this position will be paid for by the Old Fort Western Fund.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

047 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Brownfield grant application to the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of conducting Phase One and Phase Two environmental assessments of the Colonial Theater.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That this grant, if awarded, will come at no cost to the City of Augusta.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the owner of record of the Colonial Theater must have granted the City of Augusta written approval for this grant to move forward.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

048 ORDERED, That the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a State of Maine, Maine Forest Service, USDA Project Canopy Grant Application requesting the sum of (\$10,000.00) Ten Thousand Dollars for doing tree planting and maintenance

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ AND PASSED (Con't)

048 Continued  
of same for the geographical area referred to as the "Gateway Triangle".

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City shall provide the required 50/50 match in combination of in-kind services and cash as appropriated by City Council as part of the annual budget process and appropriation.

Yeas: 8; Byron, Doore, Gomeau, O'Brien,  
Rollins, Coffin, Koski, Lund

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell  
City Clerk