

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

There will be a pre-meeting of the City Council at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A. No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

RECOGNITION - Recognition of Newly Promoted Officers John Bennett and Jason Farris

RECOGNITION - Recognition of Tom Hinds of Cony High School on the occasion of him being named the 2012 Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

PRESENTATION - Appointment of Members of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Business and Community Service Recognition Committee

PUBLIC HEARING - Haymarket/Market Square Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PUBLIC HEARING: Permanent Ward 4 Polling Place to Cony High School Music Room

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under this item will be considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. If a Councilor wishes to discuss one (or more) item(s), Councilor may ask to have the item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda and considered individually.

13-012 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held January 17, 2013, submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

13-013 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of January, 2013 in the amount of \$4,476,282.79 be approved.

13-014 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Carol A. Saunders, M.D. be appointed to the Lithgow Library Board of Trustees; said term to expire on February 7, 2016.

13-015 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Kathleen (Sukey) Sikora be appointed to the Greater Augusta Utility District Board of Trustees; said term to expire February 19 2014.

13-016 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That Justin Poirier be appointed to the Planning Board; said term to expire September 20, 2015.

13-017 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation for up to 100 flats annual flowers valued at \$3,400.00 to be used in the City's gardens from Longfellow's Greenhouses.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

HAS BEEN READ AND TABLED

11-146 Councilor O'Brien

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract for demolition and improvements to Haymarket Square not including the construction of new bathroom facilities and not to exceed \$120,000 from the Downtown TIF.

(Order was tabled to the first meeting in February 2013 on November 1, 2012.)

13-006 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bid from Laurier Fleury, 35 Water Street, Augusta, Maine in the amount \$1.00 for the sale of property located at 25 Bond Street, Augusta, Maine subject to such terms and conditions as the City Manager may deem necessary to protect the interests of the City.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS (Con't)

SECOND READING

13-009 Councilors Paradis and Rollins

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the issues of various changes to the sign ordinance section of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend changes to the sign ordinance section of the Augusta Land Use Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments will provide a more harmonious integration of signs into the Augusta landscape enabling residents and visitors to navigate the city and businesses to adequately advertise, all in accordance with the recommendations of the 2007 Augusta Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Land Use Ordinance, Section 5.1.17 Street Graphics - Signs, be amended as outlined in the attached document.

NEW BUSINESS

13-018 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager's appointment of Matt Nazar to the position of Director of Development Services is hereby confirmed by the City Council.

13-019 Councilors Grant, Munson and O'Brien

ORDERED, That following the public hearing addressing the Ward 4 polling place, the City Council accepts the Committee's recommendation that the permanent designated polling place be the Cony High School Music Room, 60 Pierce Drive.

13-020 Mayor Stokes, Councilors Byron, Grant, Rollins, Paradis and Munson

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract with the architectural firm of Johnson Roberts Associates for an amount not to exceed \$100,000; up to \$50,000 of which shall come from city funds held in reserve for the Lithgow Library Building project and up to \$50,000 of which shall come from the Friends of Lithgow Library in equal matching amounts.

13-021 City Council

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to submit an application for CDBG grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 for improvements to the Market/Haymarket Square, with necessary matching funding to come from Downtown Tax Increment Financing Funds.

13-022 City Council

ORDERED, That the Planning Board review the current zoning of Riverside Drive and consider a recommendation to the City Council to rezone it to PD 2.

13-023 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to execute a lease renewal of five years with a possibility of a five year extension between the City of Augusta and the University of Maine at Augusta for space at the Augusta Civic Center consistent with terms and conditions recently reviewed by Council at its Informational Meeting of January 10, 2013.

13-024 Mayor Stokes

ORDERED, That City Manager William Bridgeo be designated as the voting delegate of the City of Augusta to the Maine Service Center Coalition and that Assistant City Manager Ralph St. Pierre be designated as the alternate voting delegate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
February 5, 2013 (rev.)