

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

There will be a pre-meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A to continue the discussion of the proposed 2015 Council Goals.

No Council actions are taken at pre-meetings. Pre-meetings are open to the public.

PRESENTATION - Ross Cunningham, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce

PUBLIC HEARING - Modification of Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District

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.

15-038 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held February 19, 2015, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

15-039 Manager (Bureau of Audit Accounts)

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of February, 2015 in the amount of \$4,513,688.87 be approved.

OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS

SECOND READING

15-036 City Manager

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that modifications to the city parking regulations are necessary to accommodate the changing needs of residents in the downtown and throughout the city.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, that Chapter 18 of the Augusta Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

Sec 18-66. Parking in excess of twenty-four hours; notice to move; removal by city.

It shall be unlawful to leave a motor vehicle parked on a public way or in a municipal parking lot for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours unless such vehicle possesses a valid residential parking permit issued by the Augusta Parking District, is in a space designated by the Augusta Parking District for resident parking, and meets the standards of MRSA Title 29-A. If a vehicle is parked in violation of this section, a notice shall be placed on the windshield of such vehicle

ordering its removal within twenty-four (24) hours. If after the expiration of such notice the vehicle is still in violation of this section, such vehicle may be removed in accordance with the provisions of this article. Where this section conflicts with Sec 18-68 (a) regarding winter parking on streets, Section 18-68 shall apply.

Sec 18-67. ~~Nighttime parking, permit required, exceptions.~~

- ~~(a) No vehicle shall be parked in any street of the city for a longer period than one (1) hour, between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. except on permit granted by the Police Department.~~
- ~~(b) This section shall not apply to physicians on professional, or to fire, police or city highway vehicles.~~
- ~~(c) No vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be parked, excluding the Augusta Business Park, for a longer period than one (1) hour in any street between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except on permit granted by the Police Department.~~

Sec. 18-68. - Nighttime parking ~~not to hinder snow removal.~~

- a. Unless a permit has been issued by the Police Department for overnight parking, no person shall park or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any street of the city, with the exception of the east side of Commercial Street between Oak Street and Water Street, between 10:00 p.m. ~~midnight~~ and 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, since such parking or remaining parked vehicles may interfere with snowplowing or the loading or removal of snow from such street.
- b. No vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds shall be parked, excluding the Augusta Business Park, for a longer period than one (1) hour in any street between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., except on permit granted by the Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS

15-040 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to sign and submit a Letter of Intent to the State of Maine, Department of Economic and Community Development, requesting the City be considered a potential applicant (Grantee) for a \$500,000.00 Housing Assistance Grant on behalf of the Service Corporation of the Augusta Housing Authority (sub Grantee).

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the required local match will consist of \$50,000. The City's portion will consist of \$20,000 in in-kind services and a cash match of \$10,000, which shall be appropriated from the General Fund account reserved for the demolition of dilapidated properties. The sub-grantee will provide \$20,000 (\$10,000 in-kind and \$10,000 in cash).

15-041 Mayor Rollins

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2014, the City of Augusta (the "City"), pursuant to Chapter 206 of Title 30-A of the Maine Revised Statutes, as amended, previously (i) designated the ninth

amendment to the “Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District” and adopted a Development Program for the District (“Mall Area Development Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (“DECD”), has requested certain modifications to the Mall Area Development Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, That the attached modification to the Mall Area Development Program be approved and incorporated therein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Council hereby finds and determines that the City Council has considered all evidence presented to it with regard to any adverse economic effect on or detriment to any existing business and has found and determined that the proposed modification of Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District will not result in a substantial detriment to any existing business in the City, and any adverse economic effect of the proposed Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District on any existing business in the City is outweighed by the contributions expected to be made by the Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District and the projects and improvements described in the Mall Area Development Program to the economic growth or well-being of the City or to the betterment of the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the City Manager be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered and directed to submit the said modification to Mall Area Tax Increment Financing District to the Commissioner of DECD for review and approval, pursuant to the requirements of 30-A M.R.S.A. §5226(2), the form of which submission shall be as the City Manager determines to be reasonably necessary or convenient in order to facilitate the process for review and approval by the Commissioner of DECD, so long as such revisions are consistent with this Order and the basic structure and intent of the Mall Area Development Program.

15-042 City Manager

BE IT ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to accept the sealed bid on the following tax acquired property:

- 1144 South Belfast Avenue, tax Map 65, Lot 13 in the amount of \$330.00 from Peter and Heather Cunningham.
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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That the net proceeds from the sale be credited to the reserve for demolition of unsafe structures located in the City.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
March 2, 2015