

**MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY CENTER  
6:30 P.M.**

All members of Council were present except Councilor Blodgett; Mayor Rollins presided.

Presentation - Roger Madore, Author, Postcard History Series of Augusta

Public Hearing - CDBG: Housing Assistance Program

Public comments were held on items listed on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

READ AND TABLED

15-066

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a \$250,000 donation from the Elsie P. Viles Estate to refurbish the Alumni Field at Cony High School and both principal and interest may be expended.

Motion to table by: Paradis Second by: Munson

Yeas: 6; Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

HAS BEEN READ, FIRST READING

15-069

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

That Chapter 18, section 34 Schedule of stop signs, flashing red lights, of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

<u>Throughway</u>	<u>Entering Street</u>
<del>Court Street</del>	<del>Perham Street</del>

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

15-070

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that having museums allowed in districts that vary from where they are currently allowed would better fit the existing pattern of museum locations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has unanimously recommended the following amendments to the Land Use Ordinance based on public hearings they held and testimony they heard related to museums in Augusta;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the Augusta Land Use Ordinance be amended as follows:

Add the following definition to Section 2.2, Additional Definitions, in its proper alphabetical location

Museum: a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment.

And, amend Section 2.2, Additional Definitions, as follows:

Services: Establishments primarily engaged in providing assistance, as opposed to products, to individuals, business, industry, government, and other enterprises. The sale of goods is permitted only when incidental to the providing of services. Examples of Services include but are not limited to: miscellaneous repair services (excluding automotive repair/services); parking services; rental services; animal boarding/riding services; motion picture services; amusement and recreation services such as bowling centers, miniature golf courses, pool rooms, and campgrounds; cultural services such as ~~museums~~, art galleries and botanical and zoological gardens; and other service uses not specifically classified in the Table of Uses. ~~taverns~~;

And amend Table 3.6.A.1 Land Uses in the Base Zoning Districts, to add a new use, MUSEUM, in the Business section of the table marking it as a conditional use in the BP, CC, KBD1 and KBD2 zones.

(FIRST READING, NO VOTE TAKEN)

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

READ AND PASSED

15-059

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held April 2, 2015, submitted by the City Clerk be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick  
Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

15-060

ORDERED, That the Roll of Accounts for the month of March, 2015 in the amount of \$4,896,539.94 be approved.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-061

ORDERED, That Leon Cranmer be appointed to the Fort Western Board of Trustees; said term to expire October, 2017.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-062

ORDERED, That Community Services Director, Leif Dahlin, be appointed to the Kennebec River Rail Trail Board of Supervisors; said term to expire April 16, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-063

ORDERED, That City Engineer, Lionel Cayer, be reappointed to the Kennebec River Rail Trail Board of Supervisors; said term to expire April 16, 2018.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-064

ORDERED, That Nancy Fritz be appointed as a member to the Augusta Housing Authority Board; said term to expire April 16, 2020.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

15-065

ORDERED, That the City Council accept a donation of \$1,500 from Wal-Mart of Augusta Maine for fire prevention materials.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick  
Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

15-067

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta wishes to apply to the Department of Economic and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to carry out a community development program; and

WHEREAS, the planning process required by Maine Law and the CDBG Program have been complied with, including participation in the planning process by low and moderate income families and individuals and the community has conducted at least one duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Augusta is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Council of the Community of Augusta, Maine that the City Manager:

- 1) Is authorized and directed to submit an application for the following program(s) and dollar amount(s) within the State of Maine's CDBG Program:

Program: Housing Assistance Program      Amount: \$500,000.00

To the Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of the Community of Augusta, Maine substantially in the form presented to this council;

- 2) Is authorized to make assurances on behalf of the Community of Augusta, Maine required as part of such applications, and
- 3) Is authorized and directed, upon acceptance of said funds to carry out the duties and responsibilities for implementing and said program(s), consistent with the Charter of the Community of Augusta, Maine and the laws and regulations governing planning and implementation of community development programs in the State of Maine.

Motion for passage by: Paradis      Second by: Bilodeau  
Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson  
Nays: 0

15-068

WHEREAS, the Ella R. Hodgkins School, built in 1958 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level for its association with community planning, development and architecture; and,

WHEREAS, the Ella R. Hodgkins School was the third school built as part of a decade long school building program that updated and consolidated Augusta's schools to accommodate the post-WWII baby boom and this plan began with the construction of Hussey Elementary School in 1954, followed by the Buker Intermediate West Side School in 1956, the Hodgkins East Side Intermediate School in 1958, and completed with a large addition to Cony High School in 1964; and,

WHEREAS, The Ella R. Hodgkins School remains as the most intact component of the 1953 Plant Committee Program; and,

WHEREAS, the school is significant architecturally as an intact example of a modern, mid-century school building following the most recent trends in design and construction at the time; and,

WHEREAS, the Ella R. Hodgkins School was the second intermediate school built as part of this master plan (Buker opened in 1956) and as a result represents the conclusion of an effort to create modern elementary school buildings to meet the needs of Augusta's increasing population as post-war baby boomers reached school age; and,

WHEREAS, Augusta is proud of the efforts of its citizens and the buildings they created to transform education in the city from pre-war incarnation to a fully modern mid-twentieth century system to fill the needs of the city, state, and nation during a period of national growth and prosperity that was, at that point in history, unprecedented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Augusta supports and encourages the nomination of the Ella R. Hodgkins School to the National Register of Historic Places.

Motion for passage by: Munson      Second by: McCormick

Yeas: 6;      Conti, Grant, Paradis,  
                    Bilodeau, McCormick, Munson

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk  
April 17, 2015