

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012
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.

PRESENTATION - Historic building plaque for 107 Winthrop Street (Kennebec Historical Society): Henry Weld Fuller, Jr. House

PRESENTATION - Director of Public Works, Lesley Jones, regarding access to the "FreeCycle" website

PRESENTATION - Chuck Hayes, from MaineGeneral, Farmer's Market DVD

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.

12-056 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held April 12, 2012, submitted by the Deputy City Clerk, be approved.

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.

12-035 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk and Treasurer)

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Judy Li, d/b/a Great Wall Buffet

12-045 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk and Treasurer)

ORDERED, That following a public hearing the application for a Malt and Vinous Liquor License be approved for:

Lee Kerr of L and B BBQ LLC d/b/a Dickey's Barbeque Pit

12-047 Councilor Rollins

ORDERED, That the City Manager be authorized to contract with Neokraft signs of Lewiston, Maine to manufacture and install Welcome and Gateway signage additions on existing gateway signage infrastructure that will incorporate the City's new logo for an amount not to exceed \$6,990.00 to be charged to the Council Contingency fund.

NEW BUSINESS

12-057 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the election clerks listed in the attachments be appointed in accordance with Title 21-A, Section 503(1), said terms to expire May 1, 2014.

12-058 Mayor Stokes, Councilors Grant, Paradis, O'Brien, Rollins, Bilodeau, Emery and Munson

WHEREAS, the City Council's Goals for 2012 included as Goal 2 'To Improve Internal and External Communications' which recognizes the importance of Council communication with the public, its legislators, City staff and each other; and,

WHEREAS, it was noted that many citizens did not know the good news about the performance of Augusta schools and city government; and,

WHEREAS, effective communication must flow both ways, information going out to inform and educate people about what the choices are must be clear, and the opportunity for feedback and advice to come back to the Council at key points in their decision making process; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Greater Augusta Utility District impact public policy and are of significant interest to the citizens of the City of Augusta; and,

WHEREAS, other City Boards and Commissions carry out important work for the citizens of the City of Augusta; and,

WHEREAS, the Council identified under Actions, to look into expanding the use of CTV-7 by exploring ways to improve the quality of televised School Board meetings and to potentially televise Planning Board meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDERED, That the School Board will be given the option to hold televised meetings in City Council chambers; and the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Greater Augusta Utility District meetings are allowed and strongly encouraged to be televised in City Council chambers. Further, given time and resources available, other City Boards and Commissions may hold televised meetings in City Council chambers. Further, that the City Manager's office shall be responsible for coordinating the scheduled use of Council Chambers and shall afford first priority for use of the Chambers to Council meetings.

Be it further ORDERED, That the Office of the City Manager shall be responsible for the scheduling of usage of the Council Chambers and in the event of a conflict of usage that cannot be resolved by the City Manager the matter shall be referred to City Council for resolution.

12-059 Councilors Byron and Bilodeau

ORDERED, That the City of Augusta does hereby authorize the conveyance of a tax acquired property residential parcel of land, located at 17 Orchard Street, map 21 lot 27, to Habitat for Humanity for \$1.00 for the purpose of habitat constructing a new single family residence consistant with their housing program.

12-060 Manager

ORDERED, That the City Manager is authorized to offer for sale by sealed bid a City owned tax acquired property located at 478 Eight Rod Road, map 2 lot 144. City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

12-061 Manager (Bureau of Development Services)

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that multiple freestanding signs an outdoor recreational fields act as a balance, allowing an area without a structure on which to display a wall sign to have more than one freestanding sign;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Augusta, that the Planning Board review and make a recommendation to the Council regarding the allowance of multiple free standing signs at outdoor recreational fields:

Amend Sections 5.1.17.4.1.1, 5.1.17.4.1.2 and 5.1.17.4.1.3 of the Land Use Ordinance to read as follows:

- 5.1.17.1.1.1 In the CB, CC, CD, GS, IA, KBD2, MED, and PD on each street or highway on which the premises has frontage and two per street frontage for public or private outdoor recreational fields;
- 5.1.17.1.1.2 Only one ground graphic in the BP, RBV, RC, RD, and RV on one street or highway on which the premises has frontage, and two per street frontage for public or private outdoor recreational fields;
- 5.1.17.1.1.3 Only one ground graphic in the PD2, RA, RB1, RB2, RPDS, RR, RR2, RRES, and only when no other street graphics are erected, constructed, or placed on the premises, and two per street frontage for public or private outdoor recreational fields when no other street graphics are erected, constructed, or placed on the premises.

12-062 Manager (Bureau of Community Services)

WHEREAS, the Augusta City Council has been favorably impressed with the presentation by supporters and users of the Dog Park located at the City of Augusta Edwards Mill Park; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that creation of the Dog Park Committee could add significantly to the recreational opportunities and quality of life to the residents of the City of Augusta and its environs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the request of the Dog Park users and supporters to establish a Dog Park Committee to benefit the Augusta community worthy of consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage the proponents of said committee and facilitate their ability to raise funds by establishing a Dog Park Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of Augusta do authorize the establishment of the Dog Park Committee with members to be appointed by the Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M Charest, Deputy City Clerk /Treasurer
April 17, 2012