

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

PRESENTATION - UMA, Office of Civic Engagement Val Marsh and Students

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.

13-196 Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)

ORDERED, That the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 5, 2013 submitted by the City Clerk, be approved.

13-197 City Manager

ORDERED, That the City Council accept donations from Tom Doak in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), from May Coffin in the amount of One hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and from Louis Craig in the amount of \$100.00 and from Walmart in the amount of \$75.00 for a total of Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$475.00) for the Petanque Courts at Mill Park.

NEW BUSINESS

PART 1 - ORDERS

13-198 Councilors Bilodeau and Paradis

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed and City Council approved the Mill Park Advisory Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Committee was charged with reviewing the current approved CRID Mill Park plan, and meet with the various stakeholders of the park for the purpose of recommending to City Council an updated plan, and

WHEREAS, the Mill Park Advisory has met many times to review the current park plan and met with the park's stakeholders to solicit input for park ideas, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has made recommended changes to the Mill Park plan to City Council, and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan recommended to City Council is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the original CRID Mill Park plan as approved by City Council in March 2002,

BE IT ORDERED, that, as so recommended by the Mill Park Advisory Committee, the City Council authorizes the City Manager to expend \$110,000 from the Mill Park Restoration Fund, for the purpose of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for electricity to the north end, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for a skating & performance slab.

13-199 City Manager

ORDERED, That \$525,000 be appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance to cover a deficit in the estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing line item due to the reduction in Municipal Revenue Sharing allocation in the FY 2014 State budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That an amount not to exceed \$40,000 be appropriated from the City's Unassigned Fund Balance for the Flat Iron Building heating fuel line item.

13-200 City Manager

ORDERED, That \$7,000 be appropriated from the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District for the purchase and installation of video recording cameras for enhanced public safety for the Commercial Street area.

NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

PART 2 – ORDINANCE BEING READ FOR THE FIRST TIME
NO VOTE REQUIRED

13-201 Councilors Munson and Rollins

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Riverside Drive is a mixed use area, but that the scope and scale of the uses that exist are generally small in nature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan encourages a reduction in the intensity of development allowed on Riverside Drive via the current zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held multiple public hearings on the rezoning that were well attended; and

WHEREAS, nearly all the speakers at the Planning Board hearings were in favor of rezoning the area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta that the area shown surrounded by a red outline on the attached map entitled "Riverside Drive Rezoning"

and dated December 13, 2013, be rezoned from its current Planned Development (PD) to Planned Development 2 (PD2).

OTHER BUSINESS

Enter into executive session to discuss a settlement offer pursuant; 1 M.R.S.A. 1 §405(6){E}.

COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports
City Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara E. Wardwell, City Clerk
December 16, 2013