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

Present: Councilors: Conti, Judkins, O’Brien, Grant, Alexander, and Mayor Rollins. Absent: Councilor: Lind

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

19-193  City Manager (Bureau of City Clerk)
BE IT ORDERED, that the minutes of the City Council Regular Business Meeting held November 21st, 2019 submitted by the City Clerk’s office be hereby approved.

19-194  City Manager (Bureau of Audit)
BE IT ORDERED, that the Roll of Accounts for the month of November 2019 in the amount of $9,761,344.96 is hereby approved.

19-195  Mayor Rollins
BE IT ORDERED, that A. Delaine Nye is hereby reappointed to the Planning Board, said term to expire December 15, 2022.

19-196  City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept a $3,000 donation from Roger and Carol Pomerleau for the Alumni Field Restoration Project.

19-197  City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Augusta and the Teamsters Local Union 340, for the Civic Center Operations Employees for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

19-198  City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Augusta and the Teamsters Local Union 340, for Dispatchers of the Augusta Police, Fire, and Rescue Departments for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

19-199  City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Augusta and the Augusta Public Works Department Local 1458 Council #93, AFSCME, for a three year term beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

19-200  City Manager
BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council, consistent with salary adjustments awarded to union employees through collective bargaining agreements, hereby authorizes a 2.0% cost-of-living salary adjustment for non-union employees.

December 6, 2019
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this pay increase be retroactive to July 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council hereby approves a new pay schedule for non-union full-time employees effective on the first full pay period closest to January 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council hereby approves that the non-union employees’ health care plan be changed from the PPO 500 Plan to the PPO 2500 Plan effective January 1, 2021.

Motion for passage of the Consent Agenda orders 19-193 to 19-200.

By: O’Brien             Second by: Grant
Yeas: 5                  Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS PART 1-ORDINANCES - FIRST READING NO VOTE REQUIRED

19-201 City Manager
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Article II, section 270-34 Parking facing the flow of traffic prohibited on certain streets of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting and adding the following:

Motor vehicles shall be prohibited from parking facing the flow of traffic on the wrong side of the public way, from the business district of the City to and including the rural area to the next town line, on the following streets as herein set forth:

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<th>Name of Street</th>
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<td>North Belfast Avenue</td>
<td>From Pettingill’s Corner (Route 202/3) to the East Vassalboro Line</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Add) Water Street</td>
<td>From the Intersection of Bridge Street to the Intersection of Winthrop Street</td>
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19-202 City Manager
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

That Article II, section 270-35 Schedule of no-parking or restricted parking areas of the Revised Code of Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

Oak Street
No parking on the south side of Oak Street between Water Street and Commercial Street, which shall be designated a loading zone. This loading zone shall be restricted for use of vehicles loading and unloading freight or merchandise.

Charest Lane
No parking on either side for the entire length.

19-203 City Manager
BE IT ORDAINED, By the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows:

December 6, 2019
That Article II, section 270-17 Schedule of prohibited left turns and U-turns of the Revised Code of
Ordinances 1990, as amended, be further amended by deleting and adding the following:

A. Left turns off the following streets shall be prohibited:

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<tr>
<td>Commercial Street</td>
<td>Entire length (Add: Between Water Street and Oak Street )</td>
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B. There shall be no U-turns on the following streets:

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<td>Water Street</td>
<td>Between Laurel and Court Streets (Add: Entire length)</td>
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OLD BUSINESS AND TABLED MATTERS: SECOND READING (ORDINANCES)

19-191 Mayor and Council

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine wishes to provide a tax exemption from annual excise taxes for vehicles owned by active duty members of the Armed Forces deployed out of State; and

WHEREAS, State law allows municipalities to enact ordinances providing such exemption;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the following Ordinance be adopted:

Motion to wave reading of 19-191.
By: O’Brien Second by: Judkins
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0

Definitions.

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

(a) Active Military Duty.

As defined by Title 26, § 814, Subsection 1, Paragraph A, of the Maine Revised Statutes, active military duty with the state military forces, as defined in Title 37-B, § 102, of the Maine Revised Statutes, or the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, whether pursuant to the order of the Governor or the President of the United States, when the duty assignment is in combat theatre or in an area where armed conflict is taking place.

Exemption granted.

Pursuant to Title 36, § 1483-A, of the Maine Revised Statutes, the City shall exempt from the annual excise tax imposed pursuant to Title 36, Section 1482, of the Maine Revised Statutes vehicles owned by a Maine resident who is on active duty serving in the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by Title 36, § 1483-A, of the Maine Revised Statutes and who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base outside of the State of Maine or who is deployed for military service for more than 180 days. To apply for December 6, 2019
the exemption the resident must provide documentation as required pursuant to Title 36, § 1483-A, of the Maine Revised Statutes to the Tax Collector or his/her designee and comply with any policies or rules imposed by the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles or Maine Revenue Services in relation to registration procedures or the collection of excise tax.

Motion for passage of 19-191.
By: O’Brien Second by: Alexander
Yea:s 5
Nays: 0

19-192  Mayor and Council
WHEREAS, cluster development and the open space protected through these developments are desirable development forms in the more suburban parts of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend the following modifications to the Land Use Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Augusta, Maine, that the following amendments be made to the Code of Ordinances, Land Use Ordinance, with strike-out text being eliminated and underlined text being added:

Motion to wave reading of 19-191.
By: O’Brien Second by: Judkins
Yea:s 5
Nays: 0

§ 300-315.2 Rural Residential District (RRES).

A. Purpose. The district contains sensitive natural resources and residential neighborhoods and, for the most part, is not geographically well suited for extension of water and sewer. It is the district's intent to conserve the rural character of the City. Residential development and its support services (such as small scale shops, convenience retail, laundry, and other satellite services) will be permitted. Clustered developments are encouraged to conserve open space and natural values and minimize the cost of services. Maximum permitted densities will be in keeping with natural resource values and groundwater protection considerations.

B. Requirements for location of parking, servicing, and loading areas (one and two family dwellings are exempt). With the exception of all the allowable permitted uses, all off-street parking lots/areas/stalls, vehicle servicing areas and delivery and garage bay doors shall be located (to the greatest extent practicable) to the side or rear of buildings and away from the road frontage of the property. Buffer yard standards for Urban, Industrial, and Planned Development Districts identified in § 300-502 of this chapter are applicable to all parking lots with six or more spaces.

C. Dimensional requirements.
   (1) Single developments and minor subdivisions.
      (a) Minimum lot size: 60,000 square feet.
      (b) Minimum road frontage: 200 feet.
      (c) Minimum lot depth: 135 feet.
      (d) Minimum land area required per dwelling unit: 30,000 square feet.
      (e) Minimum building setbacks:

December 6, 2019
[1] Front: 35 feet from arterial/collector streets, 20 feet from all other streets or right-of-ways, 20 feet/35 feet.**

(f) Maximum building height: 30 feet.

(g) Notes:
[1] *Front setback: 35 feet from the street line of arterial and collector streets; 20 feet from the street line of all other streets.
[2] **Side/rear setbacks are flexible; see § 300-502, Buffer yards.
[3] See the arterial/collector street list in § 300-515C.

(2) Major subdivisions.

(a) Minimum lot size: 40,000 - 60,000 square feet.
(b) Minimum lot size per dwelling unit: 20,000 - 30,000 square feet.
(c) Minimum open space per dwelling unit: 20,000 - 42,000 square feet.*
(d) Minimum lot size for nonresidential uses: 60,000 square feet.
(e) Minimum lot frontage:
(f) Minimum lot depth:

(g) Minimum building setbacks:
[1] Front: 35 feet from arterial/collector streets, 20 feet from all other streets or right-of-ways. waive

(h) Maximum building height: 30 feet.

(i) * All open space shall be Made contiguous with existing open space on adjacent parcels, located along an outside boundary (or boundaries) of the subdivision and/or protect valuable environmental resources to the greatest practicable extent;
[2] Shall be dedicated to an association of parcel owners within the subdivision through homeowner’s association documents or deeded to an approved land trust; initially created by the developer and which at a specified time period revert to said parcel owners. This open space
[3] Shall include prioritize land appropriate to protection of sensitive areas including erodible or shallow soils, wetlands, aquifers, aquifer recharge areas, floodplains, steep slopes over 15%, high value plant and animal habitats, and shoreland district lands;
[4] May include land appropriate to passive and active recreational uses and communal utilities such as solar panels, wind turbines, septic fields, etc., but may include nonbuildable land such as wetlands and steep slopes.
[5] **Front setback: 35 feet from the street line of arterial and collector streets; 20 feet from the street line of all other streets.
[6] ***Side/rear setbacks are flexible; see § 300-502, Buffer yards.
[7] See the arterial/collector street list in § 300-515C.
[8] 

Motion of 19-192.
By: O’Brien Second by: Judkins
Yea: 5
Nay: 0
COMMUNICATIONS

Committee Reports

City Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Geaghan, City Clerk
12/06/2019