



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: February 26, 2018

Meetings:

There will be a City Council Business Meeting of on Thursday, March 1, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A Senior Staff Meeting will take place at the City Center in Conference Room A on Friday, March 2nd beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Other Information:

I begin with some good news as it relates to our disabled City Hall elevator. After consultation with the elevator's manufacturer, Bob LaBreck believes that we will be able to effect complete and reliable repairs to it for a fraction of what our current contract maintenance company estimated (somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8,000 to \$10,000 versus the previous estimate of \$100,000). We should also be able to complete repairs in a matter of days.

The final version of the Council's draft Goals and Actions is enclosed. It reflects your consensus discussion of last Thursday evening. Your good work on this is appreciated and valued as we proceed into 2018.

You will also note that there is a Council order on for Thursday evening that will, if passed, authorize the continuation of our landfill methane to energy conversion project. Enclosed is a memorandum from our consulting engineers from Woodward and Curran summarizing our rationale for going ahead with the project (positive cost-benefit analysis). The costs for this \$3 million project are being borne by the Hatch Hill enterprise fund. It provides both financial benefits to the City and environmental benefits. Representatives from W&C will be on hand to answer questions as necessary.

Finally, I'm happy to report that Ralph St. Pierre and our City bargaining team have successfully concluded contract negotiations with our Civic Center Teamsters custodial bargaining unit as well as our Fire Department Uniformed Firefighters Association within the guidelines established at the beginning of the process by Council. Appropriate Council orders are on the agenda for Thursday evening.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation