



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: William R. Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: October 15, 2018

Meetings:

There will be a business meeting of the City Council this Thursday (October 18th) beginning at 7:00 pm. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A starting at 6:30 p.m. The agenda is enclosed.

A Senior Staff Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 19th at 9:15 a.m. at the Police Department.

Other Items:

You will note that Mayor Rollins is making several appointments to a standing City committee (the Community Development Advisory Committee) that meets infrequently but must exist in order for the City to qualify for any Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding we may wish to compete for in the future. The committee is advisory in nature. All appointees are residents of the City. All CDBG applications are vetted and approved by Council.

Councilors received some e-mail communication over the weekend regarding Ecomaine and our recycling program. This winter, as we get closer to our budget process, I will get back to them and offer them an opportunity to address Council on the status of their programs.

Following up on our marijuana regulation discussion of last Thursday evening, Matt Nazar reports the following regarding the availability of information from the State about registered care-givers in Augusta:

I have a call in to the state and have left a message but at this point have not received a call back about the list of registered caregivers in Augusta. I'm not sure it will be available for two reasons:

- 1. The law has changed in such a way that the list of "primary caregivers" under the old law will not be the same as the list of "registered caregivers" under the new law, because there is a new classification of "un-registered caregivers". So I suspect that there is currently no list under the new law as I expect caregivers will have to re-register under the new law criteria, if they qualify.*
- 2. 22 MRSA §2425-A(12)(C) states that the list is confidential and subsections (D) and (E) talk about the names only being released to law enforcement and code enforcement as a verification process for individual registered caregivers. In other words, you go to the state with a concern about a particular property and individual who claims to be a registered caregiver, and the state*

has 2 days to respond to your inquiry regarding the accuracy of the individual's claim. And even then, the information is required to be kept confidential with significant fines for breaking confidentiality. MMA states the following on their web site about this section of the law:

"State Verification For Code Enforcement. State officials are required to verify within two business days the validity of registration identification cards and conduct authorized pursuant to that registration upon the request of a code enforcement officer, and the location at which the conduct is authorized if necessary to verify the card to the code enforcement officer. The code enforcement officer, or other municipal officer in municipalities without code enforcement officers, are required to keep the information received confidential."

Thus it appears that we will likely not have the benefit of that information at least as requested.

As for the first reading of the ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana Caregivers, Matt and Kristin are finalizing language for an addendum to the agenda, to be provided to you tomorrow, based on last week's Informational Meeting discussion.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation