



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: October 30, 2017

## Meetings:

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet in the Learning Gallery at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Agendas are included in your Council Packets.

There will be a City Council Business Meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas are available in Council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Senior Staff meeting beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Lithgow Library.

The Historic District Review Board will meet on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. The agenda is included in your Council packets.

## Other:

As you may imagine, the intense wind and rain last night and this morning left a lot of power outages and damage. Our City employees have been great in their response (including those folks who are not emergency responders but make the extra effort to get to work and keep all of our City operations functioning). Routine DPW operations like leaf collection were suspended to free up crews for clean-up – although rubbish collection did take place. At least the temperatures have been warm. Here's the latest (2:00 pm) from Lesley Jones on the status of things:

## ***Hi Bill,***

***Jerry Dostie and Jared Mills are working on a list of roads that are closed due to power lines and/or trees. If any of the major "through" streets are to remain closed overnight we will attempt to put up some temporary signage and provide you with a list. Augusta had the second highest wind gust in the State of 61 mph!***

***The list of power outages on the CMP web site is impressive, I know you do not have power but Augusta fared better than most of the nearby communities.***

Speaking of DPW, if you hear reports of plow trucks in the neighborhoods this week it is because we are conducting training for significant number of new, inexperienced drivers that we have who need field training on the routes they will be assigned this winter (more on this at next

week's informational meeting where you'll receive an update on our preparations at DPW for winter maintenance.

Before his unscheduled medical absence, Mayor Rollins had planned to let you know that he has appointed Deputy Development Services Director Keith Luke as his designee to the GAUD Board of Trustees. In speaking with Dave's wife this afternoon, she reports that he is progressing with his recuperation very well. I'm sure that in no time he'll be chomping at the bit to resume his mayoral responsibilities.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Maine Department of Transportation will be hosting a Pedestrian Safety Forum in Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 p.m. A flyer is included in Council packets for your information.

Finally, due to a delayed finish to parking lot construction at the State Armory on Western Avenue, it has become necessary to move the Ward One polling place across the street to the Buker Community Center. Notices are being posted, advertised and distributed to that effect. City Clerk Roberta Fogg is very happy with the substitute arrangements and confident it will work fine.

C: Department and Bureau Directors  
Legislative Delegation