



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: January 3, 2017

Meetings:

Thursday evening's Council meeting includes the swearing in of our three new councilors and School Board members. Dedimus Justice May Ross Coffin has graciously agreed to officiate. There will be no pre-meeting but there will be a public reception with light refreshments beginning at 6:15 pm. The meeting agenda is enclosed. (Please note that the tabled item regarding associated religious uses is expected to remain on the table pending a report from the Council's ad-hoc committee and related discussion expected to take place at an upcoming informational meeting.)

There will be a Senior Staff meeting on Friday, January 6th beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room A at the City Center.

Other Items:

Welcome to the New Year! As you know, Mother Nature has already presented significant challenges for us and there is more in the forecast. I want to commend our DPW/Parks/Police and Fire crews for their dedicated service throughout the past week. I spent a good deal of time with them over the long weekend and I can attest firsthand to their competence and commitment.

Mayor Rollins and I have been discussing a schedule for the 2017 Council goal-setting process. Again this year, we will be retaining the services of Frank O'Hara to serve as our facilitator. We are targeting Saturday the 28th for the day-long retreat at the Civic Center that is the centerpiece of the process. Prior to that, Frank would like to meet individually for an hour or so with each councilor to get a feel for folks' expectations and priorities (we've done that in the past and it has been very helpful in streamlining the process). Loretta will assist in scheduling that. Your cooperation in making this process work is extremely valuable and very much appreciated.

Last week, Corporation Counsel Steve Langsdorf's father passed away after a long illness. Mr. Langsdorf was a man of substantial accomplishment throughout his long life and left an impressive legacy. We all offer our sincere condolences to Steve and his family.

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