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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: January 7, 2013

Meetings:

On Wednesday, January 9, the Land – Facility Review Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

On Thursday, January 10, the City Council will hold an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed.

Other Items:

I refer you to the enclosed memorandum from Police Chief Gregoire regarding the purchase of two replacement marked police cruisers. With the discontinuance a year ago of the standard workhorse vehicle for police agencies across the country (the Ford Crown Victoria sedan), all police agencies have had to re-evaluate their options for replacing their vehicles. I have concurred with the Chief's decision to go to the new Ford Interceptors. He does a good job of explaining the advantages – both cost and operational – for the choice. The public will notice some difference in the patrol vehicles but they will be clearly marked and identifiable as cruisers.

After consulting with Mayor Stokes, we have agreed to schedule a Council goal setting session for 2013 for Saturday, January 26th at the Augusta Civic Center (North Wing). As in past years, it will begin with a breakfast at 8:00 am and work through lunch to conclude mid-afternoon. Department heads will be present and the morning will begin with brief presentations from each of them (bureau directors are also invited but their attendance is not mandatory). Prior to that day, I will produce a summary of the progress we have made on the goals adopted last year for 2012. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to break away from the routine business of City government and spend some quality time looking to the bigger picture and the future.

This morning, only one interested party (a neighboring property owner) participated in the mandatory walk-through of the City-owned house at 25 Bond Street. Responses to our RFP are due this Thursday and we will see how that goes.

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation (and Delegation-elect)