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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: February 25, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, February 28, the City Council will hold an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed.

On Friday, March 1, a TIF Committee Meeting (to address a possible TIF for the proposed Cony Flatiron redevelopment project) will be held at 12:00 Noon in Conference Room A.

Other Items:

This morning the Legislature's State and Local Government Committee held public hearings on two bills of importance to Augusta. The first, sponsored by Rep. Wilson, would authorize the State to sell two former forensic patient houses on the old AMHI campus to Motivational Services and thus allow forensic patients who were moved from there into the Mayfair neighborhood and Green Street to return with no loss of Medicaid, SSI and related benefits. I testified in support of this bill and publicly thanked Rep. Wilson for his initiative. The second bill the committee heard was Senator Katz's LD that would extend the life of the Augusta Parking District. Board Chair John Finnegan both testified in support of the bill and there seemed to be no significant opposition. All of the members of the Augusta delegation have been working collaboratively on these issues of local importance.

The Friday before last, I spent the evening riding along with Augusta Patrol Officer Nate Walker. It had been a couple of years since I'd done that so I was overdue to get a first-hand sense of life from the perspective of our patrol officers. Nate is a very capable and seasoned officer and we had an active and interesting evening. I'm always impressed at the level of activity our officers must deal with and the scope and complexity of their duties. Evenings like that also reinforce for me what a highly professional department we have and how well they manage such a busy workload.

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Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation