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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: March 11, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, March 14, the City Council will hold an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed.

Other Items:

As of this week, the Friends of Lithgow Library have hired Ovation Fundraising Counsel of Bangor to assist with the remainder of the library capital campaign. Amy Anderson will be serving as the consultant and she started meeting with campaign leaders this week. Here's her bio:

Amy Anderson of Ovation Fundraising Counsel LLC, based in Bangor and Yarmouth, will serve as lead consultant for Lithgow Public Library's \$4 million capital campaign. Amy was instrumental in the success of the Waterville Opera House's recent \$4 million capital campaign and serves as lead fundraising counsel for a \$1.1 million for the South Berwick Public Library. She has also raised funds for the Boy Scouts of America, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, United Way of Philadelphia and United Way of Greater Portland.

I've scheduled a discussion for Thursday's informational meeting regarding a proposal to reclassify the vacant City Auditor position to one of Deputy Director of Finance and Administration. I do this at the recommendation of Ralph St. Pierre and Kristy Gould (and I am in full agreement with their thinking on this). For thirty-seven years, the City was ably served by retired Auditor Diane White, however as time has passed the skill set most desirable for this position has evolved. Diane had a high school diploma and came to us right out of school. She worked her way up the organizational chart and was a self-taught bureau director. While she held the position, it was part of the General Government union bargaining unit.

Ralph St. Pierre has never voiced complaint about the level of responsibility or amount of work asked of him but I think with this vacancy it is an excellent time to recruit a CPA or MBA level finance person to assist him. The new position would be non-union and would be very valuable in the area fiscal analysis, labor negotiations and contract administration. The pay scale (approx \$70,000 per annum) would be up one step but on a practical level the annual compensation due to Diane's longevity would be about the same.

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Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation