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TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: March 18, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, March 21, the City Council will hold its regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. There will be a pre-meeting at 6:30 pm in conference room "A". The agenda is enclosed with your package.

On Friday, March 22, a senior staff meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Other Items:

City staff and I are working diligently with prospective Flatiron Building developer Cyndy Taylor to put in place all of the various elements of the applications to Maine State Housing Authority and the Federal Home Loan Bank necessary for her applications to be competitive and win funding. On Thursday's Council meeting agenda there is the requisite rezoning ordinance (with a recommendation to waive the second reading); there is a resolve endorsing, in concept, the Tax Increment Financing arrangement with the City as recommended by the Council's TIF Committee; there are the requested amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan (which the State has agreed to review and approve in a one-day turnaround); and there is an order authorizing a fifty-year lease of the building and property from the City to Housing Initiative's, Inc – Ms. Taylor's not-for-profit company. I have reviewed the language of the lease document – which is enclosed with this package - as has Matt Nazar. It is based on a very similar lease between Housing Initiatives and the City for Old City Hall. I have already had Ms. Taylor make some changes based on Matt's and my review. I have shipped a copy of it to the City Attorney and he will scrutinize it between now and Thursday. I believe that the City's financial, liability, and historic preservation concerns are properly addressed absent anything that Mr. Langsdorf may identify. I recommend that you authorize me to execute the document (also subject to anything you may pick up on that we've missed at the staff level) pending Steve's final approval so that Ms. Taylor may include it with her applications, which are due before you are scheduled to meet again.

Looks like Mother Nature isn't done with messing with us for this winter, last day of it, no less.....Ugh!!

WRB/pec

Enclosure  
cc: Department and Bureau Directors  
Legislative Delegation