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TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: April 1, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, April 4, the City Council will hold its regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Consistent with Mayor Stokes' recent e-mail, I am suggesting a schedule for budget review sessions that will coincide with regularly scheduled Thursday Council meetings (it is enclosed as a separate attachment). This Thursday, will forego the pre-meeting and begin budget review at 6:30 pm in chambers. At 7:00 pm. The mayor will convene the business meeting and if the agenda items can be disposed of quickly proceed to do so and then resume budget review for the remainder of the evening. If it looks like the business meeting will take substantial time, the mayor will suspend the meeting and resume budget review until 8:00 pm or so. I hope I haven't confused the issue.

On Friday, April 5, a senior staff meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. at Public Works.

Other Items:

Last Friday, Cyndy Taylor reported that the Flatiron application for funding was successfully submitted. Here is the text of her e-mail to us:

Good Morning,

The application was completed yesterday!

**Thank you for all your efforts to help support the grant application.** After a marathon week we have submitted it and we all need to keep our fingers crossed.

Our next hurdle is the design concept refinement.

Work with historical consultant and Maine Historic Preservation Office through schematics.

We will be submitting site plans to the planning board on or about May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We will need land-use approvals by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

This will support our application to MSHA in late summer.

Thank you again and I look forward to working with you all.

Cyndy

This morning I joined Senator Katz and Representative Wilson in testifying before the Legislature's Taxation Committee in favor of Rep. Wilson's bill to allow municipalities to charge a fee in lieu of property taxes to most tax-exempt institutions in the community. It's a very good bill and it enjoys the support of the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Service Center Coalition. I sensed mixed feelings on the committee but Rep. Wilson has been

working it hard under the Dome and he feels it has a decent chance of getting out of committee with a favorable report. The committee has asked for some follow up information from me and that will be ready for the bill's work session.

Finally, I've taken a stab at producing a "palm card" for Council's use as quick reference regarding the proposed FY 2013-2014 budget. It is enclosed. Please let me know if this meets your needs.

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors  
Legislative Delegation