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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: April 29, 2013

Meetings:

The Mill Park Advisory Committee holds its first meeting this afternoon at 5:00 pm.

The meeting between Summerhaven area pit owners and neighbors regarding truck traffic is being hosted by the City this Thursday at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Also on Thursday, the City Council will hold its regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed with your package. Budget review will continue immediately afterward. Please refer to the revised budget review schedule that is enclosed with this packet.

On Friday, May 3, a senior staff meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Other Items:

The ad-hoc committee appointed by the Mayor to work with staff on reviewing and recommending a course of action on the natural gas bids will hold its first meeting this Friday. Matt Nazar has been researching outside consultants who specialize in assisting clients with securing contracts for the purchase of natural gas and we should have something on that by week's end.

Please see the enclosed letter from GAUD General Manager Brian Tarbuck related to the proposed sale of a parcel of City-owned property. Carol Aft was the lone bidder (\$500.00) for this parcel and she raised questions about a drainage system on it that caused Brian to become aware of the matter. Based up his letter, I am referring this matter back to the OREO committee for a determination of whether they wish to stay with their original recommendation to accept Ms. Aft's bid or address GAUD's concerns about easements and/or conveyance to the District. We will so advise Ms. Aft.

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation



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WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO
CITY MANAGER

To: Mayor and Council
Department and Bureau Directors
Fr: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
Da: April 29, 2013
Re: Revised Budget Review Schedule

What follows is the revised budget review schedule resulting from Council discussion last week and my conversation with Mayor Stokes this morning.

This coming Thursday, May 2nd: Finance and Administration
Development Services (including TIF funds)
Public Works, Hatch Hill and Central Garage
Civic Center

Thursday, May 16th: Public Comment Session for School Budget
Review of School Budget with School Board

Thursday, May 23: Special Council Meeting to hold Charter required
Public Hearing on the budget

Thursday, May 30th: Wrap Up

Thursday, June 6th: Wrap Up (if necessary)

Tuesday, June 11th: School Budget Validation Vote

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April 25th, 2013

Bill Bridgeo
City Manager
City of Augusta
1 City Center
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Bill:

It is my understanding that a parcel owned by the City of Augusta is to be sold to a private party. The subject parcel is located at the southeast junction of South Street and Sewall Street.

The District is responsible for stormwater pipe(s) on this parcel. At this time, it is unclear whether or not the parties who originally installed the stormwater pipes secured easements.

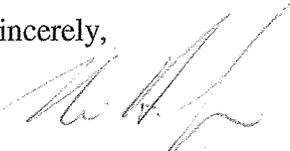
Recent investigations show that the existing pipes are adequately conveying flow. There is no evidence today that there is an urgent need to replace this infrastructure in the near term. Typically the pipe would need to fail outright or be part of a larger project to rise to the top of the priority replacement list.

However, due to the infrastructure on this parcel and the need for it to be maintained and / or replaced at some point in the future, I respectfully request that the City grant or sell easements to the District on the parcel prior to selling it or consider selling the portion of the parcel that contains the pipes to the District outright. Twenty foot easements are needed on each side of the pipe. Excavators require a wide working radius. A significant number of trees would be removed to facilitate access to the excavation. The steep slopes make pipe replacement work at this site more technically difficult and expensive to perform.

Please advise if the City can entertain the District's requests for easements, the outright purchase of the parcel or the purchase of the portion of the parcel that contains publicly owned infrastructure so this can be properly maintained in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 622-3701 or via email at btaruck@augustawater.org.

Sincerely,



Brian Tarbuck, PE