



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: May 16, 2016

Meetings:

On Thursday, May 19, 2016 there will be a City Council Business and Budget Wrap-Up Meeting beginning at 6:30 in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your Council Packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at **6:00 p.m.**

A Senior Staff Meeting will be held at the City Center on Friday May 20th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

We hope you can join us on Friday, May 20th at 2:30 in Council Chambers for a celebration to honor Clarence "Bug" Cram upon his retirement after over 37 years of service to the City's Public Works Department.

Other Items:

With the execution of a contract last week, preliminary work (access road construction and site preparation) began today on the new North Augusta fire station. A ceremonial groundbreaking is being planned for late Thursday afternoon, June 2nd, prior to that evening's Council meeting.

We received word last Thursday that the City's application for enrollment in the AARP Age-Friendly Communities program had been approved and AARP has begun preparing an age-friendly survey (a first step in the process) for the City. More on this as it develops and as our local committee engages in June.

As you are aware, an emergency situation arose at 58 Mt. Vernon Avenue last week that necessitated the City to immediately secure the building on that property from imminent collapse. My thanks and compliments to Acting City Manager Ralph St. Pierre and other members of City staff, acting on guidance from City Attorney Steve Langsdorf, for their decisive actions to protect the public. A local demolition contractor that we have used satisfactorily on a number of recent occasions, JARR Management, was retained for \$12,500 to demolish the building as that was the only practical way (as recommended by structural engineer Ben Murray of Coffin Engineering who performed an on-site inspection at our request) to secure the building. Pursuant to State law, the City will put a lien in place on the property in an effort to recoup our costs.

DPW Director Lesley Jones advises that on May 21st, at our North Street complex there will be a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 am until noon. Lesley advises as follows:

On Saturday, May 21 from 9 to noon the City of Augusta along with the communities of Belgrade, Chelsea, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Monmouth, Readfield and Wayne are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off here at Augusta Public Works. The Drop-off also includes medications and sharps, unwanted electronics. There is a new State program for paint recycling and therefore for the first time latex paint will be accepted this year at no charge to the communities or the citizens. Preregistration is required for Household Hazardous waste items but it is not required if someone just has paint, medications or electronic waste. This program is sponsored by KVCOG as it has been for many years, along with Environmental Projects, Inc., Community Pharmacies, ewaste Recycling Solutions and USDA Rural Development.

Finally, based on what was discussed at last Thursday's meeting regarding the proposed 2016-2017 budget, please see my separate memorandum to you included with this package.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation