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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: June 10, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, June 13, the City Council will hold an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed.

Other Items:

Councilor Paradis wishes to advise that his fellow councilors are free to nominate people for consideration for the Mayor's Recognition of Excellence Award through this Thursday evening. Thereafter, there will be public solicitation.

All eyes are on the Legislature this week to determine whether it will adopt the state budget as proposed unanimously by the Appropriations Committee. To its credit, the committee has blunted many of the Governor's proposals (General Assistance cuts, excise tax cuts, BETR/BETE shifts, complete elimination of revenue sharing, cuts to Homestead Exemption, etc.). Most unfortunate, however, is that they were not able to restore revenue sharing to current levels (which, of course, are significantly less than state law calls for). If this budget survives a promised gubernatorial veto, Ralph estimates that we will have a \$525,000 hole to fill in our 2014 budget. This morning, Mayor Stokes and I participated in a Mayors' Coalition conference call where this was discussed at length. The Coalition will continue to try to get full funding of revenue sharing.

The Maine Service Center Coalition is conferencing tomorrow for the same purpose. The Maine Municipal Association is processing this also and expects to have a policy position by the end of the day tomorrow.

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Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation