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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: August 12, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, August 15, 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 "A" as well. The agenda is enclosed with your package. (I will be out of town attending the annual Maine Town/City Managers' Association conference that night. Ralph will be acting in my stead.)

On Friday, August 16, a senior staff meeting will be held at 12:00 Noon at Bicentennial Nature Park.

Other Notes:

Ralph is concluding work with Corporation Counsel's Office and Summit Utilities representative on the contract for provision of natural gas to City/School facilities and those documents should be ready for my signature by the end of the week.

As we are all appreciating to one degree or another, that progress in the form of new gas utilities, rebuilt sewer and water systems, reconstructed streets and the like comes with some degree of inconvenience. We are fielding citizen questions and/or complaints (as I know some of you are as well) as best we can. Both gas companies have been good about being accessible to us and the public. Lesley Jones, Jerry Dostie and Lionel Cayer are monitoring all work in our streets and sidewalks seven days a week. When questions about the sufficiency of street or sidewalk restoration come up they are very conscientious about timely responses. We are coordinating with GAUD and MDOT on all of this (and MDOT has been a valuable resource in providing guidance on issues like handicapped access when those questions have arisen).

In case you missed it in today's KJ, I've included a copy of the article related to the Legislature's need to identify \$40 million in tax expenditure savings lest that money come out of next year's municipal revenue sharing account (which would be about an \$800,000 loss to Augusta).

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation