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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: August 30, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, September 5, 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 packet. There will be a Planning Board Meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 beginning at 7 pm. This notice is also included in your packets.

Other Notes:

Well, this lovely late summer day marks the end of what most of us Mainers consider to be summer. It certainly has passed quickly and been eventful. I toured the City with Ralph St. Pierre this morning. The evidence of the aggressive installation work of both gas utilities companies is all over the City. We're advised that they both want to keep going as late into the fall as possible. This will require Lesley Jones and Jerry Dostie to closely monitor the sufficiency of their street and right-of-way restoration efforts as that gets more complicated as the cold weather increases. It appears that the State has given the go-ahead to both companies to hang their main lines under the Calumet Bridge (and that Maine Natural Gas) will still construct a redundant line under the river at the East Side Boat Landing – although I still have yet to receive the easement documents from them to execute.

I drove the length of the Burns Road (1.4 miles) to see how our experiment with the use, a couple of weeks ago, of "chip-seal" pavement treatment came out and I was most pleased with the results. Under the right road conditions, this is a much less costly way to preserve our roads than is a tradition bituminous overlay and I expect that we will do more of this in future years.

One really encouraging piece of news is the public comment session to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17th from 6-8 pm at City Hall by MDOT on the proposed reconstruction of Mt. Vernon Avenue – presumably to begin next spring. After decades of waiting and pleading with the State its terrific to think that we may soon be done with suffering that abysmal stretch of road.

Enjoy the holiday weekend and prepare to get back to the routine of weekly weekends!

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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