



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: January 15, 2016

Meetings:

Monday, January 18, 2016 is Martin Luther King Day and City of Augusta administrative offices will be closed for the day.

On Thursday, January 21, 2016 there will be a City Council Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. An agenda is included in your Council Packets. A pre-meeting will take place at 6:30 pm in Conference Room A.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting on Friday, January 22nd at the Police Department beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Other Items:

As Monday is a holiday, we're trying to get to you the agenda and background materials for next Thursday's business meeting. On the North Augusta fire station issue, staff has scrambled and prepared additional background information as you requested last night. It includes two aerial photo maps of the North Augusta district (including the Quimby Lot and the Civic center parking lot) and a close-up of the Civic Center and its parking lots. As well, you will find a certification from the structural engineering firm for the project addressing the integrity of the fire station plan; a memorandum from Chief Audette discussing the possibility of an alternate Civic Center site; and an e-mail from Matt Nazar on the same topic. We had a robust discussion last night and Council certainly vetted the elements that needed to be considered prior to appropriating additional monies for the project. For those interested, staff and I will be available at the Civic Center entrance at 4:30 pm next Wednesday to discuss this further and hopefully answer any additional questions that may arise.

At first glance, the agenda for next week looks like a monster but the bulk of it consists of the routine tax increment financing plan amendments vetted and recommended by the TIF Committee (and Council at your October 22, 2015 informational meeting). Take those away and you are left with the order addressing the fire station supplemental funding, the sale of the three pieces of tax acquired property and the minor change to the Water Street parking regulations (transferring that authority to the Parking District). The fire station order perhaps looks more complicated than it is. It essentially appropriates from the four TIF accounts that were established to fund the fire station the \$500,000 necessary to go out to bid on the project. By

appropriating the full \$847,632 available in the four TIF accounts, it allows a reduction of \$300,000 of what we will need to bond. To ensure that, the order reaffirms that the spending cap for the total project is only increased by \$500,000.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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