



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: October 19, 2015

## Meetings:

The Alumni Field Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 on Pierce Drive at the old tennis court parking lot adjacent to Alumni Field at 5:00 p.m. If it is raining this meeting will take place in Conference Room A at the City Center.

There will be an Informational Meeting of City Council on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. Agendas for this meeting are included in council packets.

## Other Items:

The agenda is relatively light for this week's informational meeting but I have asked that CTV-7 broadcast it so that the Council discussion related to extending seven of our existing tax-increment financing agreements may be made available to the public. I want to remind everyone that these TIF extensions are recommended by staff because the full benefit from each accrues to the City – not the businesses in question. They have been reviewed and endorsed by Council's TIF committee (Councilors Bilodeau, Conti and Munson). TIF's can be mathematically challenging to capture on a simple spreadsheet and still be readable but the enclosed exhibits are an effort to do that. (For the benefit of newer members of Council, it is appropriate to note that all of the City's nineteen existing TIF's were subject to detailed City Council review and approval at the time of their adoption, as well as formal approval of the State's Department of Economic and Community Development. The extensions contemplated at this time, if approved by Council, will also need to be vetted and approved by DECD after Council has acted.)

The following came from Fire Chief Audette to me this morning:

*Hi Bill, As you know the National Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign came to Augusta on Saturday. This is a program that has installed over 125,000 free smoke detectors in the United States in the last two years. The Maine Chapter of the Red Cross has completed one day campaigns in many other Maine Cities and Towns like Bangor, Auburn, Portland, Lewiston, Brewer, Farmington, Kennebunk to name a few. The record for detectors installed in one day was 131. I am happy to report that Augusta set a new State record of 145. Four teams of Volunteers and Augusta Firefighters worked in three mobile home parks on Saturday. Red Cross Administrators praised the efforts of our firefighters and said it was the best that they have seen.*

*It was humbling to see that many of the mobile homes did not have any working smoke detectors. The feedback from the families was overwhelmingly positive. I feel confident that their hard work will save lives.*

C: Department and Bureau Directors  
Augusta Legislative Delegation