



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: November 16, 2015

Meetings:

Our Human Resources Department will host an Employee Benefits Fair in the Learning Gallery on Tuesday, November 17th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors will be on hand with information about the many benefits available through employment with the City.

On Thursday, November 19, 2015 there will be a City Council Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. An agenda for this meeting is included in your council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting at the Civic Center on Friday, November 20th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

On Monday, November 23rd there will be a meeting of the Recycling Committee beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Other Items:

This afternoon, Mayor Rollins and Councilor Paradis and I met with representatives of Summit Natural Gas to discuss their progress in excavating and replacing gas line couplings in locations around the City. The good news is that they report being ahead of schedule in their work. Left to finish (in addition to some scattered sites) are the dozen or so couplings under the sidewalk on Townsend Road. Based on our meeting today, we were satisfied with the approach that the company plans to take to get this work done in a fashion designed to minimize the inevitable traffic disruption that is expected. Using three crews, the work is expected to take five work days (three the first part of next week and two or three the following week). Notices are going to be hand-delivered by Summit to all of the residents in the area informing them of what to expect and providing contact information in the event of any problems or concerns. Summit is working through this matter in a voluntary compliance fashion with the State Public Utilities Commission intending to finish it all to the PUC's satisfaction by year end.

There was also a meeting today of the Library Construction Advisory Committee (Mayor Rollins, Councilor Paradis, Wick Johnson, Andrew Silsby and me as well as involved senior staff members). We are at about a third of the way through construction and are – I'm happy to report – within budget and on time, if not a bit ahead of schedule. Of course, no project of this

scope proceeds without challenges and surprises but they are manageable. I anticipate a presentation to Council and the public at a January meeting of Council.

Ending on an up note, I'm happy to report the employee charitable appeal campaign has officially ended with a total of \$20,964.80 and a very large increase of last year's \$14,000. Hat's off to all who participated and special thanks to Loretta Lathe who coordinated the campaign.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation