



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: November 28, 2016

Meetings:

There will be a Business Meeting of the City Council on Thursday, December 1, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your council packets. A pre-meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

A Senior Staff meeting will take place at the City Center in Conference Room A beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, December 2nd.

Other Items:

The agenda for this Thursday's business meeting requires some explanation. First off, you will find a first reading of an ordinance that would put in place (retroactive to November 8th) a moratorium on recreational marijuana facilities within the city drafted by the Corporation Counsel. I know that this idea does not necessarily enjoy unanimous support on Council but it is the wish of a number of members of Council that we initiate the process, deliberate on it at the informational meeting of December 8th and then, if there is majority support have a second reading and passage on December 15th.

Secondly, there are five forfeiture orders on the agenda that have been forwarded by Chief Gregoire. The first four are four separate orders for one investigation and this is because there were four defendants in this case. The total amount coming to the City of Augusta as a result of these four orders, if you choose to accept, will be \$5,488.20. These funds are the result of successful drug-dealing prosecutions based on cases where our police department was instrumental in the investigations and arrests. Once accepted, the money will be deposited in the forfeiture account administered by the City Treasurer's Office and used in accordance with our standard purchasing procedures for approved law-enforcement expenditures.

Third, this morning Councilor McCormick contacted me and asked that I place an order she has drafted regarding the use of Roberts Rules of Order directly on this business meeting agenda – which I have done.

Also at this week's meeting, we will recognize retiring DPW lead mechanic Shawn Harrington for 33 years of dedicated service to the City. Shawn has set the gold standard for commitment to the department of Public Works and the City. We hate to see him go but certainly appreciate that's his is a well-deserved retirement.

I cannot pass up the opportunity to commend Bureau Director Charlie McCann and his Parks and Cemeteries crew for the fabulous display of holiday lights in the Downtown and for the great tree-lighting ceremony and associated activities last Saturday. It has all received rave reviews.

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