



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: December 21, 2015

Meetings:

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting with Councilor-elect Alexander on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at noon in Conference Room A.

Due to the Christmas Holiday, there will be no Council Meeting on Thursday, December 24, 2015. Further, in the spirit of the holiday, I am authorizing department and bureau directors, where appropriate, to close their operations effective 1:00 pm Thursday afternoon to allow employees an opportunity to get an early start on holiday preparations.

City of Augusta administrative offices will also be closed on December 25, 2015 for the holiday. I wish you and your families a safe and happy Holiday and weekend.

Other Items:

As Mayor Rollins mentioned at the Council meeting the other night, he organized an excellent meeting with Maine's Labor and Economic Development Commissioners for the purpose of discussing potential collaboration between the City and the State, especially in the area of education and workforce development (consistent with one of the City's 2015 Council goals). Consistent with the goal, the Mayor is appointing the Workforce and Economic Development Committee with Councilor Grant as its chair. At his request, I prepared a summary paper for the meeting outlining some of the progress our community has made in recent years. I'm including a copy of it with this report for your information.

Again this year, as I reflect back on 2015, I am struck by how fortunate we are in Augusta. We are certainly spared the tragedy and trauma present in so much of our country and the world and evidence of the generous and caring community spirit that epitomizes our City can be found everywhere. I believe that Augusta, Maine, is poised to achieve many great things in 2016 and I am excited at the prospect of being a part of it. My thanks go out to all those – elected officials, volunteers, and City employees – who work so hard to make this city such a fine place to live and work and play.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation