



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: December 5, 2016

Meetings:

Please note that prior to Thursday evening's regularly scheduled 6:30 informational meeting of the City Council that there will be a brief special Council meeting that will begin at 6:15 in Conference Room "A" for the sole purpose of conducting an executive session so that you may be briefed on a matter related to potential litigation. Fifteen minutes should be adequate for that conversation. The agenda for the informational meeting is enclosed with this package.

Other Items:

Also with this package you will find a separate memorandum from me related to the Thursday agenda item dealing with the renovation and expansion of the Hartford Fire Station. With last month's voter approval of construction funding, the process of planning for the permitting, designing and constructing of the facility has commenced. I look forward to answering any questions that you may have regarding the process this exciting project will involve.

The remaining items on the agenda Thursday are all matters that you are familiar with.

On Wednesday, the newly elected State Legislature is sworn in and takes up its responsibilities. With an eye to maintaining a close working relationship with our three representatives and our state senator, I will work with them to schedule an opportunity for a joint meeting with you early in the new year. The most common campaign promise made by candidates throughout the state this past fall was one that pledged greater support for municipalities so as to reduce the burden of property taxes. I hope that we can make progress on that during the coming session.

Dates have been selected for new Councilmember orientation (the 14th, 22nd and 28th of this month) and all three of our new members will be participating. City staff and I are looking forward to meeting and working with the new councilors.

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