



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: February 23, 2015

Meetings:

There will be a Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. An agenda is included in council packets.

On Thursday, February 26th, Council will convene its informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room "A" for review and discussion of the current draft of Goals and Action Items. A light supper will be available. At 6:30 pm the meeting will reconvene in Chambers and be televised. The last item on the agenda is a review and discussion of the proposed state budget for the upcoming biennium. At Mayor Rollins request, I am issuing an invitation to the members of our legislative delegation to participate in the discussion. I am including some information developed by Ralph St. Pierre and me related to potential impacts.

For next week: A Housing Forum hosted by the Augusta Housing Authority will take place in Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Other Items:

Predictably, there are growing numbers of resident complaints about snow piles, sidewalks, blind spots at intersections and so forth. Our crews were out again this weekend (I'm pretty certain they have only been off for two weekends all winter) doing their best to cope with the conditions.

I am putting the finishing touches on the draft contractual agreement with the Lithgow Library contractor and hope to have that in place this week. There is a project development progress meeting (50 % construction drawings stage) scheduled for this Wednesday.

Work with our fire substation architects (Ames Engineering from Bangor) is underway as well. Since the Quimby lot was acquired in the 1990's and Thayer Engineering created the subdivision plan and road design in the early 2000's, new environmental regulations regarding vernal (seasonal) pools have come into play. For that reason, we must wait until spring and hire a qualified consultant to determine if the road design is still permitted where it is located. If they discover no vernal pools in the proposed pathway, then we're good to go as designed. If there is one, we'll have to realign the proposed roadway to avoid it. In the meantime, preliminary building design can still proceed.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation