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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: April 7, 2014

Meetings:

Beginning at 7pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 there will be a meeting of the Planning Board in Council Chambers.

On Thursday, April 10th beginning at 5pm there will be a City Council Preliminary Budget Meeting in Conference Room A. At 6:30 pm, Council will convene in Chambers for an informational meeting. At 7:00 pm, consistent with published public notices, the mayor will convene a Special Council Meeting for the purpose of considering the Pension Obligation Bond refinancing and Lithgow Library bonds question(s). At the end of the special meeting, there will be an executive session to discuss a real estate matter. A light supper will be available during the budget discussion.

Other Items:

Bond Attorney Jamie Pitney and Ralph St. Pierre have been working on the template language for the POB and library questions (as they now appear on the enclosed Council agenda. They are subject to modification (with proper guidance from Mr. Pitney) by Council Thursday evening. We should have the ability to make appropriate language changes that evening so as to have finality and the ability to proceed with timely production of ballots should the decision be made to go forward in June.

We are working through draft legal agreements and property transfer issues with Housing Initiatives related to the anticipated May closing of the Flatiron building redevelopment. Project engineering has identified some asbestos and lead paint items that are not overwhelming but were not addressed in the original purchase and sale agreement. I have agreed to City responsibility for the asbestos (about \$8,000 which will come from the Flatiron account). The lead-based paint issue is still an open discuss between us as the extent of it is still being determined (Cyndy Taylor has paid the \$1,800 to have the assessment done). There is, as yet, no agreement as to which party will assume responsibility for those costs however my expectation is that since they relate to modifications to the existing building layout that they would primarily be the responsibility of the developer.

I am pleased to announce that we have concluded the search process for the vacant Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position and that Augusta resident Cheryl Holmes has accepted the position. A review panel consisting of Assistant City Manager Ralph St. Pierre, Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Wardwell and Human Resources Director, Kristy Gould conducted the process and there was a

great deal of interest in the position. Cheryl has a wealth of relevant experience including twenty-one years of supervisory experience at Kennebec Savings Bank. She has her BA from the University of Maine at Orono and is a graduate of the Kennebec Leadership Institute. We are delighted to have Cheryl join us at City Hall.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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