



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: June 20, 2016

Meetings:

What has now become an annual event, The Augusta Housing Forum, hosted by the Augusta Housing Authority will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, June 23rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, there will be a Special Council Meeting. It will begin with an executive session to discuss a real estate matter. There are then two pro-forma orders on the agenda. The first will relieve Barbara Wardwell of her statutory obligations as the City's tax collector in light of her imminent departure. The second will authorize the 2016-2017 Cost-of-Living adjustment for non-union employees to take effect July 1st, consistent with what was recently authorized in the approved budget (and also consistent with the COLA that our union employees will be receiving per contract). The COLA is 2.5%. The scheduled Informational Meeting will begin immediately following in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your Council Packets.

Other Items:

I am pleased to announce that, after a statewide search process, an offer of employment has been accepted by Roberta Fogg of Turner, Maine to become our next City Clerk and Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Tax Collector to fill the vacancy created by Barbara Wardwell's upcoming retirement. Roberta comes with a wealth of direct experience and was deemed by the selection committee I appointed to clearly be the most qualified and best suited for the position. Roberta is giving her one-month notice to her current employer today and will be leaving her position as the State's Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics and joining us on July 25th. A copy of Roberta's resume is enclosed. Her starting salary will be \$69,500.00

The City Clerk's position in Augusta is a bureau director, reporting to the Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administration. Anticipating Barbara's departure, Ralph St. Pierre recommended (and I agreed) that his Deputy Director of Finance and Administration should be assigned the titular responsibilities of Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Speaking of our able City Clerk, Council will recognize Barbara's twelve years of dedicated service to the City at this Thursday's special Council meeting (6:00 pm) and on Thursday, the 30th, (her last day of work) we will host a reception in her honor at City Hall at 2:30 pm.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation