



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: July 27, 2015

## Meetings:

There will be no Planning Board meeting this week.

There will be no City Council meeting this week as it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

The Vacant Properties Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in Conference Room A.

Councilors are invited to the grand opening celebration for the Flatiron senior housing project. The festivities begin at 4:00 pm tomorrow (Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>) in the lobby area. Parking will likely be tight at the site so you might wish to use an adjacent location.

## Other Items:

As a follow-up to last Thursday's lengthy discussion of tax increment financing in Augusta, I am distributing to each of you a binder that contains the State Department of Economic and Community Development's municipal tax increment financing guide. DECD sets the process for structuring all TIF's and ultimately approves all applications and subsequent modifications. It should give you a good sense of what is involved with them. Also included in the binder is a copy of the council adopted Tax Increment Financing District Policy as well as a copy of the approved TIF documents (development plan as well as credit enhancement agreement) for the 2011 J.S. McCarthy Printing Co. TIF. That is a good example of a TIF that involved some benefit to a local for-profit entity. I encourage any member of Council to follow-up with Ralph St. Pierre and/or me with questions on this topic.

On Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the City will welcome bicyclist Tom L'Italien to our community where he will conclude a cross-county trip undertaken to call attention to the tragic cause of veteran suicide. Mr. L'Italien began his trip in June in Provo, Utah. Our local veterans' organizations are supporting his efforts. Mayor Rollins will officially welcome him to the City at 1:00 pm at Old Fort Western (complete with a cannon salute and musket honor guard!). Hopefully there will be a strong community turn-out to demonstrate our appreciation for what he has done and our support for the cause of preventing veteran suicides. I will have more information on this as plans continue to develop.

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We held a bid opening last week for a replacement compactor for Hatch Hill landfill. Only one bid was submitted for a net price (which includes trade-in) of \$422,985.00. I've copied an e-mail to me from Fleet Manager Scott Kenoyer explaining why only one bid was received and why it is reasonable to proceed with the bid award:

*The landfill compactor is on a seven year replacement schedule. The compactor is purchased by Hatch Hill landfill. The maintenance is provided by Central Garage and billed back to Hatch Hill. There are four Manufactures of landfill compactors in the US . They are Bomag , Eljon, Tana and Caterpillar. The only one that has representation in the Northeast is Caterpillar. They have two Dealerships in Maine one in Brewer and the other in Scarborough. Having a dealer that can provide us with parts and repairs within twenty four hours is critical. The machine we currently own works 5 ½ days a week and averages 1906 hours per year of usage. It currently has 13345 hours on it.*

*In the world of construction machinery this machine with these amount of hours on it are more prone to increased breakdowns and possibly a catastrophic failure which would run into the tens of thousands of dollars of repairs plus rental of a comparable machine if one could be located.*

*On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 we opened the bids for a new landfill compactor. The bid price is \$482,985.00, trade in price of \$60,000.00 bringing the net total price to \$422,985.00. We also are going to purchase an extended powertrain warranty of 60 month/9500 hour for \$11,025.00. The current compactor that we own was bid in October of 2007, the bid price was \$448,766.00, the trade in was \$98,000.00 bringing the net total price to \$350,766.00.*

*We also purchased an extended powertrain warranty of 60 month/7500 hour for \$7890.00.*

*Scott Kenoyer  
Fleet Service Manager  
City of Augusta  
Department of Public Works*

C: Department and Bureau Directors  
Augusta Legislative Delegation