



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Ralph St. Pierre
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: September 28, 2015

Meetings:

The Greater Augusta Utility District will host an open-house to commemorate the recent addition of two new wells and a treatment center. The event will take place on Sunrise Circle on Tuesday, September 29th at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 30th the groundbreaking ceremony for Augusta Housing's Affordable Senior Apartments project at the former Hodgkins School has been cancelled due to weather. A new date for the groundbreaking ceremony has not been determined at this time. There will still be public tours which will now be offered from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on September 30th.

There will be a City Council Business Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. An agenda is enclosed with your council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Other Items:

There are two items on the Council agenda for Thursday night that have not been vetted at an informational meeting:

- 1) An order authorizing a beer tent for the Augusta Trails 4th Annual Tread Fest at Bond Brook Recreational Area on October 18th. Council has authorized a beer tent for the previous three Tread Fests.
- 2) An order authorizing the manager to sign a sewer and storm drainage easement over the former Buker School property. The property was donated to the city by Florence Gannett Farnum in June of 1955. The sewer pipe and storm drainage were on the property prior to the time of the donation, however easements were never recorded. The Planning Board, as part of their minor development review of Capital City Holding, required CCH to secure utility easements from the City. CCH would like to capture the remaining 2015 construction season in order to be operational for 2015-2016 winter car wash season.

The Historic District Ordinance is not on the business agenda for a first reading at the request of Mayor Rollins in order to accommodate councilor's schedules.

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new city employees. Margaret Noel has agreed to be the next Assistant Director of the Augusta Civic Center. In her current role as Manager of Education Services for the Maine Municipal Association, Margaret has had many opportunities to work with City of Augusta staff on both small and very large events, and as a customer of the Augusta Civic Center she has already shown that she is energetic, highly organized and very capable. Margaret has a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management and an Associate's Degree in Restaurant Management from Johnson & Wales University in Providence Rhode Island. Her previous background was with several hotels in management and finance roles. She is a proud resident of Augusta and is excited with the opportunity to work for the Civic Center. Earl Kingsbury and staff very much look forward to working with her in this new capacity, likely to begin in mid to late October.

Betsy Poulin joins the Development Services office as the new Assistant Planner. Betsy has a degree in Landscape Architecture from Cornell and more than a decade of experience in the private sector doing site development work for clients. She's a welcome addition to the office.

CC: Department and Bureau Directors
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