



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO
CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: October 6, 2014

Meetings:

The Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. An agenda is included in your council packets.

There will be a City Council Business Meeting on Thursday, October 16th in Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. An agenda for this meeting is included in your council packets. There will be a pre-meeting in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A Senior Staff Meeting will be held at the Police Department on Friday, October 17th at 9:15 a.m.

Other Items:

Please note that there are two items on the business meeting agenda that have not been reviewed at a prior informational meeting. The first is the annual grant acceptance authorization for Homeland Security public safety funding in the amount of \$118,449. As in past years this allocation (which is automatic for Augusta and requires no local match) is available for police/fire/ems non-personnel purchases that conform to certain state and federal guidelines. As in the past, I have met with the two department heads and we are in concurrence on the most appropriate uses for these funds (and have cleared those proposed uses with the Maine Emergency Management Agency which is the conduit for them). A memorandum from Fire Chief Audette outlining the specific proposed uses is included with this package.

The second item has to do with abating a public nuisance at a single family residential property at 591 Eastern Avenue. There a septic system has failed and is leaching onto the surface. The property owner does not have the funds to rebuild the system and under Maine law the municipal officers may step in and do so and then place a lien on the property in the amount expended. We do this on rare occasion (three times that I can recall in recent years). The situation poses no health risk to properties other than the subject property but is sufficiently serious to justify intervention by the City.

A purchase and sale agreement has been secured (by Kennebec County this time) for the fourth and final residential property on Perham Street and plans to demolish the four buildings and construct a 90 space parking lot adjacent to the new courthouse may now proceed. (It must still be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission per our demolition delay ordinance.) That is encouraging news as we are currently experiencing the ill effects of a parking shortage associated with court activities (jury pool screenings combined with courthouse construction crews) including in the Library parking areas at the site of the former Rite Aid on State Street.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation



**CITY OF
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FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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June 25, 2014

Bruce Fitzgerald
Director Homeland Security Division
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Dear Bruce,

One main focus of this year's metro funds will be used to fill a significant void in our ability to respond and mitigate incidents in the Capital region. A basic essential need we seem to be missing is our ability to feed emergency personnel in the "Street" and citizens whom may have suffered through a natural or terrorist event. It is our goal with these funds to develop a regional food canteen unit in partnership with Kennebec County EMA and/or the Salvation Army that is available to respond throughout the Capital region as well as other areas in Maine and New England upon request.

The second area is to expand on the enhancement of active shooter response, training and school emergency response. We have been successful working with every City of Augusta school to update all of their emergency plans and we have completed multiple police and fire certified program related to active shooters. Our goal is to complete this project with some additional training props and personal protective equipment.

The third area we hope to address is the installation of cameras for security of critical City of Augusta buildings like our two designated shelter sites, city schools, the public safety communication sites, water towers and public water supply, and intersections in and around the Capital Building.

The City of Augusta proposes the following budget request for the 2014 Metro Funds.

SHSP Funds \$87,605.82

Fire Training & Emergency Planning

\$10,000.00

These funds will be used to for fire department participation in regional hazardous materials and disaster training programs.

Fire Department Gear and Equipment

\$7,605.82

Tactical EMS gear for Paramedic response team to active shooter incidents.

Regional Food Canteen for Kennebec County

\$30,000.00

The Augusta Fire Department in a regional collaborative agreement will establish and retro fit a mobile food canteen unit available to all Kennebec County Emergency Services and other locations as needed via State-wide mutual aid.

Security Cameras **\$40,000.00**
Security Cameras at the City of Augusta regional shelter sites (Cony & Civic Center). City of Augusta schools, water tower sites, intersections.

LETPP \$30,842.82

Police Department Training **\$10,000.00**
Police participation in annual disaster drills and training related preparation and response to WMD and terrorist response.

Police Department Tactical Protective Vests **\$10,842.82**
Tactical gear for the police department.

Security Cameras **\$10,000.00**
Install security cameras at communication tower sites and traffic intersections around the Capital Building, Police Station.

Sincerely,

Roger J. Audette
Fire Chief