



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

WILLIAM R. BRIDGEO, CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: May 14, 2018

Meetings:

There will be a City Council Budget Review Meeting on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to go over the Public Works budget including the Hatch Hill Landfill and Central Garage.

A Business Meeting of City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your Council Packets and a pre-meeting will be held in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting at the Police Department on Friday, May 18th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Other Items:

Included on this week's business meeting agenda is an amendment to this year's appropriation resolve that transfers \$150,000 from the Retirement and Insurance account to the Public Works Winter Maintenance account to offset the portion of the \$450,000 excess winter maintenance expenditures we incurred this past winter. As you know from our previous discussion and my earlier reports, to cope with the demands of the past winter and to upgrade the level of service we provided (to ensure that the unsatisfactory road conditions of a year ago did not reoccur), I authorized DPW Director, Lesley Jones, to spend what she needed. Most of the over-expenditure can be absorbed in other DPW accounts. The remainder is what I am recommending come from a positive variance in the retirement and insurance account. Tomorrow evening, as we review the proposed DPW budget for next year, we can discuss what you want your policy to be vis-à-vis the cost implications of this level of service.

Last week, we were put on notice by ecomaine that there will be stiff penalties for any loads of recyclable materials that we deliver to their processing facility in South Portland. Potentially, that could add as much as \$20,000 to next year's budget. This, too, I expect to discuss with you tomorrow evening.

We have two bitter-sweet presentations slated for the agenda Thursday evening. We will be honoring retiring Police Chief Bob Gregoire and retiring City Engineer Lionel Cayer. Between them, they have almost sixty-five years of service to the City. Both have set a high bar of professional excellence and both have certainly earned the opportunity to enjoy a change of pace. A joint reception in their honor is scheduled for Thursday evening May 31st at 5:00 pm at the Augusta Civic Center.

C: Department and Bureau Directors & Legislative Delegation

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