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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: February 4, 2013

Meetings:

On Wednesday, February 6, the Land – Facility Review Committee (OREO) will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

On Thursday, February 7, the Mayor's Ad Hoc Business and Community Service Recognition Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

On Thursday, February 7, the City Council will hold its regular Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. There will be a pre-meeting at 6:30 pm in conference room "A". The agenda is enclosed with your package.

On Friday, February 8, a senior staff meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. at Public Works.

Other Items:

We were saddened to learn last week of the passing of life-long Augusta resident Jim Dowling. Jim and Gerine made many significant contributions to his country, his state and his community. He was a respected civic leader, business leader and church leader. He and Gerine, his beloved wife of seventy years, raised Karen (Foster), Bill and Steve, all of whom followed their Dad's example and have engaged in extensive community service and civic contributions. Jim was a great ambassador for the Greatest Generation. A funeral service for him will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Church.

Mayor Stokes and I met with Senator Katz and representatives Fowle, Pouliot and Wilson to discuss the possible adverse ramifications to Augusta of the Governor's proposed budget. I appreciate the delegation's willingness to tackle this issue and their appreciation of the difficult spot the Governor's proposals would put the City in. A similar meeting is scheduled for Friday morning at the Superintendent's Office to consider the possible School Department budget impacts.

I'm advised that the Kennebec County Courthouse construction project is proceeding on time and that the impossible-to-ignore pile-driving for the foundation will come to an end this week. I have no doubt that many residents and downtown office occupants will be greatly relieved when it does.

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
Legislative Delegation