



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: May 23, 2016

Meetings:

There will be an Informational Meeting of City Council on Thursday, May 26, 2016 **beginning at the normal start time of 6:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers. Agendas are included in your council packets.

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day Holiday. Old Fort Western will be open and, if you can, please take some time to visit the fort to participate in our Memorial Day Remembrance and Community Covenant Signing Ceremony in honor of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country.

Other Items:

Preliminary site work (access road, etc.) has begun for the North Augusta Fire Station project. That should enable us to have our ceremonial ground-breaking as scheduled for Thursday afternoon June 2nd. I have assigned Chief Audette with the responsibility of owner's representative on this project. Roger has extensive prior experience as a building contractor and, of course, as Fire Chief has been intimately involved in the planning and design of this facility. Our contract with Penobscot Builders provides for completion of construction by the first of February, 2017. (Although we will take delivery of our new Quint fire truck a month or two before that, we will identify temporary space to house it (DPW if necessary) until the new station is ready.

Contracts for the procurement of paving services and materials have been awarded and we have begun the season's program. As budgeted, we have (at least in theory as it is a pretty ambitious amount of work for one season) \$1,094,000 worth of product to place on the streets and sidewalks that were provided to you last week. In order to begin this paving program, our Public Works Department, the Greater Augusta Utility District and other utilities are busy with preparation activities (e.g. raising manhole covers). Notable also, I'm advised that MDOT will be doing the final paving for Mt. Vernon Avenue this week

Of course, this week is the busiest of the year for our Parks and Cemeteries crews and they are hard at it to ensure that things are ready for Memorial Day.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation