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TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: June 24, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, June 27, the Joint Audit Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A.

On Thursday, June 27, the City Council will hold an Informational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed. (Per Council policy, this second monthly informational meeting will not be televised.)

Other Items:

Well, Janice and I returned home last night (via Cape Air) from a very nice vacation in Wisconsin and Chicago. It started as a trip to Milwaukee to attend a family wedding and then expanded into an exploration of eastern Wisconsin along Lake Michigan. We had the chance to visit Green Bay and the Door County Peninsula, Lake Winnebago, Madison (including a tour of the Capitol, which was very impressive). We wrapped it up with two nights in Chicago and, for better or worse, beers and dinner at a downtown sports bar Saturday (where, as you might imagine, we were the only patrons not sporting Blackhawks regalia). It was great to see that part of the country but, as the saying goes, there's no place like home and it was good to be back.

Tonight, Chief Gregoire, FD Battalion Chief John Bennett and I will be attending the Hallowell City Council meeting to discuss contracted ambulance/rescue service. I will advise you tomorrow on how that unfolds.

The analytical work related to the natural gas bids is underway. After a briefing this morning from Ralph St. Pierre and Matt Nazar, it is very clear to me that the bid process and the retention of our consultants were both tremendously beneficial decisions. I'm looking forward to the upcoming Council committee meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

In a meeting today with City Engineer Lionel Cayer and DPW Director Lesley Jones, we reviewed several matters that have been pending with the Traffic Calming Committee. In the first, we confirmed that Lionel will formally request that MDOT study making the speed limit uniform at 35 mph for the length of Old Belgrade Road (given the anticipated traffic impacts of the new hospital). Secondly, at the recommendation of Lionel and Lesley and both chiefs, we will be bringing an ordinance change to Council that will re-establish Green Street (between

State and Water) as a two way street. Whatever the rationale was originally to make it one-way, there is no apparent reason to continue to do so. Third, planning progresses for improving Pierce Drive. GAUD has volunteered the pipe and manholes to do some drainage (critical if we expect the paving work to last any significant period of time); we have \$60,000 in City/School funds for construction and we will co-ordinate with whichever gas company gets the City's bid to have that line installed in such a way to compliment our planned work. The work will be completed before the end of the summer (I promise!).

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors  
Legislative Delegation