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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: September 16, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, September 19, the City Council will hold its Business Council Meeting at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed with your packet. There will be a pre-meeting at 6:30 in Conference Room A. A Senior Staff Meeting will be held at Public Works this Friday, September 20th beginning at 9:15am. A Planning Board Meeting is scheduled in Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 beginning at 7 pm. This agenda is also in your packet.

Other Items:

I remind all who read this report that tomorrow evening the Maine Department of Transportation will be hosting a public hearing from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Lecture Hall at City Hall on the long anticipated Mt. Vernon Avenue reconstruction project. I am as eager as most folks to see their plans and discuss with them timetables, any local share issues, project limitations, neighbors concerns and whatever. This is an important opportunity to weigh in on this key capital project in a prominent city gateway and we must take full advantage of it.

Speaking of capital projects, Ralph St. Pierre and I are finishing up a final draft of the proposed FY 2014 Capital Improvement Program for Council review and discussion next Thursday (the 26th). One key element of the proposed CIP will be recommended uses of anticipated Tax Increment Financing District proceeds. Depending on what the State proposes to do with Mt. Vernon Avenue, we may wish to augment the project with some local TIF funding (as MDOT has significantly cut back on what types of improvements it will include in urban street renewal projects). State law limits what TIF funds can be used for (there must be a link to economic development) but street reconstruction projects are typically approved. More on this next week.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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