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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: January 6, 2014

Meetings:

An Informational Meeting of the City Council will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 beginning at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. This agenda has been included in council packets.

There will be a meeting of the Planning Board on January 14, 2014 in Council Chambers. An agenda is enclosed in council packets.

The Council's annual goal-setting session is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th. As with past years, it will be held at the Civic Center and is open to the public. It will begin at 8:00 am with a hot breakfast and continue into the afternoon (and hopefully adjourn prior to 3:00 pm). Ken Knight and Brian Tarbuck from GAUD have confirmed their attendance as has Acting Superintendent Anastasio and Board Chair Sue Campbell. The members of our legislative delegation are being encouraged to attend – at least for the morning – as well. Once again this year, Frank O'Hara will serve as facilitator.

Other Items:

The weather continues to present heavy demands on City crews, especially Public Works and Parks. Today's warm rains are creating localized flooding throughout the City and some of the main streets scheduled for repaving next summer (State Street, Stone Street) are breaking up badly. Tonight, our DPW night crew will be scraping side streets in an effort to clear as much ice off of them as possible before the deep freeze returns.

Please note Police Chief Gregoire's update on police activity in the City and the steps the department has taken in the past year (actually since the IACP management study was issued three years ago) to address the law enforcement challenges we face in the context of the recommendations that the study made. I'm very happy with the serious way that the Chief and his department have taken the study and the managerial actions that have been taken to meet the challenges.

You will also note a memorandum providing some detail for the agenda item this Thursday that deals with two Togus Pond grant applications that would provide engineering of a fishway over the dam in Togus Stream that controls the water level in the pond. Leif Dahlin and I are both supportive of the City of Augusta supporting this project to ultimately facilitate alewife migration into Togus Pond. Initially we were approached by the leadership of the pond association for our help as they do not qualify to be a recipient of these grant funds (it must be a municipality). Even though the dam in question is outside the City limits (in Chelsea), it is

owned by the Togus Pond Association. The benefits of a restored alewife population in Togus Pond (including algae reduction, improved sport fish stock, and enhanced property values) are certainly to the benefit of the hundreds of Togus Pond property owners and thus to the City as well. City staff has the appropriate experience and capacity to make a positive difference here and the work involved will not be excessive.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation