



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: October 13, 2015

Meetings:

The Childhood Hunger and Homelessness Public Forum, organized by Councilor Grant, will take place tonight at 6 p.m.

There will be a Business Meeting of City Council on Thursday, October 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agendas for this meeting are included in council packets. A pre-meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting at the City Center on Friday, October 16th beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Other Items:

The other night, I advised that the City had solicited sealed bids for disposal of the old Fire Department ladder truck. Several of you questioned whether we might get more than the high bid we received (\$1,775) by offering to sell it to a metal recycler. Well, it turns out that that the high bidder is indeed a scrap metal processor (White and Bradstreet). The bid reflects the dramatic drop in the value of scrap metal of late

In the near future, the City Clerk's Office will begin accepting credit and debit cards as a form of payment for property taxes, vehicle registration and other fees. The merchant fee, typically absorbed by the merchant (which in this case would be the City), will be paid by the customer and that fact will be prominently disclosed in advance. We are offering this service strictly as a convenience and doing it in this fashion so that other residents/taxpayers do not end up subsidizing the service.

Chief Audette has informed me that on Saturday, October 17th, as part of Fire Prevention Month, the Augusta Fire Department will be teaming up with the Red Cross to install free smoke detectors in all of the mobile home parks in our city.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
Augusta Legislative Delegation