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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: October 28, 2013

Meetings:

As this is the fifth week of the month, there will be no City Council Meeting this week. The next meeting of the City Council will be a business meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013.

Other Items:

Councilor Bilodeau recently called to my attention that it has been quite some time since the City Council had any sort of in-depth briefing on the City's Disaster Preparedness Plan and on the roles and responsibilities of elected and appointed officials during emergencies. Accordingly, I have asked Fire Chief Roger Audette to coordinate a two-hour session for late afternoon/early evening on Thursday, November 14th at the Civic Center for that purpose. This information/orientation program will begin at 4:30 pm with presentations from Chief Audette, Police Chief Bob Gregoire and DPW Director Lesley Jones. Those senior staff with direct responsibilities in this area will be present and I am inviting representatives of the School Department and Utilities District. A light dinner will be served and we will adjourn in time to convene the scheduled informational meeting (although I will recommend that it not start until 7:00 pm that night).

Next Monday (the 4th), there will be a ceremony near the newly expanded Exit 113 interchange to mark its completion. It will begin with a press conference at the job trailers at the entrance to the new hospital site at 11:00 am. To provide an opportunity to recognize the naming of the westerly roundabout for the Bonenfant family, representatives of the family are being invited to participate in a reception – co-sponsored by the City - immediately following the ceremony. The hospital has made the lobby/foyer of the new complex available for that purpose. The reception will begin at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Following last Thursday's Council meeting, I met with Hallowell City Manager Michael Starn regarding the yet-to-be-executed contract between our two cities for EMS/Rescue services to Hallowell. I explained our reluctance to waive the longstanding provision regarding reimbursement for uncompensated services. Michael suggested that we execute the contract in the same form as in the past (so we will continue to receive this reimbursement) but that we set the term of the contract for one year and revisit all of the elements of the agreement next year. I agreed to that and will follow through accordingly.

Congratulations go out to new Downtown Manager Steve Pecukonis on his recent appointment. Many of us have worked with Steve in the past and appreciate his capabilities and winning personality. We wish him and the Downtown Alliance great success.

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