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

Meetings:

There will be a Historic District Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm in conference room A.

There will be a business meeting of the City Council on Thursday, December 19th beginning at 7pm. A pre-meeting will take place in conference room A at 6:30pm. An Executive Session of the city council will immediately follow the business meeting.

A CRID Governing Board meeting has been scheduled for 12pm on Wednesday, December 18th in Conference Room A.

A Senior Staff meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 20th at 9:15am at Public Works.

The Holiday Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 23, 2013 from 11:30-1:30pm in Council Chambers. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Other Items:

I'm reminding everyone involved that there is a goal setting session January 25, 2014 at the Civic Center in the Arnold/Howard Room (1st floor, north wing). Breakfast will be served at 8 am and the session usually ends at around 3pm. Next week, I'll circulate a year-end review that speaks to this year's goals and action items so as to facilitate the January 25th discussion.

This morning, Lesley Jones sent me the following:

Due to the very cold temps we had during today's snowstorm and which are supposed to continue cold through Tuesday, the roads are not "bare" like they usually are and is how we like them to be when we are done plowing..... Salt does not work in temperatures this cold. We did do limited sanding today and will continue to do so. Hopefully when it warms up a little in a day or so we can apply some salt and get back to bare roads. The roads are all cleared of snow and are safe as long as vehicles are driving using winter driving skills.

Also starting snow haul tonight at 2 am. This will likely go all week. Sidewalk plows were out this afternoon. They will be out working during the snow haul shift tonight and again during the day tomorrow. I think winter might be here. :-)

Mother Nature pleasantly surprised us with some warmer temperatures this afternoon so that the salt and sand are doing the trick. I commend Lesley and Jerry Dostie and their crews for the good work in managing this storm.

You may note that the Council agenda for Thursday evening does not contain an order authorizing the expenditure of reserve funds for the Mill Park parking lot. That is because Council authorization already exists for that purpose (although it has been a while since it was approved).

Finally, Fire Department Battalion Chief Dan Guimond has notified us that he intends to retire later this month. Dan has been a loyal and dedicated City employee for 34 years. He enjoys the utmost respect of his fellow AFD firefighters and those of us at City Hall who have had the pleasure of working with him over the years. We will miss him very much and wish him all the best in his retirement. The good news is that Dan remains a resident of Augusta and we can expect to continue to enjoy his involvement in our community.

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