



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: December 7, 2015

Meetings:

There will be a meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The Recycling Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9th in Conference Room C.

City Council will hold an Informational Meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Other Items:

You will note that there is an item on this Thursday's informational agenda addressing the issue of recycling. Although the Council ad-hoc committee discussing this topic has yet to conclude its work (they have a meeting, called by Chair McCormick, scheduled for Wednesday morning as noted above), the Mayor has reminded me of the contents of his memorandum of October 1st (enclosed) establishing the committee and his desire, consistent with the memorandum's charge to the committee, to have Council discuss it this Thursday evening, the 10th.

Also on the agenda Thursday evening is further discussion of the proposed minimum property maintenance standards ordinance. In addition to the original proposal, enclosed you will also find versions suggested by Councilor Paradis and by Councilor Grant (as well as their marked up originals for perspective). Matt Nazar experienced some difficulty in formatting these mark-ups into a new document (because the Model Code is in PDF format) and apologizes in advance for that. Once we have a better idea of what a majority of the Council favors we will be able to create a flexible Word document that makes review and revision easier (and the resultant documents easier for councilors to work with).

Finally, Councilor Grant has provided additional material related to the topic of childhood hunger and homelessness for the last item on the agenda Thursday.

Ralph St. Pierre and Tracy Roy (his Deputy Finance Director) advise me that after several months of research and prep work we will begin accepting debit and credit cards in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office and Development Services for all routine transactions. To offset the typical merchant fee charged by the credit card companies, we will be charging a corresponding convenience fee so there is no loss of revenue for the City for offering this convenience. I have included a schedule of the fees we will be charging.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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