



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: June 13, 2016

Meetings:

Election Day is Tuesday, June 14, 2016. All polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Real Estate Owned (REO) Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 16th at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room D.

A Business Meeting of the City Council will take place on Thursday the 16th in Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agendas are in your Council Packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting on Friday, June 17th in Conference Room A of the City Center beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Other Items:

You will note that I have placed an order on Thursday's agenda that would authorize the acceptance of federal Department of Justice grant funds for our Police Department. This is a program that we annually qualify for and that we collaborate with the County Sheriff's Office and Waterville PD on by agreeing to serve as the grant administrator. There is no local match required for these funds and our share would be used to replace video cameras and mobile radar units in our police vehicles. I endorse the Chief's recommendations in this matter.

Also on the agenda is an order crafted by the City Attorney dealing with the building at 58 Mt. Vernon Avenue that the City was required to demolish after it was deemed to be an immediate hazard to life and property by both code enforcement staff and an independent structural engineer.

The library construction project is wrapping up as planned. We did uncover a couple additional old petroleum tanks in the area of the parking lot (initially we were sure of one but throughout the project an additional six were discovered – their removal costs were within the amount of money we had budgeted for this possibility) but no contaminated soil. I will be signing documents that establish tomorrow as the date of "substantial completion" for the job. That means we are back in control of the property, even though there are a number of "punch list" items remaining to be completed by the contractor. We are looking forward to tomorrow afternoon's "sneak preview" event for Council, Trustees, and invited guests to be hosted by the Friends of Lithgow Library.

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Airport Manager John Guimond, Community Services Director Leif Dahlin and Parks and Cemeteries Director Charlie McCann have marked out with orange flagging the areas behind Mount Hope cemetery where the proposed FAA tree removal would take place. As described by John at last week's meeting, the mandatory area necessary to secure needed FAA funding is quite small and, I would suggest, not too impactful to the natural effect of the area. The larger desired but not mandatory area, on the other hand would remove a significant amount of forest that constitutes the backdrop to the cemetery. I am happy to accompany any member of Council to the site prior to the next informational meeting of Council so as to fully appreciate what is proposed. A site map will be available and forwarded to you tomorrow.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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