



# THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Bill Bridgeo  
RE: Administrative Report  
DATE: July 25, 2016

## Meetings:

There is no meeting of the City Council scheduled for this week.

## Other Items:

We received notification (by phone on Friday and in the mail today) that our application to the State Department of Economic and Community Development on behalf of JS McCarthy Printing Co. for a \$560,000 Community Development Block Grant has been approved – subject to availability and award of Maine’s anticipated allocation of these federal funds. This is good news for both JS McCarthy and our community. By law, the money must be awarded to the City and we in turn provide it to the company and ensure that the federal grant requirements are met (including the hiring of a stipulated number of new, income-eligible employees). Our Development Services Department was responsible for overseeing the application process (with cooperation from JS McCarthy, of course) and will be responsible for administration of the grant and compliance with all of the State and Federal requirements associated with it, including final audit. Congratulations to all who have played a role in bringing this economic stimulus to the City.

Today, we welcome our new City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Roberta Fogg to her first day of work at City Hall. As indicated when her hiring was announced last month, Roberta comes with a wealth of experience including 13 years as Belfast’s City Clerk. As we approach election season (in a busy presidential election cycle) it is reassuring to have a veteran taking the helm in the Clerk/Treasurer’s Office.

I want to make you aware that we anticipate in the near future that Penney Memorial Baptist Church will be proceeding with the demolition of the blue colonial-style property (formerly the law offices of Charles Priest) that abuts the church on Water Street. Mayor Rollins and I did have two meetings with church representatives to discuss any possibilities for reuse of the building however they advised that for a number of reasons, including deteriorated condition of the building and large estimated costs associated with redevelopment that that was not a viable option for the church. A demolition permit has been obtained and the demolition delay period provided for in our ordinances has lapsed. The church has retained a demolition contractor and as soon as utilities have been disconnected from the building demolition is expected to proceed.

Enclosed with this packet, please find my proposed FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement Program. This includes a memo to you, a spreadsheet listing the projects proposed for this year (FY 16-17), and a spreadsheet containing the full five-year recommendations.

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