



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: August 22, 2016

Meetings:

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016 there will be a Planning Board meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agendas have been distributed in last week's council packets.

There is no scheduled meeting of City Council this week.

Other Items:

As the waning days of summer fly by, city government activities progress apace. Summer programs (the pools, Bicentennial Nature Park, summer athletics, etc.) are winding down. Our street paving program is doing well. The North Augusta Fire Station should start showing signs of building erection by the end of this week. You will note from the enclosed memorandum from Lesley Jones and Lionel Cayer that we will need to extend completion of the Northern Avenue/Townsend Road improvement project into next spring for the reasons outlined in their memo. I expect that most of the work will be completed this construction season but to ensure the best pricing and least inconvenience to the residents (by avoiding night work), I believe it is best to accept Lesley and Lionel's recommendations and proceed accordingly.

The new library has a few operational glitches to be remedied (as with any new building) like heating and cooling system adjustments to find the right balance (the blessing and the curse of sophisticated computerized systems) as well as a few door locks that need adjustment, but overall folks (staff and the public) are very happy with the facility.

The City's auditors are in the midst of performing the annual audit and the draft year-end financials appear favorable (more on that, including a fourth quarter report, in the near future).

The conversation with Hallowell officials regarding the provision of fire protection services is continuing. At this time, we await the results of Hallowell's community dialogue regarding their options and how they want to proceed. If eventually they favor contracting with us then you will need to consider how such an arrangement might be structured.

I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy this last week off before we resume our usual schedule of weekly meetings!

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