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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Doyle and City Council
FROM: Bryan T. Kaenrath, City Administrator
DATE: March 22, 2021
RE: **Administrator's Report**

Ward 5 Council Appointment

The City is currently accepting letters of interest from residents for the vacant Ward 5 Council seat. Residents must currently live in Ward 5 to be considered. Letters will be accepted until March 24th at our City Clerk's Office until the close of business. The City Council will then use an identical process to the one used for the Ward 4 vacancy a few months ago where ALL candidates will have the opportunity to present to the Council before an appointment is made. Please contact either Michelle Hughes, City Clerk or myself with any questions.

Army Corp of Engineers "Option 6" Project

Update: We have received a response from the ACOE requesting further items to be included in our letter of support. The ACOE response was forwarded to the Council last week. We will have a new letter including the ACOE points for your consideration at our April 5th meeting. The letter has been drafted with the input of our City Solicitor who may have a few points for discussion.

Background:

Mayor Doyle and I met with staff members from our Congressional Delegation last week to discuss the latest communication from the USACOE and our letter of support for the "option 6" project. They informed us that a response to our letter of support is pending and we should receive that response in the next few weeks. As you may remember, the USACOE has now mandated a number of specific items that need to be contained in our letter to proceed to the PPA. We may have to include these items in a revised letter should we receive a negative response in this round.

Senior Meals Programs

Saco Parks & Rec will hold their next senior meals event on April 1st at the Community Center. Lunch will be provided by the Bradley Street Market and is being sponsored by a mini care grant that Amelia Meier received from Southern Maine Agency on Aging.

Saco SOS Symposium

The city will host the second annual Saco Bay Symposium along with sponsors State Senator Donna Bailey and SOS Saco Bay, Inc. will be held on Friday, March 26, from 10 to 11:30 am via Zoom. You are all invited to attend. Last year's event at City Hall was very well received and we have invited back all of the panelists and added some new ones. We will also feature speakers from Maine Geologic and Living Shorelines.

