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To: Mayor and members of the City Council
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Over the course of the last two weeks, budget hearings have continued for the city departments.

Union negotiations have continued in regards to the Fire Department's proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement.

On April 18th Stacey Moed-Klein from the Neighborhood Watch committee was given the report with the data collected from the Broad Street Walk. The conditions of the sidewalks are a safety concern for all. In response, the Public Works Department mailed letters to property owners whose sidewalks were in disrepair. These letters also include information about their responsibilities to maintain the sidewalks in accordance with City Ordinances.

On April 20th I met with The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments to discuss issues of regional importance and where comp controller Lembo presented a report on state finances.

On April 20th I met with Mr. Bimal Patel/President of Backus Hospital to discuss hospital issues and topics of mutual interest. I also received an extensive tour of the hospital and its facilities.

On April 21st I met with Vicky Daniels from the Recreation Department to discuss staffing and other issues about the department.

The City Hall Floor Restoration Project's status and project updates were given to effected departments.

The following City positions have been re-appointed:

- Re-appointed as regular members of the **Public Parking Commission** for a term to expire on December 31th 2017 or until successors are appointed:
Jeffery Lord (R)
Sean Ryan (D)
- Re-appointed as regular members to the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for a term to expire on February 28th 2018 or until successors are appointed:

Henry Olender Jr. (U)
Dorothy Travers (D)

- Re-appointed as regular member as **City Historian** for a term to expire August 20th 2018.
Dale Plumber (D)

On April 26th I attended the Awards Breakfast at the Rose City Senior Center and dined with a terrific group of volunteers.

On April 27th Mayor Hinchey, Alderman Braddock, Gary Evans of Community Development and I visited the Uncas Leap property to review the site as a possible field trip for a Tribal Land and Environmental Forum to take place this August. We met with members of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals including Chairwoman Victoria Kotongan of Unalakleet from Alaska, Alex James of Yakutat from Alaska, Elliott Talgo of St. Carlos Apache from St. Carlos California, Rob Roy of LaJolla Band of Luiseno Indians from Southern California, Vice Chairman Arvind Patel of Pueblo from Acoma New Mexico and program coordinator Julie Jurkowski from Flagstaff AZ . Representatives from the Mohegan Tribe including Tribal Historian Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel, and the Administrator of Environmental Protection Department Jean McInnis and Amy Jean McKowen from US EPA Region 1 also attended. The Uncas Leap site appeals to them not only for its tribal historic value, but also from a brownfields perspective. If this site is chosen, the August tour will be attended by representatives from Native American tribes across the nation.

On April 28th I met with the Norwich Community Development Corporation Board.

On April 28th Bill Reading of Last Green Valley on trail development.

On April 29th I attended the Rotary Carnival meeting to brief staff and be briefed by staff on preparation for the carnival weekend event.

I continue to attend the NPU City Wide Coordination Meetings to receive information on active developments throughout the city.

I am happy to discuss any of the above with you in further detail.