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To: Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council
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Union negotiations have still continued over the past weeks for both the Police and Fire Departments. In addition, we have held negotiations with both the Public Works Supervisors and the Municipal Employees Union Independent Inc. I will be periodically updating the City Council as the process develops.

On Tuesday, June 21st I attended the 13th annual Norwich Firefighters Local 892 Golf Tournament hosted by the Norwich Golf Course. Participation in this charity event benefited the Norwich Fallen Fire Fighter & Family Fund.

The Mayor and I attended a Promotions Ceremony at the Norwich Police Station on Wednesday the 22nd. Congratulations again to: Sgt. Lazzaro and Sgt. Callaway.

Also on Wednesday I met with Leo Butler at the Norwich Free Academy (NFA) to discuss programs provided by the Academy and I received a general tour of the NFA campus.

The first meeting to discuss options pertaining to the Reid & Hughes building was held on Wednesday June 29th. Robert Mills of NCDC, Gary Evans of Community Development, City Planner; Deanna Rhodes, Acting Director of Public Works; Patrick McLaughlin, Chief Scandariato of the Norwich Fire Department, Building/Housing Code Enforcement Official; Jim Troeger and Aimee Wickless from Brown Jacobson P.C. were in attendance. I will keep the City Council updated on the groups progresses and will be submitting a report in August.

Also on Wednesday I attended a Badge Pinning Ceremony at the Norwich Fire Department Headquarters. Congratulation again to: Battalion Chief Merchant, Captain Benjamin, Lieutenant Watts.

On Thursday June 30th the Mayor and I met with Senator Osten to discuss the Buckingham Building.

I attended the retirement party held by the Human Services department on Thursday as well. We wish Kay Eyberse, Mary Bartlett and Matt Hinchey all the best and thank them for their service to our City.

The Mayor and I met with members of the Norwich Golf Course to discuss possibly installing a pond for irrigation purposes. Further research will be needed before a decision can be made.

On Friday July 1st the Mayor and I attended a Wreath Laying Ceremony for Samuel Huntington hosted by the Norwich Historical Society. I fully appreciate all the hard work and dedication that goes into preserving the historical background within the City of Norwich. Important landmarks like the tomb of Samuel Huntington, is what makes Norwich the unique and special City that it is.

We also attended a Retirement Luncheon for Chief Fusaro on Friday, followed by the Police Chief Swearing In of Patrick Daley who will now serve as Interim Acting Chief of Police until a permanent appointment can be made. Chief Fusaro has gone above and beyond with his service to the City of Norwich and its residents over the past four decades. He will truly be missed and I wish him the best with his future endeavors.