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To: Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The Mayor and I continue our weekly meetings and we attended the monthly SECOG and SEAT together.

I attended the Public Works and Capital Improvements meeting at the Public Works Department on June 19th. I gave the committee an update on the Human Services and Youth Services move to City Hall and to the Recreation Department and explained the City Hall Annex would be listed for sale. I also discussed the timeline for the paving bond that will be proposed to the council and residents in the near future.

I attended the NCDC Board Meeting on June 22nd and also had a meeting regarding the Norwich Transfer Station with staff regarding the transition to Willimantic Waste.

I had my monthly meeting with Department Heads. Deanna Rhodes, City Planner announced that the department was working on several grant projects, including Uncas Leap. Ryan Thompson, Public Works Director concurred and stated that funding for a traffic analysis for the closure of Chelsea Harbor Drive was also in process. He stated that a large play scape was being installed at the Taftville Park along with a handicapped swing. Leanne Gomes announced her staff was getting ready for their upcoming office move and that the Recreation Department would be holding a fundraiser in October with the Wizards basketball team. Brigid Marks, Human Resources Director stated the City is in the process of union negotiations and that the City will be pursuing interest (contract) arbitration for the police collective bargaining agreement.

I had the pleasure of being invited to be on "What's your Gripe" hosted by Jon Oldfield at the Comcast Public Access Studio on June 27th.

On Wednesday, the Mayor, Ryan Thompson and I went to Newington to meet with William Britnell, Principal Engineer, from the State Highway Design Unit for CT DOT. I gave them a copy of the resolution that the Council had approved on June 19th regarding the Rt. 82 roundabouts. We had a productive discussion and the design will be reviewed by the DOT.

The "Development Agreement" for the Reid & Hughes has been prepared and sent to Betsy Crum, Executive Director of the Women's Institute and we are waiting for the fully executed agreement.

Norwich Police Detective Ryan Kelsey received 2 awards from the US Attorney's Office, District of CT on June 14, 2017 in New Haven. Ryan assisted in the investigations of a large-scale distribution of narcotics and a cold case homicide. Congratulations and good work Detective Kelsey.

I had the pleasure of viewing the Norwich Fire Works on Friday, June 30th at the Norwich Harbor. Great job to the Norwich Events Organization for bringing back a Norwich tradition. Also, thank you to Kelly August and committee, on the celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Rose Arts Festival. Special thanks to Norwich Police, Norwich Public Works, Norwich Fire Department, Norwich Public Utilities, sponsors and volunteers for making both of these events possible.