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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.

Conference calls continued with members of the Women's Institute, Corporation Counsel and staff on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the proposed financing of the stabilization phase of the Reid & Hughes. A 30 day extension and meeting was requested along with a meeting with the Council on December 18<sup>th</sup> which is Resolution #6 on this evening's agenda.

Staff and I met with Anne Stockton from the United Way regarding the Working Cities Challenge. The Working Cities Challenge is a grant competition that is designed to improve the lives of low-income people in small and mid-size cities in Connecticut. The City was awarded a \$15,000 planning grant several months ago to participate in this challenge.

My monthly staff meeting was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Josh Pothier announced that a new third-party administrator for workers compensation through an RFP process in November should save the City, Norwich Public Utilities, and Norwich Public Schools approximately \$50,000 per year while maintaining the same level of service. Bob Farwell said the *O'tis a Festival* which was held on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> was a huge success for the library with over 2,000 attendees which was double from the previous year. Deanna Rhodes, City Planner stated that the DECD was awarded a \$200,000 assessment grant to the City for the South Mill at Ponemah Mills which is located at 555-599 Norwich Avenue. This will allow for potential remediation at the site for future commercial development.

I attended the annual CCM Legislative Committee Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> and the annual conference on the 29<sup>th</sup> along with staff. There were several interesting and informative sessions. I was approved as a Board Member of CCM effective January 2018.

Light up City Hall was held on "First Friday" December 1<sup>st</sup>. Hundreds of people attended the event in addition to the other events that were held that evening. I would like to thank the committee, volunteers, sponsors and performers for their participation at the event. It would not be possible without them.

I have the Treasurers Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended September 30, 2017 for your review.