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To: Mayor and members of the City Council

From: John Salomone, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Report

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In the course of the last two weeks, budget hearings were held for 17 city departments, including Norwich Public Utilities and the Board of Education; and the first of two public hearings was conducted.

Interviews were held to fill the planner position; however, in the interim a plan has been developed to utilize a consultant to fulfill the duties of the planner.

On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Hinchey, members of the Broad Street Neighborhood Watch committee and myself, along with several city employees took part in a targeted neighborhood walk throughout the Broad Street area. The target area encompassed Broad, Grove, Warren, Spaulding and Rockwell Streets; Treadway, Freeman, McKinley and Platt Avenues; and McKinley Avenue Extension. A common complaint throughout the walk was the overall condition of the sidewalks, many of which were in bad shape. This is a concern, not only for aesthetics, but also due to the fact that children walk to and from school each day. The other complaint that was uniform throughout the walk was the presence of trash and recycling cans left on the sidewalks, rather than returned to the appropriate homes after pickup. A complete report of the walkthrough is attached for your information.

Union negotiations are underway for several City unions, including Public Works Supervisors and the Fire Department. We have scheduled future meetings into April and May.

I met with Senator Cathy Osten, who briefed me on the State budget and requested capital budget information from us.

I attended a meeting with the William Britnell, CT DOT, and Attorney Bill Sweeney to discuss the location of one of the proposed roundabouts so that a new business can locate in the Marcus Plaza.

In May, Public Works Director Ryan Thompson is being deployed to Iraq for a period of 6 months. During his absence, Patrick McLaughlin will be the interim Public Works Director.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, members of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, representatives from the Mohegan Tribe, and Amy Jean McKowen from US EPA Region 1 will be visiting 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. 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.

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.

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Attachment