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To: Mayor and members of the City Council
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Attached please find the tentative schedule for the fiscal year 2016-17 budget presentation. As you will note, the presentations have been spaced out to allow for more time to concentrate information provided by the individual departments.

Also attached is report summarizing the City's financial standing as of February 29, 2016. It provides a comparison of key financial indicators for this fiscal year against the past two fiscal years.

On Friday, March 11, I completed my plan to visit all the fire houses in Norwich, with a visit to the Yantic Fire Company. I also held a meeting with all the fire chiefs regarding the implementation of new fire house reporting software.

I met with the executive director and staff from ARC of New London County and was given a tour of their facility. I was impressed with the programs and services they provide through this facility for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

I attended the East Great Plain Fire House banquet, which afforded me the opportunity to meet members of the department. The hospitality extended to me was terrific.

On an interesting note, the Norwich Golf Course, which normally closes for 3-4 months over the winter season, was only closed for about 8 weeks this winter. According to Michael Svab, this was the shortest timeframe the course was ever closed, which is obviously good for the bottom line. The course closed on January 4, 2016 and reopened on March 4th.

Over the course of the last two weeks, I was involved in the following meetings:

- I met with Laura Hancock, a representative from the International City Managers Retirement Corporation to discuss deferred contribution retirement plans.

- I met with the president and vice president of the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce. I find this chamber to be very active and believe it is an asset to the city.
- I attended an informational session for the City of Norwich hosted by Norwich Free Academy. NFA board members met with the Mayor, several council members and myself.
- I met with representatives at the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation to discuss the roundabouts planned for Route 82.
- I met with representatives from the AFSCME Council 4 Local 2422 to continue collective bargaining negotiations and resolve issues of mutual interest.
- I attended a planning meeting for the East District Schoolhouse project.
- I attended the monthly board meetings for the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECCOG) and the Southeast Area Transit (SEAT).
- I met with Gary Evans regarding the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program as well as the Lead Abatement Grant.
- I was visited by Michael Aliano and staff from the American Group. I found the American Group to be very dedicated to the city and a good partner with us.
- I attended the Broad Street Neighborhood Watch Group meeting. Preparations are underway for a Targeted Attention Team Walk through the Broad Street neighborhood on April 9th.
- I met with staff to discuss the request from the Norwich Rotary to hold a carnival in the downtown Norwich area on Memorial Day weekend.
- I met with staff and actuaries to discuss the city's pension plan and how we can plan for future expenditures.
- I attended the monthly Public Works and Capital Improvements Committee meeting, welcoming back Ryan Thompson from military active duty.

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

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