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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 Thursday July 7th the Mayor and I met with Chairman Scott Bates of the Connecticut Port Authority at the Norwich Marina. We discussed possible developmental plans for both commercial and industrial uses and reviewed the Connecticut's maritime policies.

On Saturday July 9th Mayor Hinchey, residents of the community and I, along with several city officials participated in a targeted neighborhood walk through of the Cliff Street neighborhood. The target area encompassed Cliff Street, N. Cliff Street, E. Cliff Street, Hawthorn Street, Hobart Street, Oak Street and Park Street. A common theme throughout the walk was the presence of trash, condition of vacant lots and vegetation overgrowth. A complete report of the walkthrough is attached for your information.

I met with our acting Police Chief Daley and First Selectman, Bob Congdon from Preston to discuss a Norwich police service in Preston.

An All Chiefs meeting was called to order to discuss various topics. The Chiefs will be working with me to establish a comprehensive vehicle inventory list and a potential replacement schedule. This NFD meeting will be scheduled for August.



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**Cliff Street Targeted Attention Team Walk
July 9th, 2016**

On Saturday, July 9, 2016, Mayor Deb Hinchey and City Manager John Salomone, along with staff from various departments including Police, Fire, Public Works, Planning & Neighborhood Services, and Public Utilities joined several residents of the Cliff Street neighborhood for a targeted attention team walk event. The focus of this walk was to examine the neighborhood and determine what the various departments could do to address issues with blight, crime, and the general condition of the area.

The Cliff Street neighborhood is unique from past walk through tours in that in addition to many multifamily dwellings, the area hosts several social service agencies including the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen and the Katie Blair House. According to the residents attending the walk, the neighborhood is also home to a high concentration of registered sex offenders.

Mr. Brian Kobylarz, one of the residents on the tour, pointed out that the Cliff Street area contains three gateways into the City center; each gateway needs attention. The first gateway is the corner of Park and Main Streets where the first thing you see is a vacant building overgrown by trees and weeds. The second gateway is the corner of Oak Street and Boswell, which contains two vacant lots overgrown with weeds. One of these lots is owned by the City of Norwich. The third gateway is the corner of Cliff and Acadia Streets, which also contains a vacant home that has been boarded up with plywood. Occasionally there have been squatters in this property.

Other residents complained about theft and damage to personal property.

The sidewalks throughout this neighborhood are in poor condition, showing signs of overall neglect. Trash cans are left on the sidewalks; however, in some cases it appears that the residents have no other location to move the cans without hauling them up flights of stairs.