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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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I attended the monthly Harbor Management Meeting, School Facility and Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG) meetings. I had my monthly meetings with Department Heads, Fire Chiefs and Bob Mills of NCDC. Mr. Mills will be submitting a quarterly report along with staff reports starting with the quarter ending September 30<sup>th</sup>. Union negotiations were also held for Public Works.

I have had discussions with Brigid Marks, Human Resources Director, regarding updating the job description for the Fire Chief. I have decided to post the job both internally and externally and will be talking to the four Battalion Chiefs regarding the upcoming transition. The position will be posted in the next two weeks and each Battalion Chief will be acting Chief for approximately a two week period. The position announcement will close in mid to late September followed by preliminary screening and final interviews in early to mid-October. Depending on whether we select an internal or external candidate, the new Chief will begin around the beginning of November.

The development agreement for 347 Central Ave has been fully executed. The City purchased the lot at 226-230 Yantic Street which will be used for the Uncas Leap project and title to the Reid & Hughes building has been transferred from the City to the Women's Institute.

The Ellis Ruley Memorial Park located at 28 Hammond Ave. was dedicated on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ruley was an African-American folk artist who lived at the property before his untimely death. Congratulations to the committee, and thank you to those that contributed funds, items and services or donated their time in completing this project. Their perseverance has paid off.

The City's first Peruvian Street Festival was held on July 29<sup>th</sup> on Franklin Street. This event was part of the grant funded *Global City Norwich Program* which is funded with \$100,000 from Chelsea Groton Bank and \$25,000 from the City. Hundreds of visitors filled the street along with numerous vendors and entertainment.

The Norwich Winterfest Committee has turned over the parade to the Norwich Events Organization, Inc. The Winterfest Parade has been in existence for over 30 years and it is a wonderful community tradition. It will be held on Saturday, December 1st this year.

The City's Lock Box tax payments for the month of July were 4,030 payments totaling \$8,145,512.72. Payments at Norwich People's Bank branches during July were 905 payments totaling \$1,012,824.49. This produced shorter lines at the Tax Office and allowed the City to invest 9 million dollars more quickly.

Congratulations to the Occum and East Great Plains Fire Departments on their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and to Rita Frechette who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Rita was the director of City's Emergency Management for many years.