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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I met with Occum Fire Chief, Robert LaChapelle and staff regarding equipment needs for the Occum Volunteer Fire Department. This resulted in reallocation from previous year's funds to allow for the purchase of equipment in the proposed Resolution 1 on this agenda.

I attended the monthly SEAT meeting and the Southeastern CT Council of Governments meeting on September 19th where CT DOT Commissioner James Redeker was guest speaker and spoke on the State Budget Impact on Towns. I also attended the SCCOG meeting along with the City Assessor regarding the tax exempt impact of non-profits on towns.

The Harbor Management Committee held a public presentation by consultant Geoff Steadman who stated the Commission's top priorities were to find a new location for the boat launch and improve the public docks at Brown Park. The Harbor Management Commission is still conducting a survey of residents on the harbor issues through the City's website and hard copies are available in the City Manager's office.

Josh Pothier and I met with Norwich Public School staff regarding their upcoming budget and the City department's budget estimates for the next fiscal year.

The approved Parking Lot License Agreement between the Parking Lot Commission and Nassi Connecticut Realty, LLC for the use of up to 150 parking spaces at the Market Street and Main Street Parking Garages has been signed by both parties. The 5 year term begins when the State of CT executes the Lease with the Nassi Company.

Congratulations to OneKey, LLC, the developers of the Lofts at Ponemah Mills. I attended the ribbon cutting along with local dignitaries for the ground breaking event that was held to celebrate the completion of phase one and the launch of phase two. Their commitment and dedication to this development project is an asset to Taftville and the surrounding area.

The 28th annual "Walktober" has begun. The City of Norwich participates with the Last Green Valley on this annual event which includes over 200 walks and events throughout the National Heritage Corridor. Norwich has over 30 walks scheduled including a tour of City Hall along with numerous heritage sites and points of interest throughout the City. Thank you to the volunteers that make this event possible. Brochures are available at the City Clerk's Office, the Docent Booth and in my office or you can contact my assistant for more information.