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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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The Mayor, Council members Gould and Nash and I, along with local dignitaries meet with Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and took a walking tour of downtown. Several stops were made at new businesses so she could see the economic climate of the downtown. We also visited Atlantic Linen Service in the Business Park who received a state low interest loan for the acquisition of machinery and equipment and a \$100,000 grant-in-aid for employee training to add 10 new positions and retain 110 others.

Informational Parking Discussions were held on Tuesday, August 20th in Council Chambers. The 2 workshop sessions had approximately 18 attendees and included city officials, downtown business representatives and residents to discuss the current and future parking needs in the City and trends around the country.

Six qualification proposals for a modern roundabout for Franklin Square were opened on August 27th. This is the first step in enhancing and updating the intersection to create a two-way traffic pattern from Franklin Square to Main Street.

My office has received notification from the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services of the 2019 Approved Neighborhood Assistance Act Programs. The 15 Norwich applications with requests that totaled \$1,037, 281 have been notified via email by my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa. Businesses requesting a tax credit under the Neighborhood Assistance Act must complete a separate form NAA-02 for each program it wishes to sponsor on or after September 15, 2019 but not later than October 1, 2019. A list of all the approved programs is available on the DRS website.

Numerous events will be taking place in Norwich in the next two weeks. *"Discover your HeaARTist"* will be held First Friday, September 6th. The *44th Annual Greek Food Festival* will be held at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church from September 5th to 8th, the *28th Annual Taste of Italy* will be held on Saturday, September 7th at Brown Park, the *16th Annual Norwich Family Day* takes place on Sunday, September 15th at Mohegan Park along with the *Harry "O" Fun Run* and the Cup of Nations Soccer Event will also take place that same weekend. *Celebrate Cultural Diversity* will be held for the 7th year on Monday, September 16th at Brown Park. Please visit any or all of these upcoming events.

The Fire Apparatus Study needs analysis and replacement schedule that was requested per the Council in February, 2019 has been handed out. Thank you to all the Fire Chiefs and Comptroller for their assistance with the report.