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To: Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council
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Before the last council meeting I attended on the 18th, I had the privilege to attend the awarding of the National Medal for Museum and Library Services to Otis Library. Congratulations again to Bob Farwell and the staff of Otis Library on this major accomplishment!

Union negotiations have continued over the past weeks for the Police and Fire Departments as well as the Public Works Supervisors and the Municipal Employees Union. Next month I will update the City Council to the developing process.

On July 19th I met with Fire Chief Scandariato and the Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance; John Raymond to discuss a vehicle inventory lists and potential replacement schedules.

On July 20th I was given the opportunity to receive a presentation from the bright and enthusiastic students attending the Innovation Project at Norwich Free Academy. The Innovation Project curriculum combines real-world challenges focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with entrepreneurial concepts to promote self-expression and self-confidence. Their PowerPoint slide show presentation was focused on community development within the city of Norwich. One of the main topics was the closed YMCA. I invited them to present their presentation to the City at a future Council meeting.

I also met with Dale Plummer & Sue Massey of the Norwich Heritage Trust that day to discuss their concerns for Reid & Hughes building. A follow up meeting was held on Tuesday the 9th that also included Bob Mills of NDCD and City Planner Deanna Rhodes.

On Thursday the 21st I met with Beryl Fishbone to review a request by the Mohegan Park Advisory Committee regarding participation in state and national programs and some promotional programs for the City of Norwich.

On Monday August 8th the Mayor, Alderman Braddock and I met with James Quarto of the Norwich Redevelopment Agency to review brownfields within the City and hear a presentation by Mr. Quarto.

Also, on that day the Mayor and I met with Alderman Gould, Bob Mills of NCDC, our Assessor Donna Ralston, Gary Evans of Community Development and City Planner, Deanna Rhodes to discuss building permit estimates for a potential development within the city.

On Tuesday August 9th I met with Donna Ralston and our Human Resources Director; Brigid Marks to discuss staffing for the Tax Assessor's office.

On Wednesday August 10th I met with the City's Financial Department, Corporation Council and members of the Norwich Baseball Stadium Authority to review yearly financials and other topics for Dodd Stadium.

Also on Wednesday, City Officials and I attended the ribbon cutting at the new Norwich Public Utilities Mountain Ash Solar Farm. The solar and stored energy generated by the new systems will be used to provide a cleaner and more resilient power infrastructure for its municipal utility members and the wholesale electric customers.