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Mr. Clerk,

As you know, the mayor from time to time is granted the ability to, “provide a general statement of the situation, state and condition of the city”, according to section nine of our city’s charter.

Traditionally, mayors have given this address at Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen meetings, Chambers of Commerce events, or in other in-person venues. Because of coronavirus, commonly known as COVID-19, I have decided to release my address via social media and written remarks.

The decision to provide my address at this time, is not because of the pending municipal election, but because I am hoping to provide the best opportunity to bring our community together, while also ensuring a comprehensive accounting of where we have been and where we are going.

Dating back to the founding of our nation, presidents primarily submitted only a written report to Congress, up until 1913. Tonight, I wish to blend that rich tradition with modern technology. Enclosed you will find the 2021 State of the City Address, along with a USB drive which contains the video footage to be posted on the City’s Facebook page. My office is requesting that you embargo the transcript and video footage until 5:00pm this evening, when I plan to release my remarks publicly.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if there are any questions. Thank you for attention to the matter.

Respectfully,

Richard Dziekan  
Mayor, City of Derby

CC: Andrew Baklik, Chief of Staff; Joseph DiMartino, President of the Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen