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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments (SECCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors and meeting with Fire Chiefs. I also toured Naverra, formerly known as Solar Seal Architectural with Congressman Courtney on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The company which makes architectural glass for commercial buildings is moving its operations from Massachusetts to 40 Wisconsin Avenue in the Business Park.

A special City Council Meeting was called on July 25<sup>th</sup> to authorize and support applications for the Community Investment Fund 2030. The City's application for a New Public Safety Complex, and Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) applications for Historic Downtown Norwich Broadway Revitalization Project and the Reid & Hughes Brownfield Remediation and Historic Preservation were unanimously approved by the Council. Applications were submitted to the State Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for the State Bond Commission and Governor approvals which should be sometime in November. This is a five-year program designed to support historically disadvantaged communities across the state with up to \$175 million available each fiscal year.

Tax payments at Peoples Bank have increased by 18%. There were 1661 payments totaling \$2,046,550.19 processed in person at Peoples branches this year versus 1357 payments of \$1,788,317.94 last year allowing the City to invest the funds within 24 hours.

The Senior Center has distributed almost 450 Farmers Market coupons totaling nearly \$9,000 for qualifying seniors in Norwich. ARPA funds for Senior Transportation provided over 450 additional rides to medical appointments for senior residents since February.

Youth & Family Services new Drug Free Communities Coordinator started on July 18<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to meet with several schools to bring prevention programming to Norwich students. The Summer Jam & Learn program ended on August 11<sup>th</sup> with a Wrap up Party and Art Show at St. Mark's Church on Broadway.

Norwich Police hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out at Brown Park on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. National Night Out enhances the relationship between law enforcement and neighbors in communities under positive circumstances. Several hundred families enjoyed the activities, free food, and demonstrations along with local civic groups, and City fire and emergency vehicles on site. The event had live broadcast with local radio station Jammin 107.7. Thank you to the sponsors and participants.

A promotion ceremony was held on August 4<sup>th</sup> for Lieutenant Nicholas Rankin, Sergeant Stephanie Reichard, Sergeant Christopher Hawrylik and Sergeant Richard Cannata. Congratulations to them and their families.

Congratulations to the Laurel Hill Volunteer Fire Department on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and to Yantic Fire Engine Company #1 for winning the 2022 Connecticut Treasures award.

Attached is the Fire Chiefs report from the August Public Safety meeting.