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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, and a site visit with Congressman Courtney at downtown apartment development.

July tax bill collection has been steady at City Hall and the tax office would like to remind everyone that current bills can be paid at M & T Bank who offers the same service as the former People's Bank. Payments can be paid in person, online, and through the mail until August 1st without interest.

Norwich Public Works Department has provided extensive resources for the numerous festivals and events held in the City by providing the following when needed: stage, temporary fencing, trash and recycling receptacles, extension cords, and traffic control devices such as barricades and no parking signs and clean-up. Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted with cleanup after these events.

The City's paving contractor, has completed 2.3 miles of paving, this construction season, including the Sunrise area, Grant Court, Melrose Place, Trading Cove Drive, Gillette Road, and Rosewood Place.

The Chelsea Harbor & Downtown Mobility Study has begun. Data collection is underway by the consultant, with public involvement planned for the fall. The study is expected to be completed in the spring.

Norwich Human, Youth and Recreation Services *Summer Jam & Learn* has 17 participants and has provided accessibility for a youth who otherwise would have not been able to attend a camp program. Our Summer Camp Program is at full capacity with \$55,000 in scholarship funding provided to Norwich youth. The City's Camp Sites are also food distribution sites this summer.

Spaulding Pond is open and has had over 2,500 beach patrons since the end of June. Norwich Police have increased beach patrol to build community relationships.

Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT, Dime Bank Foundation, Chelsea Groton Foundation and Eastern CT Saving Bank Foundation for \$5,500 in funding for NYFS Community Backpack Program.

Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization, sponsors and volunteers for the annual Fireworks Celebration that was held on July 7th at Brown Park and was attended by thousands.

I have attached the City Departments, and Otis Library reports for quarter ending June 30, 2023.