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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) Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative committee and Board of Directors Meeting, and CT Investment Fund (CIF) Stakeholders.

The Board of Assessment Appeals completed the 2023 Revaluation hearings. There were 118 scheduled hearings with 20 changes made by the Board. The elderly/totally disable tax relief program ended on May 15th. There were 204 applicants, 133 residents who reapplied and 71 residents applying for the first time.

On Tuesday May 7th, City and SCOGG staff with assistance from the transportation consultant for the Chelsea Harbor/Downtown Norwich Mobility Study walked around downtown strategically meeting with business owners, residents and visitors to spread information about the project and to them to the public meeting scheduled for June 5th from 5-7 P.m. in Room 335 at the City Hall.

The Community Project Fund request, which Public Works submitted to Congressman Joe Courtney's office has been selected for inclusion in his projects being sent to the Appropriations Committee. The request was for \$600K to finish the replacement of the floating docks in Howard Brown Park.

The City's paving Contractor Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc., has completed the first section of paving for this construction season. The streets paved were in Yantic, and included Sunnyside Street, Sunnyside East and West Roads, and Chapel Hill Road.

Human Services partnered with Norwich Public Schools to host a multicultural night with over 100 attendees and Youth and Family Services held the annual National Youth Service Awards on May 8th for 8 high school students who are leaders in our community. Congratulations to Isis Bandele Asante, Kinnick Campbell, Ethan Danner, Caleb Haggett, Patrick Lawson, Gracy Redd-Fisher, Rose St. Eloi, and Sadeya Zakaria.

The City learned this week that their 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation is \$845,890, and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will be meeting to adjust the amounts that projects and programs will receive for the coming program year.

The 2024 Dog License Season is approaching. Reminder post cards will be going out the end of May and licensing for the current year will start June 1st through June 30th. Please be sure that your dog's rabies vaccination is good through July 1st, 2024. The cost to license a neutered/spayed dog is \$8.00 and \$19.00 for non-altered dogs. Also this will be the last year that the City Clerk's Office will be sending out reminder postcards. The Clerk's Office will be instituting a "Notify Me" option on the City website www.norwichct.org to receive reminders that your dog's license will be due going forward.