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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 Meeting (SCCOG), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Investment Committee, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors Meeting and Legislative Committee, NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, NPU-City Coordination and CIF Stakeholder Meeting.

Norwich Human Services' Collaborative Case Management model was noted as a best practice and is being scaled up, State-wide, in partnership with the 119k Commission of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. CCM 119K Commission was formed to address at-risk and disconnected youth and brings together municipal leaders from across the state to address Connecticut's unspoken crisis which threatens every town and city.

The DEEP will be holding a press conference on September 18th to announce funding for an assessment grant that was awarded to Norwich in the amount of \$64,250 to update the environmental assessment work at the Capehart Mill Riverfront Park project. The funding will allow the City of Norwich to update the remedial plan necessary to redevelop the 6.05-acre property into a municipal riverfront park.

The environmental clean-up of the former YMCA property has been completed and Public Works crews have completed backfilling areas of the site in preparation for continued development. Governor Ned Lamont announced the City, in partnership with Mattern Construction Inc. was approved for a \$2,000,000 CT Communities Challenge Grant for the former YMCA property in April of 2022. There is 1.5 million remaining for construction after the remediation.

Tanice Doman, Assistant Zoning/Blight Officer in conjunction with Otis Library, has been promoting the City's Bulky Waste Pickup Program, and educating on what property owner and occupant responsibilities are in maintaining their property to the curbside. Five volunteer community cleanups have been scheduled for September 14th, 20th, 21st, 25th, and 28th.

The United Way of Southeastern CT awarded Norwich the City Partner of the Year Award on September 12th at their Annual Celebration.

Human Services' Prevention Council was awarded a 5-year, \$625,000 grant from the CDC to continue their impactful substance use prevention work in Norwich.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the City's Municipal Liaison for the Neighborhood Assistant Program has notified the applicants of the approvals received from the Department of Revenue Services. Corporations can submit pledges to the Department of Revenue Services electronically between September 15th and October 31st.

Congratulations to our newly promoted Police Officers, Lieutenant Scott Meikle and Peter Karasuk.