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## CITY OF NORWICH CONNECTICUT

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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 and Engagements**

Over the past month, I participated in several key meetings and engagements, including:

- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG)
- Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative (CCM)
- Weekly and Executive Board meetings of the Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC)
- NPU-City Coordination meeting
- Meetings with City Department Heads and Fire Chiefs
- Connecticut Investment Fund (CIF) meeting
- Budget press conference
- Guest appearance on the Stu Bryer Show

Additionally, I was actively involved in union negotiations with:

- 911 Emergency Dispatchers
- Public Works employees
- City Hall employees

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### **Marina and Park Revitalization**

I had the pleasure of attending the groundbreaking ceremony at the Norwich Marina, marking the start of two significant projects: the installation of new fuel tanks and the demolition of Marina Towers. These efforts, funded through grant programs, are part of the city's ongoing commitment to revitalizing the waterfront.

Howard T. Brown Memorial Park has also been awarded two Small Harbor Improvement Project Program (SHIPP) grants totaling \$672,000. These funds will support:

- Replacement of aging docks
- Repairs to the scenic overlook on the Heritage Trail along the Yantic River

The City's required contribution under the SHIPP grant program will be 20% of the total project cost.

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### **Emergency Preparedness**

Police Chief Patrick Daly and Fire Chief Sam Wilson represented Norwich at the **2025 Connecticut Emergency Management Symposium**, co-sponsored by CCM, Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), and Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)

Key topics included cybersecurity strategies and preparations for the upcoming hurricane season.

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### **Board of Assessment Appeals Activity Summary:**

The Board of Assessment Appeals received 48 scheduled appointments for property assessment appeals. Of these, 7 applicants did not attend. Among the 41 cases that proceeded, 3 resulted in assessment changes, 28 were upheld with no change, and 10 properties were referred for further inspection by the Assessor's Office to verify property condition and/or potential valuation adjustments.

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### **Senior Center Tax Assistance**

The Rose City Senior Center successfully completed 559 tax appointments, delivering a total estimated savings of \$167,700 to residents who utilized this valuable service.

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### **Attachments**

I have attached the quarterly reports from City Department Heads and Otis Library for January to March 2025.