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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager *John Salomone*  
**Subject:** City Manager's Report  
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Per the Councils resolution on April 16<sup>th</sup>, I have been working with Josh Pothier and department heads to reduce the budget with several scenarios ranging from 1% to 5% cuts and the effects to the City which was sent to you on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

I attended the Southeastern CT Council of Governments and SEAT monthly meetings.

I had my monthly update meeting with Bob Mills of NCDL and also attended their board meeting.

I was invited to be on the Stu Bryer show at WICH on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

I met with Charlie Whitty from the Norwich Housing Authority who advised me of his upcoming retirement. Charlie has been the Executive Director at the Housing Authority for the past 18 years and will be retiring in June. In addition to a successful private law practice, he also served several years in city administration including the title of Norwich City Manager. We wish him well and thank him for his years of service.

I attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration at the Rose City Senior Center. A delicious breakfast was served to thank the approximate 140 volunteers at the center. Thank you to those that volunteer, the City appreciates your service.

A held a meeting for all the Fire Chiefs to discuss several items including the Fire Truck Bond. The meetings will be held on a monthly basis per discussion with the chiefs.

Chief Pat Daley invited me to visit Police Dispatch to review their communications system.

The City was notified by Governor Malloy's Office that his administration nominated 3 census tracts (6967, 6968 & 6970) in Norwich for the federal Opportunity Zone Program. Seventy-two zones were selected in 27 municipalities for this program that provides federal tax incentives for investors. The City submitted the application in March.

The Redevelopment Agency held a public forum on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss the city's brownfield sites that could be targeted for environmental assessments. A presentation was given by Tighe and Bond (City's consulting firm) to advise the RDA the best way use the \$384,000 federal Environmental Protection Agency grant for development of the brownfield sites.

The City will be participating with the Mohegan Tribe for "*Operation Orange*". The Connecticut Sun will be hosting the opening game of its 16<sup>th</sup> season in the WNBA at the Mohegan Sun Arena on May 20<sup>th</sup> and they have asked several key landmarks around the state to be lit up in orange on the evening of May 19<sup>th</sup>. My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa has been working with John Johnson, Facility and Grounds Manager to ensure that Norwich City Hall will be illuminated with orange lighting that evening. She has also referred the Mohegan's request to the Greater Norwich Chamber of Commerce and NCDC to have downtown businesses light up their windows also. We wish them best of luck in their 17<sup>th</sup> season.

The Mayor has asked to express his thanks on behalf of the City of Norwich to those who joined him on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for the "Downtown Norwich Clean Up". The event was organized by Norwich Community Development in conjunction with the Last Green Valley. Thank you to the staff at NCDC, employees of Eastern Saving Bank, employees and clients of the ARC of Southeastern CT, Norwich Public Works Director, Ryan Thompson and his staff, Bill Kenny-Norwich's Ambassador of Good Will, and members of the public that participated in the clean-up. Thank you for participating in making the downtown cleaner.