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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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I attended the monthly SCCOG, SEAT and Harbor Management meetings. I attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities meeting that was held at the Groton Town Hall for Municipal Unity Week. CCM CEO, Joseph DeLong and CCM Deputy Director, Ron Thomas gave an update of the key-state-local issues before legislators.

I met with department heads regarding the budget. Sharon Peccini, Sr. Vice President from United Way also attended the meeting and thanked the City employees for their continued support and donations. I also met with the Fire Chiefs regarding their apparatus inventory for the fire study.

I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast that was held May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Senior Center. There were 132 senior volunteers that were recognized for their efforts. Thank you to those that volunteer and those who donated items and participated in this yearly event to make it a success.

The City is applying for a competitive Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant (2021) through the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments. The project, if awarded, will improve mobility along New London Turnpike from Norwichtown to Melrose Park Road in the vicinity of Three Rivers Community College by improving sidewalks, ADA accessibility, and providing almost 3 miles of bicycle facilities. The total project cost is \$982,800 with the City providing a 20% match for Construction + Design. I attended the presentation today at SCCOG.

Eight students from Teachers Global Studies Magnet Middle School had a tour of several City Departments on April 24<sup>th</sup>. City Clerk, Betsy Barret led the tour with my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa and the Mayor's secretary, Bonnie Cuprak. The students visited the Clerk's Office, Assessors, Finance and Treasurers Office, City Manager's Office and Council Chambers. Department heads gave a brief overview of their office function and the students ended in Council Chambers where Mayor Nystrom, Alderwomen Stacy Gould and Joanne Philbrick answered questions and encouraged the student's to take part in City government.

The City received several new pieces of professional artwork from artists from the China Artists Association as a cultural exchange and act of appreciation. Mayor Nystrom and Alderman Sam Browning received the art from the visiting artists who also visited Slater Museum and Norwich Free Academy as part of the tour.

Eleven youths from Norwich schools and organizations were recognized for their efforts on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of National Youth Service Day in Council Chambers. Recipients were Bailey Buchan, John Coleman, Vivian Ha, Cameron Kurasz, Samira Burlingame McCord, Leopoldine Bertrand, Norine Andrade, Elsie Sperry, Eddie Cruz, Cami Hawkins, & Mykayla Guimond. Congratulations on your accomplishments. Angelo Callis from Norwich Youth and Family Services coordinated the event to honor the recipients.