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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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The budget has been approved by the City Council and City Clerk, Betsy Barrett has published the required legal notice.

Staff and I met to discuss Assessment Deferral requests to inform the Council of the procedures in place which was presented by Assessor, Donna Ralston at the Mayors Informational/Workshop meeting on Saturday June, 15th.

I attended the monthly Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board Meeting. State of Connecticut Treasurer, Shawn Wooden had a question and answer session regarding the State Budget. We were also provided with a Pass/Fail List of bills that are tracked by the CCM Public Policy & Advocacy Staff.

I attended the Retirement Reception for Superintendent Abby Dolliver. Thank you for your years of service with the City's Board of Education.

The Contract between the UPSEU/Cops Local #24 has been ratified and staff and I met with representative from the Fire Department to discuss the ground rules for their Collective Bargaining Unit.

Spaulding Pond beach at Mohegan Park will be opening June 19th for the summer season. I would like to thank the Norwich Sunrise Rotary and Rotary Community Corps for the improvements and donations to the swimming area. Sand, new picnic tables and trash cans, a portable sink and a sign with beach rules were donated by the groups. The beach will be open seven days a week from noon to 6 pm weather permitting.

The "Brought to Light" Ellis Walter Ruley in Norwich Quilt is in the process of being displayed on the second floor of City Hall. Thank you to those that contributed, especially the quilters and committee that worked on this unique piece of art that honors the story of his life and work. The Ellis Ruley Committee will be hosting a reception in the near future to acknowledge and thank the participants.

I would like to thank David Bishop who volunteered to refinish the Buckingham Memorial sign. I have attached a copy of the sign which will be hung this week. Mr. Bishop repainted the Norwichtown Green sign 2 years ago and has also volunteered to repaint the Norwich Harbor Mural.

Thank you also to the volunteers and sponsors of the 31st Annual Norwich Juneteenth Celebration which was held on Saturday, June 15th.

Upcoming annual summer events in the City are the Rose Arts Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 29th at Chelsea Parade during the day and throughout the downtown in the evening. A complete list of entertainment is on their website www.roseartsfestival.com. The annual Norwich Harbor Fireworks will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd from 5 pm to 10 pm with a rain date of July 6th.