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**To:** Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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The Mayor and I have met several times during the past two weeks in addition to our weekly meetings.

The budget hearings continued and per the Council's resolution on April 17<sup>th</sup>, I have been working on reducing the budget by 5% with Josh Pothier and department heads.

I met with the principals of the Ponemah site and staff regarding the State accepting applications for the latest round of grants under the Connecticut Brownfield Remediation Program that are due May 16, 2017. This is the DECD's eleventh round of competitive grant funding for the state's Brownfield Remediation Program, under which the state partners with local municipalities and economic development agencies to put blighted properties back into productive use. Under this round, a total of \$4 million will be earmarked for remediation projects and \$1 million will be reserved for assessment projects.

I attended the SECOG meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> a ceremony was held in my office to establish an Eruv District with members of Congregation Brothers of Joseph and the Norwich Jewish community. The Mayor, Alderwomen Gould and Philbreck, and Aldermen Braddock and Martin were also in attendance. An Eruv ceremony delineates an area in which Orthodox Jews may carry on certain activities normally forbidden on the Sabbath.

I interviewed the 2 finalists for the CD Supervisor position and expect to make a decision in the next week.

I attended the CCM press conference meeting in Hartford on April 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the General Assembly's Finance Committee public hearing.

I met with Gary Schnip and Tom Cummings from the Stadium Authority at Dodd Stadium regarding lighting at the stadium.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, met with a videographer for a potential video for the City's website and is participating in the City's new web site design.