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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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Staff and met to discuss the application for an EPA Planning Assistance for Recreation Economy to connect the eastside business district to the waterfront and downtown. This would provide access to active and passive recreational opportunities for residents as well as visitors to the City. The entire area is located in the Opportunity Zone which would provide incentives for investments for the redevelopment of housing stock and commercial parcels along our waterways. If awarded, a Steering Committee would be formed to oversee the plan that would result in a sustainable future for residents and business owners.

I had my monthly meetings with City Department Heads and Fire Chiefs and attended the monthly Parking Commission and NCDC meetings. I attended a roundtable discussion at UCFS where Senator Murphy discussed the Affordable Care Act. I had the honor of attending the 77th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway and the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings that was held at the Historic Ship Nautilus and Submarine Force Museum on June 5th.

I also attended the Connecticut Town & City Management Association annual meeting where several informative presentations were given including Ethics, Accountability and Conflicts of Interest by Murtha Cullina LLP.

Congratulations to the City's newest firefighters, Glenn Maiorano and Arthur Muench who received their badges on May 24th. Congratulations to Battalion Chief Marc Benjamin, Captain Patrick Curtin and Lieutenant Stephen Fricke who were promoted on June 6th. The Norwich Fire Department also held the Christening Ceremony of Marine 1 at Howard T. Brown Park on June 8th with several local dignitaries in attendance. The boat was named "Chief Scand" in honor of retired Fire Chief Kenneth Scandariato.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the city's liaison for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program has received 15 applications for the 2019 program year totaling \$1,037,281. The public hearing for the applications will be held June 17th and then they will be forwarded to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services before the July 1st submission date. The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program provides funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing corporation business tax credits for business that make cash contributions to the organizations that are approved by the Department of Revenue Services.

The 31st Annual Norwich Juneteenth Celebration will be held downtown on Saturday, June 15th from noon to 6 pm. The event is hosted by the NAACP and Global City Norwich and includes food and retail vendors and various performances throughout the day.

I have attached is the Treasurer's Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended March 31, 2019 for your review.