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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Thank you to our community for continuing the "Stay Safe, Stay Home" guidelines during the Covid-19 pandemic. On Tuesday, April 28th over 100 first responder vehicles from eastern Connecticut participated in a lights and siren motorcade at the entrance to William W. Backus Hospital to honor the staff with a drive by salute which included a flyover from LifeStar medical helicopter. Thank you again to our first responders and health care workers and all those that participated in this moving tribute. The video has been shared on the City's website.

The City will be receiving funding in the amount of \$506,569 from the CARES Act Funding. The Community Development Office is working closely with HUD and City staff to determine the highest needs for this funding to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. The resolution is on this evening's agenda which allows the funds to be added to program year 45 and will be reviewed by the Community Development Advisory Committee.

Meetings continue to be held via conference call or video conferencing and included meetings with Governor Lamont, State representatives and legislators, Region 4 Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Statewide COVID-19 Local Health Departments, SCCOG, School Budget Ad Hoc Committee and Department Heads. I also participated in an informative webinar from Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) "Preparing Municipalities for COVID-19 Long Term Recovery".

The City has been notified by FEMA that the City's application to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) will result in a 10% discount to those in in high-risk areas for policies issued or renewed on or after May, 1st. Thank you to the Planning Department for coordinating the application.

The State of Connecticut notified my assistant on May 1st that they are making some changes to this year's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAA) which will allow the municipality to submit the documents electronically. The City has received 5 applications to date and will continue to receive them until June 1st with the public hearing scheduled for June 15th. I will advise you if these dates change.

Norwich Youth and Family Services celebrated National Youth Service Day on May 1st, virtually. The day recognizes the importance of youth leadership as an important asset to our city. NYFS recognized the 10 youth with a YouTube video and sent to the award recipients and their families. The video has been posted on the City's Facebook page. Congratulations to the 10 deserving youth.