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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The Mayor and I attended the press conference and rally at Dodd Stadium that was held by U.S. Representative Joe Courtney, local dignitaries and representatives from the community regarding the effects of contraction of minor league teams in our region. Approximately 100 people turned out to show their support for our team the Sea Unicorns.

I held the Goal Setting Session for the Council on Saturday, February 8th. I received the draft report from the facilitator today and will be providing a copy once I have reviewed.

The Southeast Area Transit District (SEAT) informed the city and surrounding towns that on Transit Equity Day they had 3,928 boarding's which was a 34% increase to an average weekday in February.

As of February 3, 2020, the January installment of tax payments at Norwich People's Bank branches increased by 118 payments (30.3%) and \$204.8 thousand (34.9%) increase.

Fourth and fifth graders from Mahan School visited City Hall on February 7th and 11th. Thank you to Betsy Barrett, City Clerk for leading the tours and Jacquie Barbarossa, Executive Assistant and Bonnie Cuprak, Mayor's Secretary for assisting with the students.

The City's Community Development Office is accepting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for Program Year 46 which is September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. The anticipated amount from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is approximately \$828,000. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on March 11, 2020 at the Community Development Office located at 23 Union St. Details are available on the City's website, Facebook and through the Office of Community Development.

Building Official James Troeger, has announced his retirement after 25 years of service with the City. His last day with the City will be February 19th. Thank you for your years of service and enjoy your retirement.

My office has received an interesting piece of history from a retired attorney who presented us with a brass container approximately 4 inches high and 7 inches in diameter claiming it was evidence from a case from 30+ years ago. My assistant is working with City Historian, Dale Plummer who believes the item is from the mid 1800's to determine the case in question and I will provide more information when received.