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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Meetings held via conference call or video included updates from Governor Lamont and State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments, (SCCOG), South East Area Transit (SEAT) Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Connecticut City Managers Association (CTCMA), and Restaurant Reopening Committee. The CTCMA Meeting was held on Police reform and included information about upcoming legislation. The State Judiciary Committee held an online web conference on July 17<sup>th</sup> concerning Police Accountability and if approved as presented it will have an effect on the City's budget. CCM is closely monitoring the legislation and there will be a virtual meeting with the Legislative Committee on July 21<sup>st</sup> to address the members and the proposal which I will be attending.

Human Resources Director, Brigid Marks, Assistant Human Resource Director, Pat Osten and I met virtually with representatives from the Fire Department to discuss upcoming negotiations.

Due to the Governors Travel Ban I have advised employees that travel to high-risk states to quarantine for 72 hours and get a COVID-19 test before returning to work. Upon receipt of negative test results, employees may return to work.

The City of Norwich Tax Office wanted to thank everyone for their patience in this uncertain time. Despite all the changes that had to be initiated, the majority of the taxpayers have been very understanding. While the evening hours has had a steady flow of people, there has been a large increase in mail and payments made at Peoples United Bank branches.

Norwich Human Services has announced their partnership with Catholic Charities, Madonna Place, Norwich Public Schools, Norwich Public Utilities, Reliance Health, TVCCA and St Vincent de Paul Place, for the \$200,000 CDBG Norwich CARES Covid Relief Fund. Funds will provide City residents with temporary rental, utility and bill pay assistance. For more information, contact Norwich Human Services at 860-823-3778.

A three-way stop condition will be implemented at the Sherman and Asylum Street Intersection. This change was suggested during a traffic study for the replacement of the Sherman Street Bridge which is scheduled for the spring of 2022 to lessen the delays for vehicles travelling west on Sherman St.

Eight proposals for the Fire Study were received ranging from \$38,527 to \$93,000 and will be reviewed by the committee in the next few weeks.

Attached are the quarterly reports from City Departments, Otis Library and Norwich Community Development for quarter ending June 30, 2020.