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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Meetings attended via conference call or video were Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments, (SCCOG), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, and updates for the City going from Phase 2 versus Phase 3 due to the COVID-19 upsurge in Norwich. The City has opted to remain at Phase 3 which include restaurants, personal services, libraries, outdoor venues, indoor performing arts, private social and recreational gatherings for commercial and private residences, graduations and religious gatherings. We ask that you to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

The McGrath Consulting Group, Inc., the consulting firm to perform the analysis of the City's fire services, has been rescheduled to the end of October and will be meeting with City staff on the 26th & 27th.

Standard & Poor reaffirmed the City's AA bond rating based on the following: strong management environment, strong financial flexibility, very strong liquidity, with some issues as reliance on state aid, weak economy relative to state and national metrics and large pension and OPEB liabilities. The tax base is very diverse and the local real estate market and regional developments should keep local economy stable, and low levels of bonded debt are good indicators.

With the help of the United Way, Norwich will be distributing 1150 boxes of food to residents each Friday in October. The food comes from Farmers to Families and contains 22lbs of food (produce and meat) and a gallon of milk. The distribution center is at the parking lot owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation which is located at 29 Stonington Rd. The City of Norwich is partnering with UCFS and St Vincent de Paul's.

The Human Services Department was awarded \$14,190 from Chelsea Groton Foundation to assist families with scholarships for the childcare program being run at the Recreation Department. We are very grateful for this generous award to help out families with childcare costs.

Thank you to Uncas Health for the yearly Flu Shot Clinic for employees and first responders. The clinic was held at the Norwich Public Works Garage as a drive-thru which went smoothly with 59 vaccinations given.

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