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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), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting, and the NPU City Coordination meeting.

McGrath Consulting Group, Inc., the consulting firm to perform the analysis of the City's fire services, visited the fire and police departments November 11th-13th and will be meeting with staff again on November 17th & 18th.

Norwich Public Works has installed a four-way stop condition at the intersection of Hickory and Prospect Street to improve the safety for motor vehicles and pedestrians in this neighborhood. The improvement was suggested in a Traffic Study at the request of the Public Works Committee.

I received notice from the US Department of Justice for the Norwich Police Department's assistance with the 36 month imprisonment of a Norwich man involved in a southeastern CT drug trafficking ring.

The Community Development Office has received 5 applications requesting a total of \$834,838 in Cares Act Funding. The amount available is \$544,143 and the CDBG Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to review and recommend funding amounts to Council.

The City Clerk's Office has received a Historic Documents Preservation Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to preserve documents from 1938 to 1946.

Thank you to Unitarian Universalist Church who has donated \$15,000 to Norwich Human Services to assist Norwich families. This makes \$30,000 in total they have entrusted to NHS to assist our community. Thank you to Chelsea Groton Bank who donated \$4,700 to assist families to pay for internet services and thank you to the Salvation Army and Door Dash who will be working with NHS to get food to homebound Norwich people.

Thank you to John and Mary Johnson of Griswold for the donation of the City Hall holiday tree. This is the second tree they have donated over the past few years. JJ is the City's Facilities and Ground Manager and a member of the Light Up City Hall Committee. Norwich Public Utilities will be stringing the lights this week and the Light Up City Hall Committee will be having a virtual lighting ceremony on First Friday, December 4th due to COVID and social distancing requirements. The tree lighting will be posted on the City's Facebook page and website. The Committee will also light up the gazebo at Brown Park this year thanks to previous year's donations from sponsors and can be viewed on the City's boat launch web cam. Thank you to the committee and volunteers for their creativity and assistance with this year's virtual event.