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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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I hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Meetings attended via conference call or video were Governor Lamont updates, and State representatives and legislators. There continues to be an upsurge in COVID-19 cases in Norwich, surrounding towns and the state. Uncas Health District is preparing for the release of the vaccine and how it will be administered in the City once it's available. Please continue to practice social distancing and wear masks when required.

Several City staff and I attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Virtual Convention that was held December 1st through 3rd. There were several informative sessions that were held including a CCM Cares Event - Achieving Racial Equity presented by national experts.

Pat McLaughlin, Director of Norwich Public Works, has been notified by Southeastern Council of Governments that Norwich has been awarded Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for the New London Turnpike Complete Streets Project. This project will be funded with 80% Federal and a 20% municipal share. The Director also meet with representatives from SCCOG, CT DOT, NCDIC and City staff regarding applying for a planning study for the downtown/Route 2 corridor in the spring.

Congratulations to Norwich Police Officers Sgt. Christopher Merrill who was promoted to Lieutenant and Detective Christopher Chastang who was promoted to Sergeant at a ceremony on November 18th at Kelly Middle School.

Thank you to the Norwich Sunrise Rotary who donated 20 Thanksgiving baskets complete with gift cards for turkeys to Norwich Human Services to assist families who struggle to provide a nice meal for their families on Thanksgiving. Several City officials and employees also donated gift cards to help make Thanksgiving brighter for Norwich families. Norwich Human Services also wishes to thank Alderwoman Gould and Deanna Rhodes, Director of Planning, whose fundraiser provided \$4,475 in donations from almost 500 individuals to allow the purchase of food gift cards for families whose income was affected by COVID. Thank you for helping our community.

Thank you to the "Light Up City Hall" Committee and those that supplied videos and/or services to make the virtual "Light Up City Hall" event possible. The prerecorded video was released on our Facebook and home page of the City website at 6 pm on Friday December 4th and had numerous shares and views. The video was produced by committee members, Jeanne Kurasz from Norwich Public Utilities and my assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa. I also invite you to visit Brown Park to view the holiday lights and decorations which were donated by the committee and Norwich Public Utilities. We look forward to a new tradition at Brown Park and for the live event next year.