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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended via conference call or video were weekly Governor Lamont updates and the State Budget overview, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, NCDC Director Search Committee and Passport to Norwich update.

As of Friday, February 12th, Norwich Public Works, (NPW), has responded to 5 winter weather events over the last three weeks. The most notable storm started the morning of Monday, February 1st with clean-up lasting through the night, and snow accumulations of over one foot. NPW was assisted by one plow driver from NPU during this major storm event. The storm on Super Bowl Sunday produced about 7" of snow. While the costs of responding to these five storms was significant, (\$150,000), it was budgeted for. The major part of the expense is the salt to treat the roads. To date, over 1,800 tons of salt has been used this winter. The annual average is about 2,500 tons. Depending on what happens over the next month, we should be in a satisfactory position from a budgetary standpoint, as long as we don't have an extraordinary amount of storm events going forward. NPW has also completed four days of snow removal from Downtown and Greeneville streets over the last two weeks. This clean-up to make the streets safer for both vehicles and pedestrians have been done on regular time, incurring no additional overtime costs.

The City of Norwich Office of Community Development has received \$219,569 in special CDBG funds from the US Department of HUD under the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) for preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. Information for the Small Business Grant (SBG) Assistance is on the City's Facebook and Community Development Office website or call them directly at 860-823-3770 for more information.

Norwich Human Services has posted instructions on its web page on how to register for a vaccination through VAMS (Vaccine Administration Management System.)

The Recreation Department will be resuming small group activities starting on February 16th in the recreation hall where everyone will be required to wear masks.

A United Way Mobile Food Pantry distribution is being sponsored in Memory of Jason Vincent by Mayor Peter Nystrom & Linda Nystrom along with Jason's friends and family. The event will be held February 25th at the Rose City Sr. Center from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. Thank you to them and the volunteers that are making this event possible. The goal is to serve 400 families facing hunger in our community.