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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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The Council Meetings were reopened to the public on April 5th along with the budget hearings to comply with social distancing requirements. Council meetings are on the cable access channel and live streamed on the City website. All other meetings remain via conference call or video until City Hall reopens to the public.

Meetings attended via conference call or video were weekly Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Investment Meeting, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Budget Hearings Meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, Public Safety, NCDC Director Search Committee and Budget Hearings.

The City Manager's Office also participated in judging the annual Rotary 4-way Test Speech Contest. Valeria Yraitavalos from NFA will be competing in the district finals and the winners will be announced April 24th. The first place speaker will receive a \$500 award and three runners-up will each receive \$250. Best of luck Valeria.

Since March 15th the Senior Center has held twelve COVID Clinics - eleven with Uncas Health District and one with Griffin Health. To date, just over 4700 individuals have been vaccinated at the Sr. Center. Good work to all involved in the continued fight against this pandemic.

The Recreation Department is getting ready for spring outdoor programs. A combined spring /summer program booklet went out the end of March to over 13,000 households in Norwich. There are over 40 programs for youth and adults for spring and summer along with summer day camp, kinder camp for 3-5 year olds and over 12 summer sport and specialty camps. All programs follow the most recent Executive Orders regarding mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing. Spring programs start the week of May 3rd with registration processed via mail or on the city's website.

Norwich Youth and Family Services along with the Opioid Task Force had ads installed at City bus shelters informing people to call the police if they are witnessing an overdose and that they will not be arrested due to the Good Samaritan Law.

City Clerk, Betsy Barrett and my assistant Jacquie Barbarossa, gave a brief tour of City Hall to representatives from the Norwich Times regarding the history of the building for upcoming articles.

I have attached the City Departments, NCDC and Otis Library reports for quarter ending March 31, 2021.