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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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City Hall will reopen to the public on Monday, May 24th in accordance with the Governors rules which come into effect on May 19th 2021. I am still waiting for further clarification from the state on the requirements for public settings. The alert banner on the City website will be updated as the information becomes available.

Meetings attended via conference call or video were weekly Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors Meeting, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, NCDC Budget Meeting and Director Search Committee, American Rescue Plan guidance and Pension Obligation Meeting.

The City is due to receive approximately \$10 million in the next few weeks from the federal government for the American Rescue Plan to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Funding objectives include: support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control; replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic. I will be reviewing the guidelines and forming a committee to make recommendations on how to use the funding to present to Council for review and approval.

The Public Works Department has started the replacement of sidewalks on the east side of Boswell Ave. from Oak St to Roath St. The \$200,000 project is funded with CDBG funds and should be completed by the middle of June.

Uncas Health has a clinic scheduled for May 20th at the Senior Center. The 2 day mobile clinic held at St. Mary Church on May 5th & 6th vaccinated 165 individuals. Thank you again to UConn Health, FEMA and the Connecticut Department of Health for providing this clinic in our town and to St. Mary Church.

Thank you to SEAT who along with the State Department of Health, DEMHS (Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) and Griffin Health for their mobile unit for holding a vaccination clinic at the Norwich Transportation Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of May. To date, 50 individuals have been vaccinated. The mobile clinic is a creative way to reach people who have difficulties getting to other sites due to work schedules, lack of transportation or other barriers.

The City Manager's Office is accepting applications from Norwich Organizations for the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act. My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa has received 7 applications to date and will continue to receive them until June 1st with the public hearing scheduled for June 21st.