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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Meetings attended included, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) Board meeting, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), Region 4 Emergency support Plan, NCDC Board meeting, and NPU-City Coordination meeting. I meet with the Program Managers for the American Rescue Plan to inform them of the next steps the City will be taking in the process. I also attended the September 11th Memorial Program that was held at the City Hall Freedom Bell Plaza. Thank you to those that organized and participated in the moving tribute that effected so many of us 20 years ago.

Storm Ida, which occurred on September 1st & 2nd, severely impacted and flooded several parts of Norwich. Since the storm, various city agencies have been assessing the damage and making repairs, assisting residents and businesses with reporting damage, and recording the required information to report to FEMA for purposes of seeking a disaster declaration. As the recovery efforts continue, city agencies will continue to assist the residents and business owners with answering questions and providing them with up to date information as soon as it is available. Public Works is still completing some of the final stabilization of washed out areas and their preliminary FEMA request for time and materials is slightly more than \$100,000.

The Franklin Square Roundabout should be substantially complete this week. There is a Planners Day of Service planned for October 16th in honor of the late Jason Vincent, at which time some of the green areas will be planted with bulbs and native plant species.

The Dunham Street Reconstruction bid has been awarded. Unfortunately, there is a long lead-time for the granite curbing, so only limited construction will be accomplished this fall. The City has received a grant award for this project for \$1.44 million.

Annual road paving work has been completed in the Teddy Lane area bringing the seasonal total to 4.5 miles to date and will resume with High Street and the Coit Street and Pearl Street areas.

Recreation Fall Programs start this week with 40 plus programs for all ages starting with preschool to adults. Many programs will be held outdoors to decrease the transmission of Covid, and social distancing and mask guidelines will be followed. The program booklet went virtual for fall 2021 and can be found on our website at www.norwichct.org and through our social media pages. School flyers went out in the backpacks through Norwich Public Schools.

I have attached the Fire Chiefs report that was presented at the September Public Safety meeting and the Key Financial Indicators report for August 31st from Comptroller Josh Pothier.