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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The official swearing in ceremony for Council and Board of Education took place on Tuesday, December 7th and was followed by a reception. Congratulations and thank you to family members, friends, and local dignitaries that attended. Special thanks to Rabbi Rabinowitz for the opening prayer, and Sally Masse for singing the national anthem. Thank you to City Clerk, Betsy Barrett, Mayors Secretary, Bonnie Cuprak, Executive Assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa and staff for their assistance in organizing the event.

Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) Board meeting, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, (CCM) Annual meeting, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), Region 4 Emergency support Plan, NCDC Board meeting, NPU-City Coordination meeting, Harbor Management and the Fire Chiefs. I would also like to mention that two city employees, Brigid Marks, Human Resources Director and Jacquie Barbarossa, Executive Assistant to the City Manager were recognized at the annual CCM conference for obtaining Certificates of Completion as Certified CT Municipal Officials.

To safeguard the health and well-being of employees and their families, our residents and visitors and the community from the considerable risks associated with COVID-19 all employees and elected officials were notified that beginning January 1, 2022 all City employees and elected officials who are not vaccinated are required to submit weekly testing results. The full policy is on the Human Resources page of the City website at www.norwichct.org.

I would like to announce the appointment of Tara Booker who has been hired as the new Director of Norwich Human Service. Tara began her duties on December 6th and is working with parting director Lee-Ann Gomes until her retirement on December 30th. Congratulations to Tara on her new role and thank you to Lee-Ann for 36 years of service with the City of Norwich.

Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization and to those that participated in the annual Winterfest Parade that was held on November 28th. Thousands enjoyed the downtown parade and it was a great way to kick off the start of the holiday season.

The 30th annual Light Up City Hall Event was held on First Friday, December 3rd. Thank you to the committee, sponsors, performers, and volunteers who make this event possible and to The *Rows City Knitters at Otis Library* who donated scarves to keep our residents warm throughout the season. Thank you to Chris Nintean from Preston and Michael Gualtieri from Norwich who donated the holiday trees for City Hall and the downtown rotary.

I have attached the Fire Chiefs report from our November meetings.