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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Committee Meeting (CCM). Comptroller, Josh Pothier and I have started the budget review process with staff.

Effective February 28th, based on the significant improvement in the infection rates of COVID-19, the City's mask policy in City owned buildings was changed to "Please wear a mask if not vaccinated". The health and safety of our employees, their families and our community is our main concern. We will continue to monitor conditions in our region very closely and adjust our policies and procedures whenever necessary.

Norwich Public Works hosted a regional Point of Distribution on March 2nd for DEMHS Region 4 to distribute COVID test kits and supplies to schools in the region.

Norwich Fire and volunteer departments are organizing a program to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Van Tassel fire and explosion that claimed the lives of 4 Norwich firemen. The ceremony will be held at Fire Headquarters on Sunday, April 3rd. Further details will follow when available.

Norwich Recreation Winter Session has been a big success with many programs at the maximum enrollment. The 4th Annual Spring Egg-stravaganza will be held on April 9th at Dickenman Field. Registration is available on the Recreation Departments web page at www.norwichct.org.

Norwich Youth and Family Services hosted a Community Panel to address recent concerns regarding substance use in our community. Experts on the panel included Reliance Health, Perceptions Program, and doctor from the Hartford Health Care ER Department. A Narcan was included as part of the panel. The link to the panel can be found on the NYFS YouTube channel. They have an upcoming event "Hidden In Plain Sight Training" (Substance Use Prevention Program) scheduled for March 10th.

Norwich Human Services is actively seeking worksites for the summer youth employment program. These partnerships provide critical opportunities for disadvantaged youth to learn employability skills and earn summer income while supporting area businesses and organizations with summer staff at no cost to them. Information is available on the City's Facebook page.

Norwich Human Services would like to recognize Erin Haggan, Coordinator of Youth and Family Services, for her advocacy to bring awareness to the genetic disorder, Trisomy. Her efforts helped to establish the declaration of March 2022 as Trisomy Awareness Month in the State of CT by Governor Lamont.

I have attached the notes from the Fire Chiefs meetings held in January and February.