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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Welcome to 2019 and another challenging and exciting year for the City. Superintendent Abby Dolliver has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2019. The Board of Education has started the process to find a replacement for the position. The 3 finalists for the Fire Chief position were notified and second interviews were held on January 3rd. Congratulations to Kafi Davis our newest firefighter. Her Badge Pinning Ceremony was held on December 11th.

Light Up City Hall was a success once again along with the Cat's Meow ornaments which are almost sold out. Over 100 children had their photos taken with Santa and the children and families enjoyed free entertainment throughout the evening. Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers that make this event a success.

Norwich Human Services helped over 280 kids have a great holiday with the help of generous sponsors. Human Services also received the "How Can We Help" grant which is \$150,000 per year for 3 years to fund recovery coaches and the City's efforts with the Partnership for Success Program to address the opioid epidemic.

Norwich Public Schools has supplied the City with new artwork from the students. The artwork is on display on the bulletin boards located across from the Tax Office, outside Council Chambers, and in Human Resources and the City Manager's Office. My assistant also posted the artwork on Facebook.

The Mayor and I met with Senator Osten, and State representatives Kevin Ryan and Doug Dubitsky regarding potential future bonding for the City. The State has awarded the City with \$500,000 of funding towards the new police radio project.

I attended board meetings at CCM including a meeting with Governor-elect Ned Lamont. I also attended the December Southeastern CT Council of Governments and SEAT meetings.

My assistant and I meet with Jim O'Shea of Achievement Unlimited of CT regarding the agenda for the Council Workshop on February 9th 2019 where we will be discussing the progress of last year's goals and objectives.

The City has again partnered with People's United Bank 3 Norwich locations to accept current Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle tax bills during the month of January in addition to mail or in-person payments at City Hall. A press release has been sent to the newspapers and posted on the City's website with additional information.