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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended a meeting at the Capitol along with the Mayor and local legislators regarding the proposed legislation regarding the future of casino gambling in Connecticut. I attended a special meeting of the Harbor Management Commission regarding the Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grants through the CT Port Authority. The dock at Brown Park is in need of repair and the project falls within the scope of the grant. An engineered cost estimate of the repair is the first step in the process at a cost of \$1,500.

I attended the monthly Public Safety Meeting and met with the Fire Chiefs regarding the Council Resolution that was approved on February 19th regarding the analysis of the City's fire apparatus. Each Chief has an apparatus spreadsheet to complete and return by the next meeting.

The Mayor and I met with NPU Representative and Planning staff regarding the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program. Sustainable CT is a voluntary certification program that recognizes thriving and resilient municipalities in Connecticut. The program is designed to allow communities to get recognition for existing sustainability policies, programs and projects, such as brownfields redevelopment, arts and culture, education programs, energy efficiency measures, green fleets, and more. An informational session will be scheduled for the City Councils April, 15 meeting.

I provided a letter of testimony in support of "HB 7319 An Act Concerning Fiscal Independence of School Districts". The Bill will increase transparency in our education budgets by having Board of Education's go directly to the voters for support of their budgets and defend their proposed expenditures.

The 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal applications are available through the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services website. A press release was sent to the newspapers and posted on the City's website and Facebook. The City Manager's Office will be accepting Neighborhood Assistance Applications until May 31st, 2019 with a public hearing scheduled for June 3rd to ensure the applications can be submitted to the State before the July 1, deadline.

The Spring Recreation Brochure is now available. Ten thousand copies were printed with 3,500 distributed via the Norwich Bulletin. The brochures are distributed to every public and parochial student and are available at local restaurants and City Hall.

The Finance Department received notification from the Federal EPA that they had conducted an audit of the City's City Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant. There were no findings or recommendations reported.

I've attached the Key Financial Indicators report for the eight months ended February 28th from Comptroller Josh Pothier.