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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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Welcome to 2020, as we start an exciting year for the City. My annual goal setting session with the Council has been scheduled for February 8th. My assistant, Jacque Barbarossa, and I met with Jim O'Shea of Achievement Unlimited of CT in regards to the format of discussing the progress of last year's goals and objectives and determining any new goals the Council may have.

I attended board meetings at CIRMA and SCCOG. I also attended the press conference held by the Mayor and Senator Blumenthal to preserve the status of the City's minor league baseball team the "Sea Unicorns". The MLB informed the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues that it was considering consolidating operations and eliminating teams in 42 cities; three of the seven franchises in New England would be eliminated including the City's team.

I received 2 press releases from the United States Attorney Office of CT for the Norwich Police Departments help in the arrests and charges for 2 individuals involved with ISIS. Keep up the good work.

Norwich Youth and Family Services has received \$265,734 for funding for youth programs which is an increase of \$100,047 from last year. Congratulations to Kate Milde, Youth Employment Specialist on securing the additional funding. This will allow as many as 73 additional youth to have employment and training opportunities which will lead to positive development and good work ethics that will serve them

The State of CT Department of Revenue Services has notified my office that \$145,714.25 in Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credits have been approved for Norwich. The Norwich Department of Public Utilities pledged a total of \$141,479.82 to Norwich organizations and the remaining amount was pledged by ConnectiCare Insurance Company, Inc. Their contributions will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Place, United Community & Family Services, United War Veterans Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Association, Inc. and Otis Library.

A new supply of artwork from students of Norwich Public Schools has arrived. The artwork is on display on the bulletin boards outside Council Chambers, Tax Office and in Human Resources and the City Manager's Office. My assistant has also posted the artwork on the City's Facebook page.

Congratulations to Carol Wood, Assistant Assessor on her retirement. Carol has been with the City for 27 years.

The City's partnership with tax payments at People's United Bank continues. The 3 Norwich locations will accept current Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle tax bills during the month of January even if you are not their customer. The city also offers online, mail and in-person payments during normal business hours. A press release has been sent to the newspapers and posted on the City's website with additional information.

The Norwich Historical Society will acknowledge Benedict Arnold's birthday in front of City Hall on Tuesday, January 14th at 5:30 pm with "Lights Out for Benedict Arnold". Visit their website for more information and additional events.