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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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I attended the monthly Southeastern CT Council of Governments, the monthly Southeastern CT Transit (SEAT) meetings and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) meeting on Property Tax Reform which had two very interesting presentations. I also met with the Fire Chiefs to discuss items including regarding the upcoming budget and apparatus replacement schedule.

I have forwarded the notes to the Council from the Goal Setting Session that was held on February 8th regarding the progress of last year's goals and objectives. The Mayor and I met with the facilitator and we are planning on having a follow up meeting on Thursday, March 19th. Details will follow once confirmed.

The Mayor and I had a conference call with representatives from the City of Lowell, Massachusetts who also have a minor league baseball team and we offered our support to one another to save our teams from elimination from the major league affiliation.

The Community Development Office has held 2 community meetings to gather information for the preparation of the 5 year Consolidated Plan. A meeting for the community is scheduled from March 9th. For more information or to register, call the Community Development Office directly at 860-823-3770.

The City is looking for a Poet Laureate through a partnership with Norwich Creates. A press release has been posted on the City's Facebook page and various other locations. Interested applicants can contact Julie Menders at Otis Library for more information.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, Mayor's Secretary, Bonnie Cuprak and Human Services Director, Lee-Ann Gomes met regarding the city's participation in the 2020 Census. Lee-Ann is the City's liaison for the 2020 Complete Count Committee. The City will be encouraging its residents to respond in a timely manner through posters, flyers, handouts, Facebook posts, etc. Thank you to Dime Bank for their contribution for the banners "Everyone Counts" that will hang in various locations in the City. The Census starts March 12th and can be completed, online, by phone or by mail. I encourage all our residents to apply as soon as they can.

Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization, sponsors and volunteers for the 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival that was held on Sunday, March 1st. The downtown was filled with people of all ages who enjoyed the festivities.

Also, attached is the Treasurer's Report from Michael Gualtieri, for quarter ended December 31, 2019 for your review.