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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended meetings via conference call or video which included Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Region 4 Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, State Covid update, NCDC Board meeting, and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) regarding the Police Accountability proposal which I will continue to monitor closely.

Staff and I met to discuss the eight proposals that were received for the Councils proposed Fire Study to determine the first round finalists. Comptroller, Josh Pothier, Purchaser, Bob Castronova. Acting-Fire-Chief Keith Wucik and Yantic Fire Chief Frank Blanchard and I will be conducting interviews with 4 consultants via Zoom on August 5th & 6th to further narrow down the field.

The Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) has presented the City with its annual Member's Equity Distribution check for \$21,195. The City of Norwich and Norwich Board of Education has received a total of \$119,305.00 in distributed Members Equity since CIRMA began the program in 2011.

Tax payments received as of July 31st are as follows: Lock Box – 5,282 payments totaling \$6,339,762 and 2,106 Peoples United Bank in branch payments totaling \$2,592,858.03. Collection rates have been approximately the same as last July with Peoples branch payments increasing by over \$800,000. In person payments during evening hours have been steady and we would like to thank everyone for their patience.

For your convenience there is now a drop box for absentee ballots at the Broadway entrance of City Hall. Please contact the City Clerk at 860-823-3732 if you have any questions.

Rockin the Dodd concerts have begun. Thank you to the Greater Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsors and volunteers that make the concerts and events possible during the Covid-19 epidemic. The Chamber along with Global Cities will also be hosting their 3rd Annual Car Show in conjunction with First Friday events on August 7th starting at 6 pm.

The 40th Annual Tribute to America Program will also be held on Friday, August 7th starting at 6:30 pm on Chelsea Parade. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket and practice social distancing while you enjoy an evening of music and tribute to the USA and its Heroes.