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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended via conference call or video were Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, City Department Head Meeting, CT City Managers Association (CTCMA) and NCDC Director Search Committee. Fire negotiations are also underway.

The 2021-2022 budget process has begun and Comptroller Josh Pothier has forwarded preliminary budget information to departments. Questions have been answered via phone and email due to Covid restrictions. The budget process may be the same as last year unless the Governor lifts restrictions.

Mike Wolak, Rose City Sr. Center Manager has registered over 50 seniors for Covid-19 vaccinations. He also participated with Norwich Adult and Family Services and staff from Norwich Public Schools to register people which in turn helped about 100 seniors, 75+, to sign up. This has been an incredible collaborative effort here in Norwich along with the Uncas Health District.

Ray Allen Bergman from Norwich Youth & Family Services continues to work with the Norwich Prevention Council held a "Parents in Prevention" webinar which has been posted on the Norwich Prevention Council Facebook page and Norwich Youth & Family Services YouTube Channel. NYFS also continues to partner with the Norwich Police Department for the Joining Forces Program and Juvenile Review Board to continue the City's prevention efforts for our youth.

The Recreation Department continues to run the HYBRID school year program at 2 locations. . This program allows school aged youth a place to have supervision and then recreation while completing their online school work. Both sites have been quite busy and plan to continue into the spring.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa participated in a zoom meeting with the Norwich Events Organization for their upcoming events since the St. Patrick's Day Parade cannot be held safely in the downtown at this point.

The City's Lock Box tax payments for the January installment were 1232 payments totaling \$4,112,546.09 and payments at Norwich People's Bank branches increased by 7% for a total of 544 payments of \$949,839.69.