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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 weekly Governor Lamont updates, State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee and Board of Directors Meeting, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Investment Meeting, NPU-City Coordination Meeting, Region 4 Emergency Support Plan, Department of Health COVID-19 updates, Public Safety and NCDC Director Search Committee.

Over the past 2 weeks the Senior Center has held six COVID Clinics with Uncas Health District where 1,150 have been vaccinated. Year to date, Uncas Health has vaccinated 3,200 individuals at the Sr. Center.

Norwich Youth and Services started their mentoring program with high school football players and Project Outreach kids mentoring 3rd and 5th graders at Moriarty School. Between the two days it was held over 50 kids were involved. This program will continue weekly in conjunction with NFA and NPS. NYFS is also working on events for National Suicide week, April 26th to 30th, that include videos, suicide prevention training, and artwork competitions, to name a few. If you have any questions or need statistics, please feel free to reach out to Erin Haggan at 860-823-3484.

Basketball hoops are back at the City's outdoor courts! Many happy people honked in appreciation as they saw them being repositioned.

The City of Norwich has partnered with Bonfire Interactive to create a new procurement portal that will allow notifications of procurement opportunities and submission of bids and proposals to the City of Norwich digitally which will streamline the solicitation process. Information has been posted on the City website and Facebook pages.

The 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal applications are available through the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and the City website. The City Manager's Office will be accepting applications until June 1st, 2021 with a public hearing scheduled for June 21st to ensure the applications can be submitted to the State before the July 1st deadline.

The Norwich Downtown Bond Program will receive an award from the CT Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA). The "Downtown Strategy Award" will be presented via ZOOM on March 18th. The application was submitted during the fall of 2020 by the late Jason Vincent, former President of NCDC.

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