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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were with representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SCCOG), Conference of Municipalities (CCM), Harbor Management Commission, Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC), NPU-City Coordination meeting and Fire Chiefs. I also attended the Norwich Area Veterans Council annual Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Taftville Veterans Memorial Park.

Comptroller Josh Pothier and I have started working with our pension consultant Milliman for the City's pension obligation bonds that voters passed with over a 2 to 1 majority on November 2nd. These bonds have potential savings of \$43 million in today's dollars over the next 30 years.

In response to requests from Norwich Emergency Management, CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Small Business Administration, FEMA and Governor Lamont, President Biden approved Norwich for Federal Disaster Assistance. FEMA has opened a Mobile Registration Intake Center (MRIC) at Three Rivers Community College. The center will later transition into an operational Disaster Recovery Center that will be open 6 days per week Monday-Friday, 8 am to 6 pm at Three Rivers College and Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm at Norwich Fire Headquarters. Residents affected from the flooding can go to the designated locations for assistance. The full press release is on the City's website and Facebook page.

Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers that participated in the Recreation Department's annual Trunk or Treat event that was held on October 22nd. There were 27 trunks and over 1000 people in attendance who enjoyed a DJ who kept the families engaged with fun Halloween friendly music and a dance party.

Norwich Youth and Family Services collaborated with Kelly STEAM Magnet Middle School and the Community Policing Unit to clean up a garden at the school that had been neglected for the past several years. Over 30 people volunteered including students from NFA, Kelly, and Huntington, members of non-profit group Blooming Into Greatness, and community members so a gardening program can be established in the Spring. Relationships were enhanced between the police, community and Norwich youth.

Thank you to Uncas Health who held three flu vaccination clinics and vaccinated 44 City employees.

Swearing in ceremonies were held for Mark Gilot, who was promoted to Fire Captain and for Thomas Lazzaro who was promoted to Lieutenant and Scott Meikle who was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to them.

Please join us live for *Light Up City Hall* on the plaza, First Friday, December 3rd from 5-6 pm. Santa will be here along with additional holiday entertainment for all ages and the sale of Cat's Meow Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament is Slater Museum. Brown Park will be decorated again this year with even more lights and decorations for the holiday season.

Attached is the Public Safety Report from the October Fire Chiefs Meeting. Please be advised that the Public Safety meeting for November was cancelled.