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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments (SECCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Region 4 regional Emergency Support Plan, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) retreat, Public Parking Commission, and NCDC Board of Directors meeting.

I also attended the badge pinning ceremony for the City's two new firefighters, Ethan Gagnon and Jed Soberal and the promotions of Lieutenant Michael Podzaline, Captain Christopher Zaugg and Battalion Chief Michael Dziavit. Congratulations to them and their families.

Norwich Youth and Family Services has provided 70 hours of mentoring, and 125 hours of counseling services to Norwich youth through the ARPA funds in the current quarter. They also hosted their Annual Suicide Prevention Walk with approximately 250 people in attendance to learn about suicide prevention efforts and had over 20 resource tables to learn how to access mental health and substance use disorder supports in our community. Thank you for providing these services during such troubling times in our country.

The City and its Consultants received the 2022 Achievement in Civil Engineering (ACE) award, for the Franklin Square Roundabout, from the CT Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the annual awards night held recently. This marks the second year in a row for the City, as last year we won the ACE award for the Historic Preservation of the Sunnyside Street Bridge. Congratulations to Norwich Public Works Department.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa, who is also the city's liaison for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program has received 11 applications for the 2022 program year totaling \$786,732.95. The public hearing for the applications will be held June 20th and forwarded to the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services before the July 1st submission deadline. The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program provides funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing corporation business tax credits for business that make cash contributions to the organizations that are approved by the Department of Revenue Services.

A no cost Drive-thru/walk-up Covid-19 testing is available at the Rose City Senior Center, Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 4 to 7 pm for all ages by Genesys Diagnostics, Inc. No appointments are needed.

Spaulding Pond Beach is scheduled to open June 23rd for 6 days per week. The pond will be closed on Wednesdays. Please visit the Recreation Department site at www.norwichct.org for hours of operation

I have attached the Treasurer's reports from Michael Gualtieri for quarters ending December 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022 and the Fire Chiefs report from May 18th.