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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments (SECCOG), Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, and NCDC Board of Directors meeting. I had the pleasure of speaking at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Panel discussion - *ARPA Best Practices for Municipal and Philanthropic Leaders* that was held in New Haven for approximately 70 participants. The Legislative Committee Covid meetings will be held as needed unless there is an uptick in the virus.

I also met with City staff regarding the Community Investment Fund 2030. The Department of Economic Development has a five year program designed to support historically disadvantaged communities. CIF provides funding for a variety of capital improvement and small business support with minimum grants in the amount of \$250,000. Staff and I discussed potential projects to prioritize and submit an application prior to the July 25th deadline.

Norwich Public Works has advised that construction has begun on the Sherman Street Bridges. The bridges will be closed to all traffic beginning June 27th and the construction is expected to last two construction seasons. Dunham Street reconstruction work is progressing steadily and should be substantially completed by late July. The Park crew has been working diligently on weeding, edging, mulching, and preparing the Rose Garden for the many visitors for the peak of the season. The new exercise stations at Mohegan Park which were funded by the American Rescue Plan have received many positive comments from the public.

Norwich Youth and Family Services case worker, Kate Milde provided social emotional programming to 696 Norwich students. These programs helped students learn skills related to identification of feelings, coping strategies, tools to help with successful transition to middle school as well as training on suicide prevention.

The Peace Run made a stop at David Ruggles Courtyard on Thursday, June 16th. Since 1987, the Peace Run has covered 370,000 miles on all 7 continents with 25,000 schools participating. Thank you to local realtor, Bill Champagne for organizing a stop in Norwich for this grass roots effort to create a more harmonious world.

An Informational Meeting/Workshop will be held at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 22, at the Rose City Senior Center for the American Rescue Plan remaining proposed projects and a Public Information Meeting by the State DOT for Safety Improvements on Route 82 will be held at Kelly Magnet Middle School on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations to Tony Madeira, Deputy Comptroller on this recent retirement. Tony has been in the Finance Department since November 2005 spending countless hours on City budgets. We wish him well.