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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, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), NPU-City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Board of Directors meeting, Fire Chiefs Meeting and staff regarding this year's budget. The Fire Chiefs and Fleet Maintenance Supervisor met as the Apparatus Ad Hoc Reduction committee per City Ordinance 1833.

Through Friday March 3, Norwich Public Works, (PW), has responded to 5 winter weather events this winter season. While four of these were relatively minor, the last event Feb. 27-28 dropped about 6" of snow over most of the City. PW utilized all available personnel for this last event, but did not require any extra assistance from outside resources, such as NPU. PW has used about 450 tons of salt to date, exclusive of the storm expected Friday night.

The Community Development Office received 14 applications in addition to their administration budget for the 2023-2024 CDBG Program Year (PY49). Applications totaled \$1,412,936.80 with the HUD available amount of \$806,276. The office is currently accepting applications for Coronavirus related projects and programs. Community Development is looking to reallocate \$200,586.80 in recaptured funding back into the community. Proposed programs and projects must intend to prevent, prepare or respond to Covid-19. Applications are due in person to the office by 4:00 pm on Friday 3/17/23. If there are any questions about eligibility or prospective requests, please contact Sydney Phelps, Director of Community Development at 860-885-2911 or via email at sphelps@cityofnorwich.org.

Adult & Family Services has partnered again with NPU to host an Energy Awareness and Financial Literacy Night with Liberty Bank. This event will happen in two sessions on April 27th. Contact Adult & Family Services for more info at 860-823-3782.

Human Services' Director, Kate Milde, joined her Youth, Family, and Recreation staff, along with Mayor Nystrom, Representative Wilson, and other local community leaders at Norwich schools for Read Across America on March 2nd. Thank you to those who participated in this National Literacy Event.

Congratulations to Valerie Cox on her retirement. Val started her career with the City in December of 1984. Prior to her retirement, she was the most senior employee in the City. She began as a Senior Clerk Typist in the Police Department and was promoted to other positions within the Police Department including Secretary, Executive Secretary and Administrative Generalist. The City won't be the same without her.