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**To:** Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council  
**From:** John Salomone, City Manager  
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Meetings attended were with State representatives and legislators, Southeastern Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Investment Committee, Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) City Coordination Meeting, NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, Chelsea Harbor/Downtown Mobility Study, Police Union contract negotiations, and Bond Rating presentation for 5 million bond for schools and roads that will be issued in December.

City officials, the Mayor, and Pro-tem DeLucia met virtually with Pastor Adam Bowles of Castle Church and the Yale Urban Design Workshop team to discuss draft final architectural renderings for what Jubilee Park may look like in the future. A short presentation was given and it was decided that the Yale team will present the vision to the Council at an informational in January.

I also attended the Norwich Public Utilities ground breaking for the 5 year \$200 million Wastewater Treatment Plant along with local and state representatives, and federal and state officials. Funding for the project from the State of Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) will be \$72 million in grant funding through the State's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and \$128 million in low-interest (2%) loans from the State's CWSRD that will be repaid by NPU's 10,000 wastewater customers over the next 20 years.

The 2023 revaluation of real estate is wrapping up over the next few weeks. Currently, final values are being analyzed and notices of new assessment will be going out before the end of the month. These notices will include the previous assessment, new assessment, general information about dates, values and exemptions, as well as instructions to request an informal hearing. The informal hearings will be held in December by phone and on request in person at City Hall.

Norwich Public Works fall bagged leaf pick-up starts today, November 20th. Leaves must be in paper yard waste bags.

The 32nd *Light Up City Hall* will be held First Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-6 pm at City Hall Plaza followed by the First Friday Giving Stroll and the Tommy Toy Fun Run. On Saturday, December 2nd the Norwich Events Organization will host the City's Light Parade. Please join us downtown for these free fun family events including Brown Park which will be decorated with white lights again this year.

I have attached the Fire Chiefs Report that was presented at the November Public Safety Meeting.