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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 Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) City Coordination Meeting and CIF Stakeholders Meeting.

The 2023 grand list was filed 2/29/24. There was an overall increase of 33.786% from the 2022 grand list. The Board of Assessment Appeals will be taking applications to appeal incorrect assessments from March 1st to March 20th. The Board of Assessment Appeals will be meeting in April to hear appeals and dates and times will be determined by the number of applications received.

The budgets process is underway. Comptroller Josh Pothier has forwarded draft budget pages to each department for review. These draft numbers are subject to change as we receive more information such as State of Connecticut formula grant numbers and projections of other revenues and expenditures. Josh and I will be meeting with departments in person, if needed. My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa has scheduled and advised the Departments of their hearings which will take place on April 2nd, 8th, 9th and 11th in Council Chambers. The schedule is also posted on the city website.

The City has submitted a DECD Brownfields Round 19 grant application of \$4M for the Capehart Mill Riverfront Park project.

Norwich Youth, Family and Recreation has started a free rugby program. The Rose City Raptors rugby team has completed two of their 4 introductory clinics, and continues to recruit members. Please contact Recreation at 860-823-3791 for additional information.

Welcome to Craig Kelman, the new Director of Community Development. Craig started on Monday, February 26th. He met with the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) and PY 50 applicants on February 29th, and will be meeting again on March 5th. Deliberations for CDBG funds will start on Tuesday, March 12th.

Thank you to the Norwich Events Organization and volunteers, for the 10th annual St. Patrick's Parade which was held downtown on March 3rd. The weather was perfect for the marchers and the thousands that viewed the parade.