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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Meetings attended were Southeastern Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting (SCCOG), Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Board of Directors Meeting, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Investment Committee, NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting. Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) City Coordination Meeting, and CIF Stakeholders Meeting. I also attended the After Action Meeting of the Yantic River Fitchville Dam which was coordinated by the State of Connecticut along with several department heads. Discussions included lessons learned and steps for improvement. The state will continue to monitor the dam.

The City has received a \$2 million Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant for waterfront improvements. The City will work with the state grant officials and owners of the marina to prioritize the improvements at the harbor.

As of March 15th Norwich Public Works has responded to 6 winter weather events this winter season. While most of these were relatively minor, although some were long duration, the event on Feb. 13th dropped at least 6" of snow over most of the City. Public Works utilized all available personnel for that event, but did not require any extra assistance from outside resources, such as NPU. Public Works has used about 1100 tons of salt to date.

The 2024 Brush Pick up schedule is as follows. Public Works requests that branches are out at curbside prior to your community's start date according to the following schedule: April 1st - Greenville, Mohegan Park, Central, East Great Plain, & Norwichtown (including Scotland Road.) April 15th - Taftville, Occum, Plain Hill, Thamesville, West Side, Laurel Hill, & East Side.

Norwich Youth and Family Services Prevention Coordinator, Hannah Ornburn, has collected data on substance use among Norwich youth, grades 6-12. She has presented the information to the Prevention Council and will be presenting to the Board of Education in April. A Council Informational will be held on May 20th.

The Community Development Advisory board has completed their recommendations for PY 50 and will be forwarding their recommendations to the Council when they get the HUD CDBG allocation.

The 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal applications are available through the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services portal.ct.gov/DRS and the City's website. The City Manager's Office will be accepting applications until June 3rd 2024 with a public hearing scheduled for June 17th to ensure the applications can be submitted to the state before the July 1st deadline.