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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 Meeting (SCCOG) Board of Directors meeting, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee, NDCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, NPU-City Coordination meeting, CIF Stakeholder and NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon.

A Goal Setting informational workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th for the City Council and invited department heads. This will be an update with the Council for their previous goals and accomplishments and to strategize for this year's upcoming budget season.

The Tax office is open for in person payments and collection has been steady for the January tax installment. The City's Lock Box tax payments as of Friday, January 17th were 778 payments totaling \$905,613.22.

For your information and convenience, we'd like to recap how the Warming Center Project has evolved. In November of 2024, City of Norwich Leadership met with member organizations of the Coordinated Access Network, a State-wide system in which collaborative case management for people experiencing homelessness is utilized. The goal of this meeting was to develop a plan for creating and managing an Emergency-Only/No-Freeze Warming Center in Norwich. A site was identified, and TVCCA is managing operations. This Warming Center is in the Buckingham Memorial Building at 307 Main St., a building not owned but maintained at the expense of the City and opens only on evenings when the Governor declares a Cold Weather Emergency. The actual maximum capacity is 16 clients and 2 staff members. In a coordinated effort across the Human Services, Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, the City put in motion a plan to open the Rose City Senior Center as an overflow shelter. Human Services arranged for the Senior Center bus to shuttle clients from the Buckingham Building to the Senior Center with the help of Public Works and the Police. Unfortunately, TVCCA was not able to staff this overflow shelter and chose instead to expend additional funds to put any overflow clients into a hotel for the night. The City will be providing a shuttle for those clients.

Public Works has replaced the bulletin board at the Greenville Playground per the request of the Greenville Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ).

Reminder that the Connecticut Department of Transportation will be holding a public meeting at City Hall, Room 335 on January 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for their Statewide Active Transportation Plan. The state has held 4 of the 6 meetings scheduled. For more information about the open houses, CTDOT's active transportation strategy, and ways to provide comments and ask questions, visit https://portal.ct.gov/dot/projects/active-transportation-plan?language=en_US.

I have attached the City Departments, and Otis Library reports for quarter ending December 2024.