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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 (SECOG) Board of Directors meeting, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee, NCDC Executive Board of Directors meeting, NPU-City Coordination meeting, and CIF Stakeholder meeting.

After extensive panel and individual interviews, I appointed a new Fire Chief. Samuel Willson III was sworn in this evening. Sam brings over 24 years of experience in firefighting, emergency management, emergency medical services and public safety to our City. I look forward to working with him and congratulate him on the next chapter of his career here in Norwich.

Tax payments collected in January were \$30,217,303.39. M&T Bank processed 1,910 payments at the branches, 776 more than January 2024 of 1,134 payments. Thank you for the partnership. The Tax Office will be mailing out delinquent statements this month for real estate and personal property taxes.

The Assessor's office has begun accepting applications for the elderly/totally disabled program. The application period runs from February 1st to May 15th. If you were previously on the program and it is your year to reapply, a letter was mailed to you from the Assessor's office on February 1st. The Assessor's office has received a 1-month extension on filing the 2024 grand list. The grand list will be complete on or before 2/28/25.

Applications for the 2025-2026 Community Development Block Grant round were due Friday, February 7th. The Community Development Office received a total of 14 applications. There were 11 Public Service applications totaling \$330,000 and 3 applications for Non-Public services in the amount of \$981,231.40 which included Community Development administration budget for the 2025-2026 CDBG Program Year (PY51). Applications totaled \$1,311,231.40 with the anticipated HUD available amount of \$849,890.00. Review and consideration of the proposals will happen over the next several weeks.

Congratulations to Tracy Montoya on his upcoming retirement with over 33 years of service with the City. We thank him for his service and wish him well. His last day of work will be this Friday the 21st.