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To: Mayor Singh and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
Subject: City Manager's Report
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Meetings and Professional Engagements

During this reporting period, I represented the City of Norwich at the following meetings and events:

- Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Audit & Investment Committee Meeting,
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG)
- Norwich Waterfront Design Committee
- City Coordination Meeting
- Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC)
- Connecticut Investment Fund (CIF) Meeting
- Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer) Board of Directors Meeting
- City Department Head Meeting

I also attended the City's bond sale, during which Standard & Poor's affirmed the City's AA credit rating for the \$19 million bond issue for December 2025. The City received nine bids for the \$19 million, 30-year bonds and awarded the sale to Raymond James, which offered the lowest true interest cost at 3.723%.

Public Works

Public Works completed several seasonal and infrastructure-related tasks:

- **Parklet Removals:**
All parklets have been removed for the winter season. The final structure, located on Franklin Street, remained in place through the Winterfest Parade before being taken down.
- **Brown Park Improvements:**
Installation of the final sections of the floating docks near the boat launch has begun, enhancing recreational access along the waterfront.

- **Holiday Festivities Support:**
Public Works played a major role in preparing for both Light Up City Hall and the Winterfest Parade.

Human Services and Senior Programming

The Rose City Senior Center continues to prioritize residents' well-being during the holiday season. As part of its Healthy Habits Series, the Center will host a session on Coping with Loneliness, Stress, and Grief on December 18 at 10 a.m. Residents are encouraged to contact the Center to RSVP.

Youth, Family, and Recreation Department

The Youth, Family, and Recreation Department installed its fourth Kindness Pantry at the Taftville Firehouse. This effort was made possible with support from Idis Andino of NYFR, the Taftville Fire Department, and the Public Works team. The new pantry location expands access to essential items and reflects YFR's ongoing commitment to compassion-focused community initiatives. YFR also hosted its first Sensory Santa event, which was a huge success with over 20 children benefiting from the opportunity to meet Santa in a sensory friendly space created to meet each kids individualized needs.

Acknowledgments

CPR/AED Training

Thank you to the American Red Cross, the City's Safety Committee, and Human Resources for organizing and providing CPR/AED training to 12 employees. These employees are now certified to administer lifesaving CPR and use AED devices for adults, children, and infants while awaiting the arrival of First Responders.

Holiday Events and Community Support

Thank you to the Light Up City Hall Committee, Norwich Events Organization, volunteers, sponsors, and the Police and Public Works departments for their ongoing support of the annual parade and other holiday events throughout the City.

Student Artwork Display

Thank you to Carol Vogel, art teacher at Norwich Public Schools, for coordinating artwork from Kelly Middle School students to brighten the City Hall bulletin boards.