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To: Mayor Hinchey and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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The Mayor and I continue to have regular meetings. We both met with Abby Dolliver regarding possible bonding for school construction.

Police Union mediations are underway.

I meet with staff regarding the new RFP for stabilization and development of Reid & Hughes property.

I had my monthly meeting with department heads. Donna Ralston, Assessor, announced that the grand list had increased 1%. The information was sent to all council members along with Josh Pothier's calculation and explanation as follows: *The increases in the grand list, changes in exemptions, and changes in estimated current levy collection rates; all else being equal, the grand list should generate \$1.3 million more in General Fund tax revenue using the current mill rate of 41.22.* Lee-Ann Gomes, Human Service Director, announced that she had received a \$15,000 planning grant from the *Working Cities Challenge*. City Clerk, Betsy Barret announced she had received a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut State Library for record preservation. Ryan Thompson, Public Works Director, announced that he had 50 more miles of city streets to run and would like to have a small celebration in the David Ruggles Freedom Plaza Courtyard for his last mile sometime in April. Senator Chris Murphy has been following his progress.

Josh Pothier and I had bond pre-pricing phone conference and I issued a press release to the media regarding the sale of 8.3 million in general obligation bonds. The press release is also posted on the City's website.

On Sunday, March 5th I had the opportunity to attend the city's St. Patrick's Day Parade and the inaugural Rose City Shenanigans 5K Road Race with my family. Special congratulations to Jesse Wanzer, the winner of the road race who is also my son-in-law. A good time was had by all.

Ethic training continues with CIRMA. As of this morning over 100 ethics training sessions have been completed which includes employees and members of numerous boards and commissions. Training will continue throughout the month of March and into April as needed.