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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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I attended the monthly Southeastern CT Council of Governments and the monthly Southeastern CT Transit (SEAT) meetings. I attended the SCCOG legislative meeting and the Mayors Informational session with our local representatives. I had the pleasure of attending the 35th Anniversary Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Luncheon that was held at Norwich Free Academy and the Farewell reception for Jill Smith's, Executive Secretary at the Fire Department Farewell Reception. Jill has been with the City for 30+ years. Thank you for your service and congratulation on your retirement.

Comptroller, Josh Pothier and I met with the City Department Heads, Volunteer Fire Chiefs and Otis Library regarding the upcoming 2020-2021 budget process. We will be meeting with Superintendent, Kristin Stringfellow and staff regarding the school budget on January 23rd which will conclude the initial process.

The Mohegan Park Disc Golf Committee, a subcommittee of the Mohegan Park Improvement & Development Advisory Committee, has started fundraising for the 9-hole disc golf course in Mohegan Park. Their goal is to enhance the recreational opportunities offered by the City while increasing the overall attraction of our park. The committee has begun efforts to fund the project solely through community donations and sponsorships without the use of tax payer dollars. My assistant, Jacque Barbarossa has shared their information on the City's Facebook page.

The Community Development Office has been awarded \$2.9 million for the Lead Hazard Control Program and has begun taking applications for this grant period on a first come first serve basis based on income eligibility. Most homes in Norwich pre-date 1978, and therefore are likely to contain lead hazards. These funds are provided to low to moderate income residents of the City to eliminate lead hazards in their homes at 0% interest. For more information or to apply for the program, contact the Community Development Office directly at 860-823-3770.

The City's Lock Box tax payments as of Friday, January 18th were 848 payments totaling \$948,923.22. Payments at Norwich People's Bank branches were 171 payments totaling \$265,591.

I have attached the City Departments, Otis Library and Norwich Community Development Corporation reports for quarter ending December 31, 2019.