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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
From: John Salomone, City Manager
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I attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) on Property Tax Reform and the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) Annual meeting where I attended a seminar on Cyber Threats. I attended the Census 2020 Press Conference held by Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, along with Council members and other local dignitaries. I also attended the monthly Harbor Management Commission meeting.

Comptroller, Josh Pothier and I continued meeting with department heads and with the Superintendent of Norwich Public Schools on the 2020-2021 budget process.

My assistant, Jacquie Barbarossa and I met with Jeanne Kurasz, Norwich Public Utilities Program Coordinator, who is also the City of Norwich's Sustainable CT contact to discuss future projects that could enable the City to gain "silver certification" in the program in the future.

City Assessor, Donna Ralston has filed the October 1, 2019 Grand List of all Taxable and Tax Exempt Properties in the City with the City Clerk's office. The overall NET Taxable Grand List for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles was filed at \$2,021,168,261 which represents an overall increase of \$29,904,627 over last year's Grand list or 1.502%

The City's Lock Box tax payments as of January 31st were 1280 payments totaling \$1,728,972.33. Payments at Norwich People's Bank branches were 464 payments totaling \$737,833.23. Final numbers will be in my next report since customers had until February 3, 2020 to pay the January installment.

The Southeast Area Transit District (SEAT) will honor Rosa Parks on her birthday, February 4th with Transit Equity Day activities. SEAT will have small memorials on several buses and a fare-free day on all routes. SEAT wants to thank their current riders and encourage new riders to try transit for a day at no cost.

Norwich Youth and Family services is sponsoring *Norwich Hope and Compassion*, a support group for people whose lives have been impacted by substance use disorder. The free event will be held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of the month starting February 5th, at St. Vincent DePaul Place, 120 Cliff St. from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm to deal with the opioid crisis. For more information, contact Rayallen Bergman, Drug Free Community Coordinator at Norwich Youth and Family Services.