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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 Coronavirus (COVID-19) meeting that was organized by Patrick McCormack, Director of the Uncas Health District with local Municipal CEO's, School Superintendents, and local Emergency Management directors. I have been meeting with Uncas Health, Police and Fire Chiefs, and department heads regarding the pandemic virus and participated in the Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security – Region 4 Regional Emergency Support Plan which will be held on a weekly basis. The City is following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Uncas Health recommendations and we are taking extra steps to clean and disinfect the public areas in City Hall and we will keep staff informed as we deal with the virus which is a continually evolving situation. The Rose City Senior Center is closed to the public and Recreation Programs will be postponed until further notice. City Hall will be closed to the public effective March 17, 2020. We encourage online, mail and phone payments when applicable. The City Clerk's Office will take appointments over the phone at 860-823-3735.

I attended the monthly Public Safety Meeting, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Board of Education Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

The Goal Setting meeting with the City Council that was scheduled for Thursday, March 19th will be rescheduled to a later date. The Public Meeting scheduled for March 24, 2020 at the Yantic Fire House for the rehabilitation of the Sunnyside Street is being reviewed at this time to best accommodate the public. Please feel to call the Public Works Department directly at 860-823-3798 for further information.

The City's Community Development Office received 17 Block Grant applications for Program Year 46 totaling \$1,313,422.78. The Community Development Advisory committee will be meeting in April to finalize their recommendations for Council. Program Year 46 runs from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. The anticipated amount from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development is anticipated to be approximately \$828,000.

The 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposal applications are available through the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services website. The City Manager's Office will be accepting Neighborhood Assistance Applications until June 1st, 2020 with a public hearing scheduled for June 15th to ensure the applications can be submitted to the State before the July 1, deadline.

The brass container that was returned to the City Managers Office last month has been returned to its home in the glass case of weights and measures located on the 3rd floor of City Hall. It is part of the weights and measures set which is mentioned in the City Charter in 1893 that was used by the City to regulate weights and measure per the United States Department of Commerce.