

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2024**

Attendance: Jalin Sead; Chair; Douglas Sutton; Heather Dunn; Nicole' Eaddy; James Frayer

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management; Chief Gino Gatto

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sead called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sead called the roll and all members that are listed were in attendance.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments this evening.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- MAY 23, 2024

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH (4) FOUR IN FAVOR AND (1) ONE ABSTENTION- MS. EADDY**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH OVERHEAD DOOR OF HARTFORD, INC. FOR REPLACING FIVE OVERHEAD DOORS IN THE APPARATUS BAY OF THE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE BUILDING (STATION 6), LOCATED AT 100 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$130,212.36. THIS PURCHASE IS THROUGH STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONTRACT #19PSX0111AA. (ACCT.# 09-25-031-31100-0-5777-C0701)

Chief Gatto said they are looking to replace the apparatus overhead doors at the five fire stations as well as the apparatus maintenance garage and have procured Overhead Door through a sole source procurement which has been approved by the purchasing agent. He said they would like to begin the work at the apparatus maintenance facility and station one.

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2. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH OVERHEAD DOOR OF HARTFORD, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SIX OVERHEAD DOORS IN THE APPARATUS BAY OF STATION 1, LOCATED AT 90 NEW CANAAN AVENUE, FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$123,483.51. THIS PURCHASE IS THROUGH STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONTRACT #19PSX0111AA. (ACCT.# 09-2 5-0 31-31100-0-5 777-C0 701)

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3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MAGGIORE CONSTRUCTION FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$334,274.00 FOR THE REMOVAL AND REINSTALLATION OF THE APPARATUS FLOOR AT STATION 3, LOCATED AT 56 VAN ZANT STREET. THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT BY THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT. (ACCT. 09-24-031-31100-0-5776-C0838)

Ms. Dunn moved the item for discussion.

Chief Gatto said this station is owned by the Third Taxing District and we are looking to upgrade the apparatus, but the apparatus floor will need to be replaced because due to the weight of the truck and the height restrictions it will not fit into the station. He said the Third Taxing District has agreed to fund the project and staff will manage the project.

Mr. Frayer asked if this was requested a few years ago. Chief Gatto said the floor was reinforced by adding columns but the correct way to repair the floor is to completely replace it. Mr. Frayer asked how much the repair cost. Chief Gatto said he will need to get that information and report back. Mr. Frayer asked if the Third Taxing District funded the repair and if there is a warranty on the original work. Chief

Gatto said he would need to research and report back but even if there was a warranty the floor needs to now be completely dismantled and the work will be done by a different company. Mr. Frayer asked if the fire department or the city's building management department will be managing the project. Chief Gatto said the building department will be, but fire department staff worked with the engineer to develop the specifications.

Mr. Frayer said he realizes that there will be a fire engine coming that will not fit in the station or the floor will collapse but it is exactly the same excuse he heard five years ago, and he would like to see someone from Mr. Lo's department to confirm the work on the project. Chief Gatto said he can send the committee all the engineering documents. Mr. Frayer said he would like to table this item until there is more information as well as a brief explanation on how the project was funded the last time and send it to the Common Council for approval at the August 13, 2024, meeting. Mr. Sead said even though the city is not directly funding the project the rate payers of the Third Taxing District are taxpayers in Norwalk so he wants to be sure we do our due diligence but to Chief Gatto's point even if the floor was sturdy and can handle the weight the floor still needs to be lowered to fit the new engine so he personally does not see this as being an issue but it is wise to do our due diligence and get the information.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. EADDY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd