

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 23, 2024**

Attendance: Jenn McMurrer, Chair; Jalin Sead; Douglas Sutton; Heather Dunn; James Frayer; Nicol Ayers (arrived at 7:23PM)

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management; Chief James Walsh, Norwalk Police Department; Deputy Chief Joseph Dinho, Norwalk Police Department; Asst. Chief Mark Conte, Norwalk Fire Department

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMurrer called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. McMurrer called the roll and all members that are listed were in attendance.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES- MARCH 28, 2024

**** MS. DUNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

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

Fire Department

- 1. AUTHORIZE, THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FIRST DUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$48,040.00 (ACCOUNT # 011370-5742)**

Asst. Chief Conte said the fire department has used ESO records management software for the past three years and are just finishing that contract. He said that software was the first of the new platform and did not perform as promised, but First Due came out within those three years which every surrounding department now has so will be able to share information with the surrounding departments. He said this software is also a big step forward for the Fire Marshal's division and has a community connect feature that no other software has where the community can have a log in and connect to enter their pre-plan information or if they have special needs. He said they will also be able to schedule inspections through the software and will be a huge improvement in their efficiency all around.

Ms. McMurrer asked how the pre-plan information will get pushed out to the residents. Asst. Chief Conte said the vendor will share how to do that during the training.

Mr. Frayer asked if the volunteer departments will also have access to the information and vice versa. Asst. Chief Conte said only if they have Fire Due software and that he thinks Rowayton is currently using the ESO software and is not sure if they will be switching over. Mr. Frayer said he thinks it would be incumbent upon the chief to switch over at the same time Norwalk is integrating over to the new system. Asst. Chief Conte said he would need to contact the chief because he is not sure where they are in their contract with ESO.

Mr. Frayer asked if Norwalk also receives the alarms from Rowayton. Asst. Chief Conte said "yes" they do now and have an automatic aid package with them. Mr. Frayer said he would be interested to make the public awareness program is citywide. Asst. Chief Conte said it will definitely be citywide as they have all of the addresses in their database.

Mr. Frayer asked how secure the information would be so other people cannot get into it. Asst. Chief Conte said the software has gone through the IT Department's security check and has been vetted through the IT Department.

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Police Department

- 1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE JUSTICE EDUCATION CENTER, INC., FY22 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT**

Chief Walsh said the first grant is for \$18,000 and is for license plate readers which are already in use in the city with LAZ Parking and is a system that is being widely used in all municipalities in Connecticut as well as throughout the United States. He said they will be independent cameras that will be installed on pre-existing structures and are solar powered and will automatically read the license plates of the cars going by and are connected to the cloud that is provided by the vendor so none of the IT goes through the City of Norwalk and is connected to the dispatch area through their website. He said they have had a significant issue with stolen/burglarized cars and if they currently had these tools, they would have been able to strategically place them in avenues and arteries known to be where these crimes were occurring and would be notified as it is an instant notification. He said they can also be moved around the city as to where they would be needed or as they expand the program can be used to collect data.

Chief Walsh said with this grant it will allow them to purchase six of the license plate readers for one year and he will be pursuing funding through operational funding to carry out and possibly expand it as they see the success of this program.

Mr. Frayer asked if these devices would be able to pick up the speed of a vehicle going by. Chief Walsh said “no” but there is technology being developed that will be seen in the coming years where that information will be able to be integrated.

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Ms. Ayers joined the meeting at 7:23PM

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. SUTTON MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd