

Public Safety and General Government Committee of the Common Council

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January 26, 2023

Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome and Roll Call

II. Acceptance of Minutes- October 27, 2022 (note: the November and December meetings were cancelled)

III. Public Participation

IV. New Business

Police Department

Authorize the Police Chief to change the verbiage in the 2021/2022 Capital Budget account #09223010-5777-C0665 from the purchase of 10 Ford Interceptor Explorer hybrids to 10 marked police package vehicles.

Fire Department- Emergency Management

Authorize the City of Norwalk and its Common Council to enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate.

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the City of Norwalk, its Common Council, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

V. Discussion-

- FY 2023-24 Operating and Capital Budget requests and priorities for Fire and Police

VI. Old Business

Next Meeting: February 23, 2023

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2022**

Attendance: Jenn McMurrer, Chair; Dominique Johnson; Nicol Ayers; Heidi Alterman (arrived at 7:12PM); Diane Revolus; Bryan Meek

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management; Deputy Chief Susan Zecca, Lieutenant Weisburger; Steve Kleppin, Director of Planning and Zoning; Jessica Vonashek, Chief of Economic and Community Development; Lamond Daniels, Chief of Community Services; Kirk McDonald, Deputy Fire Marshal

I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

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

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES-AUGUST 24 (NOTE: THE 9/22 MEETING WAS CANCELLED)

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 24TH AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Meek joined the meeting at 7:01PM

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments this evening.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FFY 2023 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000. ACCOUNT TBD

Deputy Chief Zecca said that this is a standard DUI grant for enforcement and have gotten it from the state for many years and allows them to put extra patrols out at certain times for DUI enforcement.

TRANSPORTATION, FFY 2023 CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT GRANT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. ACCOUNT TBD

3.A AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNERS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER OF BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FARO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FARO FOCUS PREMIUM SCANNER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE, AS PER SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR AND AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000 ACCOUNT# 09233010 5777 C0809

Deputy Chief Zecca said that there is funding in the capital budget for this item and have been seeking it for many years. Lieutenant Weisburger said this is to upgrade the forensic mapping equipment from equipment that there are now using from 2010 that was surveying equipment that had been modified to be used by police departments to do 2-D and 3-D diagrams, but the data collector and download system is a windows mobile device center and is only supported up to windows 7 platform. He said all of the technology has gone to FARO now and it does a 2-D and 3-D replicas of the room or environment in 11 minutes, and it is the technology of the future. Ms. McMurrer asked in an ideal world how many of these units would be needed. Lieutenant Weisburger said only one because up to six officers can be trained and will be including the accident investigators with the training.

**** MS. AYERS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, SHARON CONNERS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER OF BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FARO TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FARO FOCUS PREMIUM SCANNER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE, AS PER SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR AND AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000 ACCOUNT# 09233010 5777 C0809
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. MEEK**

V. DISCUSSION

ILLEGAL APARTMENTS IN NORWALK

- Steve Kleppin- Planning and Zoning
- Lamond Daniels- Community Services

Mr. Kleppin discussed illegal apartments and said with a one- and two-family houses the city does not have the ability to go onto anyone's property but if complaints are received, they send an inspection request asking the property owner to let them onto the property based on the complaint or concern that has been raised, but if they deny access to the property they have no means to get onto the property. He said it is a different scenario with multi-family units because the health department and fire marshal have the ability to get into those units if something is suspected, and there are different threshold's that are required for licensing and they have a very good relationship with the fire marshals office as well as the health department and when they go out and do an inspection and find an illegal apartment they often times will set up a joint inspections with them, but the PZ department is who determines what is legally allowed to be on a property, and that is when they trace back to permit history for the property and sometimes look at the historic tax cards.

Ms. McMurrer said she thinks that is a lot of work to put onto Planning and Zoning staff on top of their regular duties and asked how many people of his team work on this and on average, and how many

beautiful units, well done but are completely illegal in one way or another. Ms. Revolus asked if clarification is easy to obtain because people may not even know what illegal apartment would like and asked how often clarifications are shown and suggested a webpage that outlines indicators that an apartment is illegal. Ms. McMurrer said she thinks that is a really good idea to make is obvious of what the rules are/aren't and communicating that very clearly to their constituents.

Ms. McMurrer asked when someone does come across something that they feel is illegal how do they go about reporting that. Mr. Kleppin said to contact P&Z and they will pull the permits and check that against the tax cards, or submit a request customer service or visit the PZ webpage to file a complaint.

Ms. Alterman added that the most shocking thing was the family shat she spoke about were paying at least \$1,600 a month in rent and, and she thinks they were just worried nobody else would rent to them and some of them literally had only been here like a week or two, they had just immigrated here and she finds it obscene on how much money that people were charging for the situation they were living in.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd



CITY OF NORWALK
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE

To: Common Council Members
From: Chief James Walsh
RE: Authorization for vehicles
Date: January 25, 2023

The Police Department, as with other departments, continues to struggle to find suitable vehicles for Police operation.

To that end, we are continuing to search for the best operational vehicle packages at the best price.

We are requesting the following authorizations:

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MEMO



To: Common Council, Public Safety and General Government Committee

From: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director, Emergency Management

RE: Common Council Authorization

DATE: January 9, 2023

The State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEMHS) have a standard blanket resolution that authorizes the Chief Elected Official for every town to sign routine Emergency management related grant applications and Memorandums of Understanding. This blanket resolution is approved by the authorizing governing body, in our case the Common Council, and stays in place for the duration of the Chief Elected Officials time in office, though it could be updated at any time.

The current blanket resolution was approved by the Common Council on 12/10/2013. Since it's been 10 years, it makes sense to get an updated blanket resolution to match the current language/ template from the State.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michele DeLuca