

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

Attendance: Jenn McMurrer, Chair; Jalin Sead; Douglas Sutton; Josh Goldstein

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director Emergency Management

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. McMurrer 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- DECEMBER 28, 2023

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH (3) THREE IN FAVOR AND (1) ONE ABSTENTION- MR. GOLDSTEIN**

V. NEW BUSINESS

Police Department

- 1. AUTHORIZE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO A FIELD TRIAL AGREEMENT WITH AXON.**

Ms. McMurrer said the police have an awards ceremony this evening so if there are any questions, she will try and answer them but if not, she will forward them to Deputy Chief Lepore. She read what Deputy Chief Lepore provided her for the meeting as follows:

This is an addition to the system we are currently in a five-year contract with which runs the body worn cameras, the dashboard camera signal sidearm activations, and taser software system. We are asking to demo two other software components which Axon offers, one component being the auto tagging and the system automatically enters the identifying numbers, officers' identification, and case identification right into the iCloud storage system for videos. This will help alleviate untagged videos and the manpower spent researching and tagging unaccounted for ones, and we currently have over 2,500 untagged videos and that number fluctuates and has been up to 4,500 if we don't keep up with it. The second component is called performance, and this software can automatically run our compliance audits which are required as part of the police accountability act and the software will allow us to identify officers' usage and non-usage percentages and randomly identifies case numbers for compliance checks of video along with real time numbers, on call categories, and video counts. These two software's would be beneficial in alleviating manual hours spent searching, tagging, correcting, collecting, auditing, and accounting for videos and reporting requirements.

Mr. Goldstein said it sounds like this will make the FOI process substantially easy and asked how long the trial agreement is and if there is a dollar component. Ms. McMurrer said she does not know the answer to that but that she will find out, but normally if there is a cost associated it would be included in the action item and the backup that was provided states that they are six months into a five year contract with Axon and these are just tacked onto the contract and there does not seem that there is a cost associated with it but she will confirm with Deputy Chief Lepore to be sure. Mr. Frayer said his only concern is that the city would be billed once the trial period is over. Ms. McMurrer said when the contract was first approved and would need to be extended after five years it would be brought back to the committee for approval. Mr. Frayer asked why this is just being tested now if the police have been in the contract for six months. Ms. McMurrer said she is assuming this is a newer technology that they are offering but is part of the same package. Mr. Frayer asked if this is a test that is being done for them or is it another function that would be part of the overall contract. Ms. McMurrer said she believes it would be a function of part of the contract that they either did not know about before or it wasn't offered but she can find out what that reason is.

Ms. McMurrer asked the committee members if they feel comfortable voting on the item without the answers to the questions or if they would like her to get the answers and table the item to the following meeting. Mr. Goldstein said he is comfortable forwarding the item to the full Council as long as there is an answer to the questions before the meeting. Ms. McMurrer said she will get those answers and forward them to the committee members either later tonight or first thing in the morning.

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2. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES WALSH TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE FILD TRIAL AGREEMENT PROGRAM WITH AXON.

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VI. DISCUSSION

There was no discussion this evening.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd