

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON  
COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2026**

Attendance: Nicole' Eaddy, Brian Bailey, Jalin Sead, Colin Hosten

Staff: Michele DeLuca, Deputy Director, Emergency Management; Melissa Lepore, Deputy Chief, Norwalk Police Department

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Eaddy called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Ms. Eaddy called the roll, and all members listed were in attendance. There was a quorum present.

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting: January 22, 2026**

**\*\* MR. BAILEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1)  
ABSTENTION- MR. HOSTEN**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation this evening.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, BARBARA C. SMYTH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR GRAND FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) BJA FY 25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) OPPORTUNITY # O-BJHA-2025-172542**

Deputy Chief Lepore said the Department of Justice has offered the Norwalk Police Department a funding opportunity under the BJA fiscal year 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The grant funding is \$18,382, with a start date of October 1, 2024, and an end date of September 30, 2026. The Norwalk Police Department will utilize the JAG funding to pay overtime for police patrols to respond to and deter threats to houses of worship and other religious institutions, including religious schools. Religious institutions have recently been targeted for acts of violence and vandalism. These organizations typically lack sufficient security and resources to respond to the heightened threats that they've had. Supporting these houses of worship and religious institutions effectively can combat such threats.

Mr. Hosten asked whether a particular house of worship could reach out to the Norwalk Police Department to request, based on a credible threat, whether specific sites are identified based on what is going on in the world, or all of the above. Deputy Chief Lepore said it is a mix of all of the above.

Mr. Sead thanked the Norwalk Police Department for being proactive and always keeping the residents safe, and he definitely supports this.

Ms. Eaddy asked whether there had been many threats received. Deputy Chief Lepore said not lately, but because there have been incidents in other cities, they like to have a heightened awareness, especially with holy days approaching. They try to give them extra observations during the day, but if officers are on calls for service, they can't always get to all of them.

**\*\* MR. BAILEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A. 2. AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE, JAMES WALSH, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) BJA FY 25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) OPPORTUNITY # O-BJHA-2025-172542**

**\*\* MR. BAILEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion this evening.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. HOSTEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd