

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2026**

Attendance: Nicole' Eaddy, Josh Goldstein, Jalin Sead, Colin Hosten, James Frayer, Ann Wennerstrand; Richard Dellinger (arrived at 7:10 PM)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Eaddy called the meeting to order at 7:03 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: March 26, 2026

**** MR. SEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1)
ABSTENTION- MR. FRAYER**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Iliana Zuniga-

Ms. Zuniga said this issue is important to her; it began when her son participated in a recent student walkout, and she became more aware of the cameras installed at major intersections. She has reached out to the committee to ask how the data is used and what protections are in place. She appreciates that the Norwalk Police Department has been incredibly responsive and helpful, but what she found has raised serious concerns, and is relying on internal policies, but if something is not written into a contract, it's not guaranteed. In Windsor, CT, the town council

voted to shut down its flock camera system after concerns about privacy and data sharing. State investigations have shown that the license plate data collected in Connecticut has been accessed by state agencies, including for immigration-related purposes. There is a House Bill #5449 designed to limit the use of license plate reader data. She also asked the committee: if the state is working to strengthen data protection, why are we not providing the same level of scrutiny? It is just not a tool, it is a tracking system. She wanted to be clear that she trusts the chief of police and the police department. This is about ensuring that when our data is handled by a private company, there are clear, enforceable rules in place to protect it.

Angelo Bontanol- 500 Bedford Street, in Stamford.

Mr. Bontanol said he works closely with immigrant rights organizations in Norwalk. There is a pervasive atmosphere of fear, and they are not sure which departments are sharing what information with federal authorities, including immigration authorities. A number of independent investigations have shown that FLOCK has a complete disregard for data privacy, data access, and cybersecurity practices. He is calling on Norwalk Police to ensure that FLOCK is upholding the law, and he has concerns about how FLOCK collects and uses data. He urged the committee to cut all contracts with FLOCK.

Garret

Garret requested that FLOCK be paused indefinitely and, with confidence, stated that this entity should not be trusted in any regard, citing numerous examples showing that technology will never be ready.

Eric V.

Eric said he appreciates the staff and committee letting people know what is going on, and he sits with an open mind.

Robert Pratt- Farm Creek Road

Mr. Pratt said he has become aware of the FLOCK cameras and the risk they pose to our privacy and general security, and he is quite concerned about how they will be used. He understands it is a powerful tool to reduce crime, but he thinks it is being abused, and he would like to understand how Norwalk is using it.

Katherine Lee

Ms. Lee said she is also against installing FLOCK cameras in our neighborhoods and communities, and that it is a massive overreach on our privacy. She doesn't trust where the information will go and who it will be shared with, and it is incredibly unnecessary.

VI. DISCUSSION: POLICE DEPT.- LICENSE PLATE READER (LPR)

Chief Walsh discussed the FLOCK system and said that it was implemented to track stolen cars. He provided an overview of the FLOCK system and fielded questions from the committee members.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd