



**REGULAR MEETING – PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**  
MAY 28, 2026, 7:00 PM  
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email Michele DeLuca at [mdeluca@norwalkct.gov](mailto:mdeluca@norwalkct.gov) with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
  - A. Regular Meeting: [April 23, 2026 Minutes](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Fire Department: Authorize the Mayor, Barbara Smyth, to execute a contract with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for a total not to exceed \$2,799,259.20 for the replacement of a ladder truck. (Munis Account: 09263110-5777-C0729)
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS-6/25/2026**

**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

**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Chief of Operations**

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TEL: (203) 854-0230

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To: Common Council, Public Safety and General Government Committee

From: Assistant Chief Timothy Reardon

RE: City Council Authorizations

Date: May 28, 2026

1. Authorize the Mayor, Barbara Smyth, to execute a contract with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for a total not to exceed \$2,799,259.20 for the replacement of a Ladder Truck (Munis Acct. 09263110-5777-C0729)

One of the Norwalk Fire Department's front-line ladder trucks has reached 15 years of service and is due to be replaced. This apparatus has performed reliably over its lifespan; however, it is now approaching the point where increased maintenance cost and reduced reliability warrant its replacement.

The proposed replacement will be a tractor-drawn aerial (TDA), selected for its enhanced maneuverability, operational flexibility, and ability to effectively operate within Norwalk's narrow street layouts, reduce bridge heights, and densely built neighborhoods. This apparatus type provides improved access in tight urban settings while maintaining the aerial reach, ground ladder compliment and overall capability necessary for fireground operations.

Replacing this apparatus will also allow the Department to remove a reserve ladder truck, currently in excess of 30 years old, from reserve which still sees front-line emergency service. Continuing to rely aging equipment introduces unnecessary risk to both personnel and the public, as well as increased maintenance burdens.

Investing in a new tractor-drawn aerial will ensure that the Norwalk Fire Department continues to provide a high level of service, operational readiness, and safety to the residents and visitors of the City of Norwalk.



# Fire Apparatus Proposal

**Bulldog Fire Apparatus**

86 Stockhouse Road  
 Bozrah, CT 06334  
 (860) 204-8332

DATE: 4/24/2026  
 PAGE: 1 of 1  
 VALID FOR: 60-Days

TO City of Norwalk Fire Department  
 121 Connecticut Avenue  
 Norwalk, CT 06854

ATTENTION: Edward McCabe ; Fire Chief  
 PHONE: (203) 854-0230  
 E-MAIL: [emccabe@norwalkct.gov](mailto:emccabe@norwalkct.gov)

Contract Number		Description		Customer Contact	
Sourcewell 082025-RVG-3		KME Severe Service 100' Tractor Drawn Aerial Apparatus		Edward McCabe ; Fire Chief	
Delivery Terms				Estimated Delivery	Payment Terms
F.O.B. Bulldog Fire Apparatus - Bozrah, CT				46-52 Months ARO	Due at Delivery
Line Item	QTY	Item Number	Description	Unit Price	Extended
1	1	MSRP	Apparatus MSRP Price	\$2,925,536.00	\$2,925,536.00
1	1	SOURCEWELL	5% Sourcewell Discount	(\$146,276.80)	(\$146,276.80)

**Subtotal**      \$2,779,259.20

Quotation prepared by:

Customer Approval:

Jeffrey Heser

Sales Representative

Signature: *E. McCabe*

Name: Edward J. McCabe

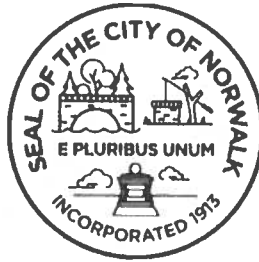
Title: Chief

Total

\$2,779,259.20

Quotation provided is only valid for items above, and will be honored for 30-days per terms and conditions stated above. Payment shall be received at delivery. This quote is non-transferable, and can only be used by the customer stated above. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. An apparatus contract shall be part of this purchase and a PO from the buyer if a PO is used for this type of purchase by the purchaser.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A PROPOSAL



DEPT OF FINANCE - Purchasing Department

**NONCOMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM**

DATE: 4/27/2026

DEPARTMENT: Fire

Procurement by non-competitive proposals may be used only when the award of a contract is infeasible under informal competitive Quotations (§3-204), Informal Competitive Request for Proposals (§3-205), seal bids, or competitive proposals and at least one of the following circumstances applies:

Check One:

<input type="checkbox"/>	1	The item is available only from a single source (justification is attached). The provisions of this regulation apply to all sole source procurements unless emergency conditions exist as defined by Purchasing Guideline on Emergency Procurements
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	After solicitation of several sources, competition is determined inadequate (record of source contacts and/or attempts to obtain pricing is attached)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	The compatibility of equipment, accessories, or replacement parts is of paramount consideration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4	The item/service is available on a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (please provide the organization name, quote, and the contract/agreement number)
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation (documented emergency contingency is attached). <b>Please forward this form and supporting documentation within 48 hours of the Emergency</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	Other, please explain:

TOTAL COST: \$2,779,259.20 MUNIS Account: 09263110-5777-C0729

VENDOR: Bulldog Fire Apparatus

Purchasing Agent Signature	The Purchasing Agent	Department Head Signature
Digitally signed Purchasing Agent Name <b>Sharon Conners</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supports	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Support	Department Head Name
Date: 2026.04.30 11:57:04 -04'00'	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Source Requires Common Council Authorization (in excess of \$20,000.00)?	<b>Edward McCale, Chief</b> Date: <b>4/27/2026</b>

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The Norwalk Fire Department seeks to acquire a new Tractor-Drawn Aerial (TDA) apparatus to enhance operational capabilities in densely populated neighborhoods with narrow streets and limited maneuvering space. The department has determined that a KME TDA is the only apparatus that meets the unique operational requirements for the city, including:

KME TDA is a compact design that allows for safe navigation in Norwalk's narrow streets and tight residential areas. No other manufacturer currently provides a TDA with the combination of short overall length and reduced height required for Norwalk's operational environment. Other manufacturers' apparatus would exceed allowable height or length limitations preventing access to certain areas of the city.

Lower height of the KME TDA ensures clearance under low bridges and overpasses common throughout Norwalk. This allows the ladder truck to take the most direct route to emergencies and prevent detours a truck with a higher height would require which would cause operational delays

KME TDAs are recognized for their reliability, robust performance, and safety features that meet NFPA standards for aerial apparatus.

Bulldog Fire & Rescue is the sole authorized KME dealer covering the State of Connecticut. All KME apparatus purchases in the state must be made through Bulldog to ensure proper warranty support, factory specifications, and parts availability. The purchase will utilize Sourcewell contract pricing, ensuring competitive pricing under a cooperative purchasing agreement recognized for municipal procurement.

Due to the combination of unique operational requirements, exclusive dealer representation, and pre-negotiated Sourcewell contract pricing, the Norwalk Fire Department requests approval to procure a KME TDA through Bulldog Fire & Rescue as a sole source purchase. This procurement ensures the department receives an apparatus that meets city-specific operational needs, maintains compliance with NFPA standards, and benefits from cooperative contract pricing.

**ANY OTHER VENDORS CONTACTED FOR PRICING? (Please attach quotes):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY:** Explain in detail the nature of the emergency