

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2025**

Attendance: Jalin Sead, Chair; Josh Goldstein; Nicole Eaddy; James Frayer

Absent: Nicol Ayers; Heather Dunn

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sead called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sead called the roll, and all members listed were in attendance. There was not a quorum present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$247,690.00, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) FACEPIECES AND REGULATORS

ACCOUNT# Acct. 09-24-031-31100-0-5777-C0310

Assistant Chief McCabe said the firefighter SCBA comprises four main components: the air bottle, the harness, the regulator, and the face piece. These funds will replace the regulators and

facepieces so the fire department will comply with the 2024 NFPA regulations. The NFPA will not allow new components to be retrofitted with older components, so the SCBAs that we currently have are still within regulations. Still, we cannot purchase other components and retrofit them with older packs, so we will need to purchase all of the components to comply with the new regulation.

Mr. Goldstein asked if this would complete the project or if there was another stop. Asst. Chief McCabe said, "Yes," this would complete the components and get them back into compliance.

Mr. Frayer joined the meeting at 7:06 PM.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Frayer asked about the status of the new fireboat delivery. Asst. Chief McCabe said it is being prepared for shipping and may arrive at the beginning of next week.

B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MES FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$622,650.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) HARNESES.

ACCOUNT# Acct. 09-25-031-31100-0-5777-C0703

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: 4/24/25

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. AUTHORIZE THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE A NONCOMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM WITH FLOCK SAFETY GROUP FOR PAYMENT OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT OF THE ALPR'S. THIS PAYMENT IS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF A 24-MONTH AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES COMMENCING AUGUST 25, 2025, AND ENDING AUGUST 24, 2027.

Deputy Chief Lepore said last year the Department of Justice awarded the police department grant funding under project safe neighborhood grant which paid for the first year to FLOCK for the automatic license plate readers which were installed around the City of Norwalk to include areas that were identified where crimes, car burglaries, and stolen motor vehicles had occurred. The system allowed officers to work and coordinate efforts with other state and federal agencies. She said they are requesting to utilize the non-competitive procurement justification form for Flock Safety Group for hardware and software support of the ALPRs. The payment is for the first year of a 24-month agreement commencing August 25, 2025, and ending August 24, 2027. The Police Department is budgeted for it, and the purchasing department has approved the payment.

Mr. Frayer asked if the units are fixed in specific locations or can be moved around. Deputy Chief Lepore said there are fixed cameras on telephone poles. Mr. Frayer asked if they have other products that can be moved around. Deputy Chief Lepore said, "Yes," but they have license plate readers installed on all patrol cars.

Mr. Sead asked what would be recorded with the license plates, how that information would be stored, and whether there would be a period when that information would be wiped out. Deputy Chief Lepore said no data is stored and is not part of the DMV system or any national crime database.

Mr. Sead said that these cameras will be a good tool for the police department on the main thoroughfares, where people are speeding.

**** MS. EADDY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2025 SPEED AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT, PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0706-AR.

Deputy Chief Lepore said that on an annual basis, the Police Department applies to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the 2025 speed and aggressive driving grant and has received a grant award of \$69,942 based on crash data. The crashes in Norwalk have remained consistently high in past years, resulting in increased injuries. The UCONN crash repository indicated that Norwalk would benefit from additional police presence and enforcement on our roadways. The additional enforcement actions will help deter speed-related crashes and encourage safe and responsible motor vehicle operation. The officers will focus on moving violations and will issue verbal warnings, written warnings, infraction tickets, and make arrests when appropriate. The grant parameters are set to increase patrols on Fridays through Mondays during peak traffic hours, where data show increased speed and aggressive driving problems. The grant is for July 1, 2025, through September 5, 2025.

Mr. Goldstein said he thinks it would be interesting to see the police eventually working with TMP to put together a strategy to combine the powers of police enforcement and the presence and strategic placement of automatic traffic cameras to clamp down on people speeding unnecessarily because that is one of the biggest complaints we get as elected officials.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D 2. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE JAMES WALSH TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2025 SPEED AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING GRANT, PROJECT NUMBER 0205-0706-AR.

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd