

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
AUGUST 1, 2022**

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ATTENDANCE: Edwin Camacho, Chair; Mayor Harry Rilling; James Frayer;
Troy Jellerette; Artie Kassimis

STAFF: Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Henry Dachowitz, Chief Financial Officer; Irene Dixon, City Clerk; Mikey Docimo, Budget Manager, Norwalk Police Department; Thomas Ellis, Director of Management and Budgets; Ken Hughes, Superintendent of Parks and Public Property

OTHERS: Joseph Andrasko, Oak Hills Park Authority

Mr. Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Ms. Dixon called the Roll as indicated above. A Quorum was present.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. CAMACHO)**

2. **SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA** (Section A) None

3. **TRANSFER AGENDA** (Section B)

CORPORATION COUNSEL

**** MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
TRANSFER REQUEST**

From	To	Amount
01-0300-5110 Salary & Wages - Regular 01-0300-5258	Other Professional Services	\$21,000

Mr. Coppola reviewed the request. This transfer is to cover Other Professional Services rendered in connection with ongoing litigations involving the City of Norwalk. These costs were incurred through June 30, 2022. Finance recommends approval.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RECREATION & PARKS

**** MR. JELLERETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
TRANSFER REQUEST**

From	To	Amount
01-4150-5110 Salary & Wages - Regular 01-4153-5298	Other Contractual Services	\$33,746

Mr. Hughes reviewed the request. This transfer is to cover payment of shortage of funds in the LAZ Contract Account due to vacancies. Mr. Hughes said there was a surplus of \$22,000 last year. Finance recommends approval.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Section C)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Dixon read the following resolution:

**1. RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL CAPITAL
APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE VEHICLES.**

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Mr. Docimo reviewed the request for three SUV type vehicles, along with any upgrades that need to be done to the vehicles. The vehicles being considered are for the Chief and two Deputy Chiefs. There are funds left in the account. He explained there is a vehicle replacement plan and these vehicles are on the schedule.

Mr. Docimo explained that the existing vehicles are moved to other divisions within the Police Department. He said they expect to get the vehicles within the next three to six months.

Finance recommends approval.

**** MR. KASSIMIS MOVED THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:**

AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FROM THE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLE ACCOUNT #0921-3610-5770-C0638 FOR FY2022-23 TO PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

AND TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 IN THE POLICE CARS AND VANS REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT #0923-3610-5777-C0665 TO PURCHASE THREE NEW VEHICLES

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Frayer asked Mr. Docimo how much of the \$8 million will be used. Mr. Docomo said he will have a better idea next month and can provide that information.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Section D)

Financial reports

Mr. Camacho suggested that Board members review the Tax Collector's report.

- Oak Hills Park Budget – June, 2022

Mr. Andrasko provided a re-cap of their 2022 financials. He reported that they finished the fiscal year 4% higher than last year and their net operations income came in at \$500,000. They paid the City of Norwalk \$113,000 and put \$290,000 back into the course for cart paths and for the restaurant building.

Mr. Andrasko reviewed their FY2023 budget. They expect the number of rounds to go down, although they have not seen a slow down at this point. There will be a modest increase in the cost of rounds by \$1.00 per round. Personnel expenses will be higher due to the increase to the minimum wage. They are planning for a debt payment to the City of \$110,000.

Mr. Jellerette asked about the restaurant. Mr. Andrasko said they were happy with the licenses agreement as written. Mr. Jellerette also asked about the golf simulator. Mr. Andrasko said they are becoming more and more popular and are very accessible. He said there is space for two and there is a one and one half to two year payback. Mr. Jellerette asked Mr. Andrasko if they are considering putting in a driving range. Mr. Andrasko said there are no current discussions about a driving range.

Mr. Dachowitz reported that Finance is in the middle of raising \$90 million. In the last six weeks, rates went down by ¼ of a point. He said he has three calls with the bonding agencies and is hoping for a good result.

- Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2021-22
- Year-to-date Capital Budget Report – FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2021-22
- Year-to-date Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue Report – FY 2021-22
- Year-to-date Operating Revenue Report – FY 2022-23
- Police Wages FY 2022-22
- Fire Wages FY 2021-22
- Public Works Wages FY 2021-22
- Police Wages FY 2022-23
- Fire Wages FY 2022-23
- Public Works Wages FY 2022-23
- Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report – FY 2021-22
- Year-to-date BOE Operating Expenditure Report FY 2022-23
- Tax Collector's Narrative – June 2022
- Tax Collector's Report – June 2022

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi, Telesco Secretarial Services

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