

**CITY OF NORWALK COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
ON THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET
Thursday February 23, 2023; 6:30-8:30P.M.
City Hall Common Council Chambers
and
Zoom Virtual Teleconference:**

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Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public hearing on Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Recommended Operating Budget
4. Adjournment

Followed by a Special Meeting of the Common Council Finance and Claims Committee

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. RESOLUTION: Requesting a Special Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$489,225 to increase the appropriation to fund for the Fire Department to purchase two Fire Engines (Pumper Trucks) account 09233110-5777-C0437 (Apparatus Replacement). The \$489,225 of bonds or notes of the City shall be issued in accordance with the provisions and terms set forth in the original bond resolutions that authorized the issuance of bonds or notes of the City for Project # 0923110-5777-C0437(Apparatus Replacement).
4. RESOLUTION: Deauthorize in the amount of \$489,225 of authorized but unissued bonds from the Police Communications Console Account #09213610-5777-C0638 to purchase two Fire Engines (Pumper Trucks).
5. Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Recommended Operating Budget and Cap Review; Discussion and Recommendation to the Common Council.
6. Adjournment



NORWALK PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

125 East Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2023

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission – Louis Schulman, Chairman

FROM: Bryan Baker, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: #2023-08 SA – Norwalk Fire Department – Special appropriation request in the amount of \$489,225 for the purchase of two (2) fire engine pumper trucks

The Norwalk Fire Department is requesting that the Planning & Zoning Commission review the special appropriation request for \$489,225 for the purchase of two fire engine pumper trucks. The funds requested exist within a separate capital budget account and will be transferred to make this purchase. Therefore this request is not a new expenditure being requested by the Fire Department.

Per [City Ordinance 30-11](#), any additional obligations (financial requests not included in the capital budget) must be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission and acted on within 10 days of the receipt, which in this case is February 18, 2023.

The role of the Planning & Zoning Commission is to review the special appropriation request for consistency with the [Plan of Conservation and Development](#).

The following resolution is offered:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Norwalk Planning & Zoning Commission that application #2023-08 SA – Norwalk Fire Department – Special appropriation request in the amount of \$489,225 for the purchase of two (2) fire engine pumper trucks be **APPROVED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reasons for this action are to implement the following Plan of Conservation and Development goals, policies and actions:

1. To achieve Plan of Conservation and Development Goal #1 listed in Chapter 11: Public Facilities, Infrastructure & Services: *“Norwalk’s infrastructure and public facilities are resource-efficient, well-maintained, cost-effective, sustainable and resilient”* through Strategy B. *“Continue to update, modernize and maintain Norwalk’s infrastructure and city facilities”* by implementing action vi. *“Ensure Norwalk’s emergency services departments are provided with appropriate funding for equipment and facilities to provide superior service and maintain a high level of public safety;”* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action be forwarded to the Common Council.

Sincerely,



Bryan Baker
Principal Planner
City of Norwalk
203-854-7705

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cc: Gino Gatto, Chief, Norwalk Fire Department
Edward McCabe, Deputy Chief, Norwalk Fire Department
Tom Ellis, Director, Office of Management and Budget

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 7, 2023

To: Harry W. Rilling, Mayor
Members of the Board of Estimate & Taxation
Members of the Planning Commission
Members of the Common Council

From: Tom Ellis, Director of Management & Budgets

Re: Special Capital Appropriation Request from Norwalk Fire Department for increased funding -- (2) Fire Engine Pumper Trucks

Attached is a request from the Norwalk Fire Department for a special capital appropriation in the amount of \$489,225 in order to meet the low bid from a vendor.

There were two bids received and the low bid was from Pierce Manufacturing for a total of \$1,839,225. The original capital appropriation request (which was approved) for FY 2023 was \$1,350,000. This request was based on estimates received at the time the capital request process was being developed.

In order to proceed with the award of the bid and provide sufficient funds for the purchase of the vehicles, a Special Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$489,225 is required. The Norwalk Police Department currently has a Communications Upgrade project in process and is not expected to spend the full appropriation of \$13,300,000 on the effort. As a result, they have agreed to reduce the amount of their appropriation by the amount of \$489,225.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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