

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Faye Bowman, Chair; Michelle Maggio, Eloise Melendez,
Michael DePalma

OTHERS: Police Lt. T. Blake, Assistant Fire Chief Gino Gatto

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2016

**** COUNCIL MELENDEZ MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2016.
** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2016 AS
SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

There was no one who wished to address the Committee members at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Refer the issue of Noise Control enforcement to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion and action to be determined by the Ordinance Committee.

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Approve 2017 Calendar.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DEPALMA MOVED TO APPROVE 2017 CALENDAR.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Multi-Town/Agency Equipment Cooperative (ICE Grant)

Asst. Fire Chief Gatto explained that there had been a cooperative operative agreement between Stamford, Darien and Greenwich for an Intertown Cooperative Equipment (ICE) Grant for purchasing tactical gear. Darien decided to opt out and Norwalk was asked if it wanted to participate. The department settled on the amount of gear that they wanted and the legal department has worked on the agreement. Greenwich dropped out at the last minute and Fairfield has opted in. Norwalk will be purchasing 15 sets of gear that will be split between the Fire Department and the Police Department. Norwalk Hospital will be purchasing 21 sets of gear.

Ms. Maggio asked if the gear would be assigned to an individual officer. Lt. Blake said that some of the gear will be stored in a rescue truck and the police officers will have the gear in the patrol cars. Discussion followed about the type of gear that will be needed and whether there would be mutual aid between the towns if needed.

Ms. Bowman asked about the line that Corporation Counsel has concerns about in the hold harmless clause of the contractual agreement. Assistant Chief Gatto brought copies of the agreement forward and indicated where the questions were.

Ms. Bowman asked what the City would have to do for the grant. Assistant Chief Gatto said that there were no matching funds, but they would be requested to render mutual aid to the other towns if needed. Discussion followed. Ms. Bowman said that she would check with Corporation Counsel about the agreement. She asked where the funding for the equipment would come from. Assistant Chief Gatto said the funds would come from their budget and the Police Department would take it from their Assets Forfeiture funding.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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