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**HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 25, 2020 AT 7:00PM.
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Nick Sacchinelli, Chairman; Dominique Johnson; Thomas Keegan; Lisa Shanahan; George Tsiranides; Manny Langella; David Heuvelman

STAFF: Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health; Deputy Chief Zecca, Norwalk Police Department; Asst. Chief Chris King, Norwalk Fire Department; Michelle Deluca, Deputy Director, Emergency Management

I. WELCOME - ROLL CALL

Mr. Sacchinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the above members were in attendance and there was a quorum present.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2020 MINUTES

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

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

**1. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SEAGRAVE FIRE
APPARATUS LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 100 FOOT LADDER TRUCK. NOT TO
EXCEED \$1,350,000. ACCOUNT NO. 0920310 5777 CO437**

Mr. Tsirinides asked if this truck will replace the current truck. Asst. Chief King said “yes” and it will be replacing truck 1 at the Broad River Fire Station. Mr. Sacchinelli asked if the price includes outfitting the truck with the equipment that is needed. Asst. Chief King said it includes some of the equipment and some will be transferred from the truck 1.

****TSIRINIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, AND SERVICE OF RADIO SYSTEM DISPATCH CONSOLE EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE RADIO SYSTEM, PRICING AS PER STATE OF CONNECTICUT MASTER CONTRACT #A-99-001 AND # 967-A-23-0338C, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$895,184; FROM ACCOUNT NO. 09203620-5777-CO638 AND REMAINDER FROM ACCOUNT #01013071 5262.

2B. AUTHORIZE CHIEF THOMAS KULHAWIK TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER(S) TO THE ABOVE AGREEMENT FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,743. ACCOUNT NO. 09203620-5777-CO638 AND REMAINDER FROM ACCOUNT #01013071 5262.

Deputy Chief Zecca said this is for the replacement of the console in the dispatch center and the currently equipment is obsolete at this point.

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 UPDATES

Ms. D'Amore said we continue to see a downward trend in the slowdown in cases in Norwalk and the State of Connecticut, but are paying very close attention to what is going on in other areas of the country where they are seeing a lot of increases. We are very pleased and feel so fortunate to see the positive changes that are happening in Connecticut and the surrounding states. She thanked all the committee members, the businesses and organizations, elected officials and the Mayor for his great leadership for being health advocates and setting the tone for our community. She said it is very important that we stay on top of everything and remember how we got to where we are including the face coverings, physical distancing etc. which will continue to have us to have lower cases.

Ms. D'Amore provided an update at the state level and said the Governor has announced a regional approach with New York and New Jersey and there is now criteria that has been set at the state to require a 14 day quarantine for anyone that is returning from any of the states that have higher cases to keep the cases down in Connecticut and our region. Mr. Heuvelman asked how that will be monitored. Ms. D'Amore said it is a voluntary process but as far as she knows there is not an expectation that the local health departments will be following up with each of the individuals.

Ms. D'Amore said we continue to increase the testing capacity and are working with our partners on testing within our community. She provided an update on the phase II of the reopening plan and said that they continue to visit the food establishments both for outdoor dining and indoor dining. She said they have found the businesses are willing to implement the guidelines but it is a huge learning curve and education and enforcement has been the main approach for the Health Department to make sure people are aware of the guidelines and continue to follow up on complaints and to be proactive on the enforcement.

Ms. DeLuca said we continue to have our bi-weekly EOC meetings and are looking at continuity planning for what may happen come the fall. She said they are also working with the school district on the high school graduations plan and they are looking at a drive through model and there is a meeting to next week to solidify what those plans might look like. The State PPE program for small businesses has ended but she is still receiving requests and have been very fortunate with our donations so as those calls come in she has been able to meet all the needs and has put away supplies for the disaster trailer in case there is a hurricane or other tropical storm in the fall, and to also have a good supply should we have an increase in cases in the fall. Mr. Tsirinides asked if there is any concerns with the camps starting. Ms. D'Amore said the Office of Early Childhood at the state is responsible for regulating and permitting the private camps so they will be the ones who will be responsible for overseeing the different programs that are running. She said she can ask the State Health Department if they can provide additional details on what that process is going to look like. Mr. Tsirinides asked if there are any concerns that they would like the committee to assist with. Ms. DeLuca said so far she has not received any requests for PPE but her concern is that they do not have enough PPE for any kind of summer programs where they would be using more than one mask per day. Mr. Heuvelman asked if we will be supplying PPE for the city run camps. Ms. DeLuca said she will contact Mr. Roberts to see what their communication has been with the families and what they will be purchasing or looking to purchase for PPE, but Parks and Recreation has been very good about getting PPE for their programs. Mr. Sacchinelli requested that once she receives the information to circulate it to the committee.

Mr. Heuvelman asked if we will be affected by the federal government pulling the funding for the drive through testing and the ability to continue to the testing. Ms. D'Amore said she has not heard anything specific to Connecticut and its impact.

Ms. DeLuca said along with the Health Department will be doing a summer safety campaign for information on extreme heat safety and the reinforcement of the existing Covid-19 messages.

Ms. DeLuca provided an update on the changes to the shelters in case there is an emergency and said she has put aside PPE for the shelter, and the Red Cross has typically managed the shelter for us in partnership with the city and have had some conversations with them about their guidance and the important piece will be messaging. She said it is a concern because it changes our entire model of how we shelter for a disaster. Mr. Sacchinelli asked if temperatures will be taken as people come in or if there is a quarantine protocol for those that have symptoms. Ms. DeLuca said that they will need to look at a space in another part of the school as an isolation area, and are also looking at for the individuals that have tested positive or are symptomatic be

placed in the hotels and not at the shelter. She said there will also be logs taken with the temperatures for anyone coming in and out of the shelter.

Ms. DeLuca said she is hoping to do a disaster exercises within the city or the region as a tabletop exercise.

Mr. Sacchinelli said if anyone on the committee receives complaints regarding fireworks to have them call the police department at (203) 854-3000.

Ms. D'Amore said we have been experiencing a higher than normal water demand and asked that people be mindful of their water use.

Mr. Sacchinelli said that the committee appreciates the visibility that staff has provided the committee and thanked them for all of the work they have been doing and thanked staff on behalf of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SHANAHAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd
Telesco Secretarial Services