

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Bonenfant, Chair; David Jaeger, Travis Simms

OTHERS: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy; Timothy Callahan, Norwalk Health Department Director; Officer Susan Zecca, Norwalk Police Department.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. A quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 28, 2011

These will be considered at the next meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old Business to conduct at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the renewal of the Emergency Communications Network (Code Red) contract for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 for the amount not to exceed \$35,000 to execute any future contract renewal with the same vendor, for total annual renewals not to exceed \$35,000. (Account No. 013160-5228)

Chief McCarthy said that this was a renewal of the contract. During Hurricane Irene, the City used 75,000 minutes of the 100,000 allocated minutes. In view of this, it is recommended to upgrade the agreement to unlimited minutes for \$35,000. The FEMA reimbursement funds will be applied to the contract. This has been discussed with Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Bonenfant asked if this would be a yearly renewal. Chief McCarthy said that if the price increased, the Department would have to come back to the Council. He added that every five

years the service would go out to bid.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he would forward this to the full Council for approval.

Health Department

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue sole source purchase orders to various Vendors offering specialty non-generic vaccines to be used in the Health Department's immunization program for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, with total purchase not to exceed \$300,000.00 per year.

Mr. Callahan came forward and gave an overview of the request. He said that the Health Department purchases large amounts of vaccines for residents who are traveling overseas. Doctors often refer patients to the Health Department because the doctors don't have enough individual requests for the vaccines. These vaccines are a revenue source for the Health Department.

The vaccines are single source because of their unique compositions. The amount purchased varies during the year. If the inventory is low, the Department can order and have it delivered within the next day.

Mr. Simms asked about the shelf life. Mr. Callahan said that he would have to ask one of the nurses. Mr. Simms asked about the fact that there was single source. Mr. Callahan explained that the pharmaceutical companies each have their own versions of vaccines and one may require three doses, while another might require two. The patient can decide which dosage schedule they prefer.

Mr. Bonenfant explained that the Health Department has vaccine packages for people traveling overseas, such as those who are going to Viet Nam or for those who are going to South America. Various countries have different requirements.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he would forward this to the full Council for approval.

Police Department

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, under the Highway Safety Project, FY 2012 Comprehensive DUI enforcement program. The program will be funded with 75% grant funding of \$44,256.35 and 25% City funds of \$14,752.12 to be taken out of the police overtime or asset forfeiture accounts.

Authorize Police Chief, Harry Rilling, to execute any and all agreements documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement the FY 2012

Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, pursuant to such grant funding.

Officer Susan Zecca came forward and gave a brief overview of the program. This provides for 57 nights of additional DUI patrol and two check points. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jaeger asked about some of the statistics in the grant application. Officer Zecca said that the first two pages of the application were completed by the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Bonenfant said that he would forward this to the full Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bonenfant adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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