

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: David Watts, Chairman; Jerry Petrini

STAFF: Erin Halsey

OTHER: Fire Chief Denis McCarthy; Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Watts called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and noted that Mr. Petrini, Ms. Halsey, Chief McCarthy, and Fire Marshal Glenn Iannaccone were present. The Committee did not have a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER, 2011; JANUARY, 2014

No vote was taken on the approval of the minutes for October, 2011 and January, 2014.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING – FIRE MARSHAL FEE SCHEDULE

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from FEMA Department of Homeland Security for FY 2011 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in the amount of \$79,000.00. The Fire Department will be appropriated \$60,000 for CBRNE, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Enhanced Conventional Weapons detection equipment and electronics to be installed in the marine vessel under construction by North River Boat, Inc. The balance of the grant will be appropriated to the Police Department.

Mr. Petrini recommended that Mr. Watts bring this matter to the full Council and said that there was no one from the public for or against the fee schedule. He said that he is in favor of the fee schedule. Mr. Watts said he was in favor of it also.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute the first Amendment to the North River boat, Inc. agreement. This amendment shall amend and revise that North River Boat, Inc. Agreement executed on October 25, 2011 and incorporate additional grant funds from FEMA Department of Homeland Security for FY 2011 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in the amount of \$60,000.00 of \$79,000.00 available from the grant. Total amount of grant funds available to this project for the construction and fit-up of the marine vessel not to exceed \$660,000.00. Note this project is 100% funded. Account Number 09113110-5799-C0505.

Fire Chief McCarthy said the City has a grant for \$600,000 for a fire boat. The contract for construction was approved. The boat is under construction. He said that the Fire Department and the Police Department jointly applied for and received additional funding for \$79,000.00. \$60,000.00 of that is for the Fire Department and electronics for the boat. The resolutions would allow the City to accept the second grant and allow change orders in the contract for the additional expenditure of \$60,000 for a contract not to exceed \$660,000. There is no local match; it is entirely grant funded. He said that the surrounding cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Greenwich and Stamford have received similar funding for similar purposes. He said he expected the boat to be here by the end of April.

Mr. Watts approved of this resolution and will send it to the full Council.

Chief McCarthy said that the Fire Department and the Fire Marshal's office will be sponsoring a "Get in Free" night at Stepping Stones Museum on Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be interactive displays and activities primarily for children.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nothing to submit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to submit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services