

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Romano, Chair; Bruce Kimmel; Jerry Petrini;
David Watts; Michelle Maggio (7:48 p.m.); Nicholas
Kydes (7:58 p.m.)

OTHERS: Munro Johnson, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency; Chief
Harry Rilling; Lieutenant Susan Zecca

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Romano called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and called the Roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 26th were not available at this evening's meeting.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES TO THE NEXT MEETING**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department

There was nothing submitted.

Health Department

There was nothing submitted.

Police Department

Chief Rilling reviewed the following requests.

The Police Department applied for and received approval to modify the COPS Technology grant. The grant is due to expire June 25, 2012. Part of the

equipment to be purchased are e-ticket printers and photo booking software. The equipment and systems need to integrate and interface with the existing systems of the Department.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO NEXGEN FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF E-TICKET HARDWARE FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000.**

FROM ACCOUNT # 35309A.

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO NEXGEN FOR SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF HUNTER SMARTSHOT PHOTO BOOKING BUNDLE FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 6,500.

FROM ACCOUNT # 35309A

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chief Rilling reviewed the following request. He said that Bonnell Ford agreed to take a letter of intent to purchase, deliver the cars and then get paid after July 1st. He said that they did this last year. Mr. Kimmel asked why there was only a choice between two Fords. Chief Rilling explained that only Ford, Dodge and Chevy make Police interceptor cars. He said that Police cars have to be built to a higher standard.

Ms. Maggio joined the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Chief Rilling said that the old cars will have 160,000 to 170,000 miles on them. Ms. Maggio asked what was done with the cars not in use. Chief Rilling said that they are sold at auction or could be used by other City departments.

The Police Department has money allocated in the 2012-2013 operating account for new Police vehicles. The purchase request for new 2011 Crown Victorias w as put out to bid and the low bidder was Bonnell Ford in Massachusetts.

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO BONNELL FORD, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER BID # 3168, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) 2011 CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES, FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000.**

FROM ACCOUNT # 01353-5731

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Romano talked about product called Emily that is a robotic life guard that travels 28 miles per hour and works by remote control from the shore. She said that it is a floatation device and can help bring a victim closer to shore faster than a lifeguard could by swimming out to the victim. She said that it could be used in the event a swimmer gets caught in a riptide and it would be dangerous for a lifeguard to swim out to them. She said that she has spoken to Chief Rilling about this and will take it to Mr. Mocciae. Ms. Romano said that one costs \$10,000, but they could possibly apply for a grant to cover the cost.

Mr. Kimmel asked how many times there have been riptides. Ms. Romano said that it is not a question of riptides; this device allows the lifeguard to reach the swimmer faster. Mr. Kimmel said that he understood the importance.

Mr. Watts left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Ms. Romano said that this is a beach device. It was developed following the drowning of a little girl. Mr. Kimmel said that he would like to look into this further and asked for information about the number and types of incidents the lifeguards respond to. Ms. Romano said that she will provide further information to the Committee.

Mr. Kydes joined the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS- DISCUSSION, INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Redevelopment Agency

Presentation on Health, Welfare, & Public Safety Issues in Connectivity.

Mr. Munro W. Johnson, give a Power Point presentation on the recently-approved Norwalk Connectivity Masterplan, and discussed its relevance to Health, Welfare, & Public Safety issues in Norwalk.

ADJOURN

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services