

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE &
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Maggio, Chair; Sarah Mann; Jerry Petrini;
David Watts

OTHERS: Christian Hansen, Norwalk Fire Department; Stuart Wells
Registrar of Voters; Bob Sodaro, Deputy Registrar of Voters

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Maggio called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and called the Roll.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department

**** MS. MANN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ASSET LIGHTING AND ELECTRIC INC, ON THE BEHALF OF THE NORWALK FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED (1500) FIRST ALERT SMOKE ALARMS (MODEL SA340B) FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,755.00. GRANT FUND FIRE PREVENTION ALARMS ACCOUNT # 3531705763**

Mr. Hansen reviewed the item. He said that it is a 100% funded grants. Firefighters will distribute smoke alarms and will install them if requested. He explained that 13 bid requests went out; 7 did not respond. These are brand new smoke alarms.

Mr. Watts said that this is wonderful. He said that when he started his term on this Committee he was very concerned about this. The Legislature is going to pass a bill, where before a property transfer can take place, there have to be working smoke detectors in the building.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

EARLY CHILDHOOD

**** MS. MANN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE SCHOOL READINESS AND CHILD DAY CARE GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUND YEAR 2013-2014**

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT A SCHOOL READINESS AND CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING

The representative explained the items. She said that there are 536 children in the programs. Ms. Maggio said that her family benefited from this program. The representative said that the Governor gave out 1,000 grants and Norwalk received more slots than any other community. The quality enhancement grant provides funding to prepare staff and teachers. She said that all programs are accredited. They contract with CES who trains the teachers. They also provide tuition reimbursement.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF EMERGENCY PLANS FOR ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK, WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE

**** MR. WATTS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE EMERGENCY PLANS FOR ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK**

Ms. Maggio said that she plans to put this item on the next Common Council agenda.

Mr. Wells explained that there had been storms just prior to the last few elections. Four years ago the presidential primary was held in February; if there is a storm, there can be major issues. The Committee members commended Mr. Wells and the staff for doing a good job.

Mr. Wells discussed issues facing the Registrar of Voters office. He said that District C is close to being 10% smaller than other districts. Ms. Mann noted that

with Avalon going into East Norwalk, District C should increase. Mr. Sodaro suggested that the districts should be revised to follow property lines.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

ADJOURN

**** MR. PETRINI MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services