

CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 2010

ATTENDANCE: Richard Bonenfant, Chair; David Jaeger;
Nicholas Kydes;
Clyde Mount; Travis Simms

STAFF: Ellen Wink, City Clerk

GUESTS: Frank Favano; Lt. Brian Cunningham; Lt. Tom
Mattera, Norwalk Police Department

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Mr. Bonenfant called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 22, 2009

- ** MR. MOUNT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2009
AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Special Meeting December 22, 2009

- ** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2009
AS PRESENTED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Mr. Bonenfant said that all of the meetings are scheduled for Thursdays
except during the months of November and December.

- ** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
2010
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

** MR. KYDES MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT, GERALD FOLEY, TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO GERLING AND ASSOCIATES, INC. THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2009 SENTRY CLASS RESPONSE UNIT TO BE USED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$162,000. FUNDS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED COPS TECHNOLOGY GRANT (ACCOUNT #35309A5737)

Mr. Favano explained the item. He said that they will be back before this Committee next month for the same type of vehicle. He said that this vehicle will be used by Emergency Services.

Ltn. Cunningham explained that he has been in SWAT since 1983. He said that the current truck, which is a converted plumber's truck, was used two days ago and then had to be towed. He said that this grant will allow them to upgrade to a state of the art vehicle. In addition it will enhance the safety of the officers and the public.

Mr. Bonenfant noted that the vehicle in the bid is different from the others. Ltn. Mattera said that is what they are calling the vehicle. He said that they asked for an E450 and that's what they are getting. He said that it will be a modified Ford. Mr. Bonenfant said that he wants to be sure they will be able to get parts for the vehicle.

Mr. Mount asked if the lighting and lettering are included. Ltn. Mattera said that everything they requested is included; it will not be a high visibility vehicle. He said that they went to the facility in Ohio and were impressed. He said that this company does all of the big media trucks.

Mr. Kydes asked how many officers will fit in the vehicle. Ltn. Mattera said that it would depend on who many are being deployed; he said that they can get a number of people to a site quickly.

Mr. Jaeger asked about the lifespan of the vehicle. Ltn. Mattera said that they have had the plumber's truck for 15 years. This vehicle will be new and housed inside which will allow them to store equipment on the truck.

Mr. Jaeger asked if warrantees are being offered. Ltn. Mattera said that there is a warrantee from Gerling and from the other companies being used.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

Mr. Bonenfant said that he would like an overview of where the Police Department is now and where they hope to go in the next few years. He said that he would like this Committee to have the same access to information as the press.

The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Police Department.

Mr. Simms said that due to the state of the economy, he wants to see the entire approval process. Mr. Jaeger said that the Finance Committee instructed the staff to negotiate costs. Mr. Kydes said that they have to be mindful of where the money is coming from, he said that for example, if the City receives a grant from the State and the money is not used by the City, it will then be awarded to another City.

Mr. Simms said that he was concerned about the license plate scanners contributing to racial profiling in his district. He said that it is a tracking device.

Mr. Bonenfant said that there will always be time at the end of each meeting for discussions. Mr. Mount recommended having tours of various departments and asking them for a state of their department. Mr. Jaeger suggested that a press release be sent announcing that this Committee will be going to various locations.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. MOUNT MOVED TO ADJOURN
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

