

CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Michael Geake, Chairman; Laurel Lindstrom; Amanda Brown

STAFF: Harry Rilling, Chief of Police;
Darlene Young, Assistant City Clerk

OTHERS: Frank Fevano, Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Geake called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and stated that a quorum was not present, but he would use his chairperson's prerogative on the consideration of items.

APPROVAL OF JULY 23, 2009 MINUTES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Diane Ceci, 16 Winward Avenue, stated her name and address and thanked the chairman for the opportunity to speak on issues that she continues to have with the committee. She stated that she continues to be disappointed at the lack of information contained on posted agendas, especially the absence of an H1N1 Virus update. She added that this committee has an obligation to serve the public with health matters and issues of public safety, yet it appears only to be a clearing house for purchases and grant acceptance. She stated that this has happened on more than several occasions that the only items on the agenda are approvals for grants and purchases that need to be passed on to the Common Council. She added that while that does seem to be an important item, it is not the only issue that affects residents, and the absence of any real community health information is very disturbing. She added that she wants this to go on record as part of her on-going formal complaint on the ineffectiveness of the committee in regard to its city-ordained purpose.

Mr. Diane Lauricella, 16 Marlboro Road, Norwalk, League of Women Voters. Ms. Lauricella stated her name and address and commented on the lack of meaningful actionable information and agreed with Ms. Ceci on her statements on the lack of meaningful public information on H1N1 on the agenda as well as no update on the Emergency Preparedness Plan. She added that it has been about one year since she first complained about the toxic waste issue on the Pratt property, and absolutely nothing has been done. In addition, she stated that Mr. Maslan's response to her question on the purview of this Committee was inappropriate and insulting and Mr. Geake should not

accept it. She stated that citizens remain concerned about possible health issues related to the burning and continued issues at the LaJoie site, and she added she remains seriously concerned about an opinion letter that was delivered by Corporation Counsel back then. The opinion letter was based on this committee's wise choice to request funding for the specialist to assist the committee and share with others in the city about 23 Platt Street. She said she was also concerned that nothing has happened after the opinion letter, and that it is incorrect. She said there might have been a communication gap, because the committee asked that they be given the chance to get the ball rolling for an experienced professional to read what the site owner of Oyster Bend Condominiums and Grey Rock LLC's consultants did.

She continued, saying that it is of great concern to the neighbors and all who are interested in that site. She said that the opinion was incorrect, indefensible, and a premise and law were used that didn't make sense because it spoke to things that they didn't ask for. She said there are many ways to get other people's opinions on this. She said they had over 5 months to get independent, wise counsel. She was disappointed that the Health Department didn't push back. She said the Health Director and the Department have a duty to investigate and to give wise counsel. She said that the two systems in the City failed to determine if the proposed remediation plan is correct or not and added that she felt the Health Department is not doing the job they are mandated to do.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business reported.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Department

1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia to execute any and all documents necessary to accept grant funds from the Department of Justice, under the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$76,802.00.

1b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement all programs through the FY09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program pursuant to such grant funding.

Mr. Geake suggested the above items 1a and 1b be treated as one item for discussion.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if there was a list of items designated to be purchased with this grant and how it was developed. Chief Rilling answered that each year he meets with the Police Department heads and based on the approved budget, they develop a list of priorities that can be accomplished with money from grants. He added that from that list of priorities they calculate the necessary expenditures required to subsidize the budget allocation.

Mr. Geake asked if there was any required City match funding, and Chief Rilling responded that there was no match required.

**** MR. GEAKE USED THE CHAIRPERSON'S PERROGATIVE TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE ITEMS FOR ACCEPTANCE TO FORWARD ON TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:**

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, UNDER THE FY 09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,802.00 AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FY09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SUCH GRANT FUNDING.

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to McMahon Ford, the low bidder, for the purchase of four (4) Ford Explorers, XLT for a total amount not to exceed \$99,500. Account #35309 C5731.

**** MR. GEAKE USED THE CHAIRPERSON'S PERROGATIVE TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE ITEMS FOR ACCEPTANCE TO MOVE ON TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:**

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO MCMAHON FORD, THE LOW BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) FORD EXPLORERS, XLT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,500. ACCOUNT#35309 C5731.

3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Fleet Auto Supply, terms and conditions as per bid #2707, for the purchase and installation of Emergency Equipment for four (4) Ford Explorers for a total amount not to exceed \$32,000. Account# 35309 C5731.

Ms. Lindstrom asked for the back-up material be labeled to provide a better road map to follow when matching up the detail. Mr. Geake added that this is especially important for the Council members questions as well.

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AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THENORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO FLEET AUTO SUPPLY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS PER BID#2707, FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR (4) FORD EXPLORERS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,000. ACCOUNT# 35309 C5731.

4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to an authorized Panasonic distributor, under WSCA/NASPO contract award #B27172, for four (4) model#CF30, or equivalent, Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computers and accessories for a total amount not to exceed \$17,000. Account#35309 C5731.

Ms. Brown asked if the computers are movable, and Chief Rilling responded that there are brackets that are installed into the vehicles where the laptops are affixed, and can be removed with a tool device.

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AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO AN AUTHORIZED PANASONIC DISTRIBUTOR, UNDER WSCA/NASPO CONTRACT AWARD #B27172, FOR FOUR (4) MODEL#CF30, OR EQUIVALENT, PANASONIC TOUGHBOOK LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000. ACCOUNT#35309 C5731.

5. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department to Motorola, under the State of Connecticut DOIT contract award# A-99-001(06-ITZ00008), for the purchase of ten(10) Encrypted Motorola XTS2500 radios for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000. Account# 35309 C5743.

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AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MOTOROLA, UNDER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DOIT CONTRACT AWARD# A-99-001(06-ITZ00008), FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN(10) ENCRYPTED MOTOROLA XTS2500 RADIOS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000. ACCOUNT# 35309-C5743.

6a. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Tom Ashmore Enterprises, Inc., based on a State Contract, for the purchase of 49 Tasers X26E, model 26024, with Blade Tech Holsters for an amount not to exceed \$40,500. Account# 35309 D5761.

6b. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order, on behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, to Tom Ashmore Enterprises, Inc., based on sole source procurement, for 350 Taser 25XP Cartridges, for an amount not to exceed \$8,500. Account# 35309 D5321.

Mr. Geake suggested above items 6a and 6b be combined as one item for consideration.

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AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO TOM ASHMORE ENTERPRISES, INC., BASED ON A STATE CONTRACT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 49 TASERS X26E, MODEL 26024, WITH BLADE TECH HOLSTERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,500. ACCOUNT# 35309 D5761.

AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWALK POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO TOM ASHMORE ENTERPRISES, INC., BASED ON SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT, FOR 350 TASER 25XP CARTRIDGES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500. ACCOUNT# 35309 D5321.

7a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation under the Highway Safety Project, FY 2010 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program.

7b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments and amendments thereto as may be necessary to implement a Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program, pursuant to such grant funding.

Mr. Geake suggested above items 7a and 7b be combined as one item for consideration.

** MR. GEAKE USED THE CHAIRPERSON'S PERROGATIVE TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE ITEMS FOR ACCEPTANCE TO FORWARD ON TO THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:

AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, RICHARD A. MOCCIA, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT, FY 2010 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Geake adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn K. Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services

