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**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE**  
**August 11, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Frances DiMeglio, Chair; Joel Zaremby; Torgny Astrom; Steven Ferguson; Victor Cavallo; Bill Dunne

**STAFF:** Michael Greene; Frank Strauch

**OTHERS:** Atty Mario Coppola; Tom Hamilton

Ms. DiMeglio called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**I. REFERRALS: Review and recommendation**

**a. Mayor's Office – Special Appropriation – Law Department – Appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 for the payment of an inverse condemnation settlement relating to the construction of the new Police Headquarters.**

Mr. Greene introduced Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel and Tom Hamilton, the Finance Director who would make presentations and answer the commissioners' questions.

Atty Coppola gave a brief history of the lawsuit that brought about this request for an appropriation in order to settle the matter. The city lost the lawsuit. He explained that by settling the lawsuit it would save the city many millions of dollars. He also explained why they were requesting to bond the amount of money. Mr. Hamilton continued by saying they had spoken to the Bond Council for advice. They concurred that they should finance the appropriation. He also explained that the Redevelopment Agency will be acquiring two buildings which are abandoned. It helped with settlement.

Mr. Cavallo had concerns about borrowing money to pay for the settlement. Atty Coppola explained how they had come to determine the best way to pay for this settlement. Mr. Hamilton explained that state law allowed them to do this. There was also a discussion about the process of how this appropriation would be approved. Mr. Hamilton said that the Planning Commission had to make a recommendation.

At this point, Atty Coppola left the meeting to attend the Common Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Palmentiero