

HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

April 26, 2018

7:00 PM, ROOM 231

I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC HEARING (possible action on): Fire Marshal Liquor License Fees

III. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 22, 2018

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

VI. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Odyssey Learning, Inc. to provide for Child Day Care grant funding in the amount of \$714,228.32 for eligible program expenses.
2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Growing Seeds Child Development Center, Inc., CDC, LLC to provide for Child Day Care grant funding in the amount of \$609,385.92 for eligible program expenses.
3. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Odyssey Learning, Inc. to allocate \$57,035.40 of Child Day Care grant funding for the operation of the 2018 summer child care programming for Head Start Children.
4. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Inc. to allocate \$57,862 of Child Day Care grant funding for the operation of the 2018 summer child care programming for Head Start Children.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee

I reviewed all liquor license inspections in 2016 completed by the Fire Marshal's Division, on six streets. I reviewed each day in 2016, then went to each establishment's inspection records and totaled the number of inspections associated with liquor license inspections. The 2016 year to date information reviewed is as follows:

Washington Street: 14 establishments, 36 inspections total

Westport Avenue: 5 establishments, 12 inspections total

Connecticut Avenue: 12 establishments, 21 inspections total

Wall Street: 8 establishments, 13 inspections total

Fort Point Street: 3 establishments, 8 inspections total

Main Avenue: 4 establishments, 13 inspections total

Establishments: 46

Liquor License Related Inspections: 103

Additional Liquor License Re- Inspections: 57

Cost: It takes approximately 1.5 hours, including time for the inspection, documentation of the cost per inspection is approximately \$65.00.

The annual inspection cost for 46 establishments was \$3008.00, while the cost for 57 additional license re-inspections was \$3,705.00.

Proposal

I propose an annual inspection fee of \$50.00 per liquor license inspection, with an additional \$50.00 fee for any additional inspection.

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 22, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Nick Sacchinelli, Chairman; Doug Hempstead; Barbara Smyth; Doug Stern; George Tsiranides; Chris Yerinides

STAFF: Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health; Broderick Sawyer, Fire Marshal

OTHERS: Jamie Bennetta, School Readiness Coordinator

I. WELCOME - ROLL CALL

Mr. Sacchinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the above members were in attendance and there was a quorum present.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Meeting: January 18, 2018

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2018 AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public attended.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry. Rilling, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept the School Readiness Grant which includes the Quality Enhancement Grant for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Ms. Bennetta said that there are currently 14 different sights that are receiving school readiness funds, and it is a subsidized program that helps provide quality child care and they receive approximately \$9,000 per child. She said it is a two year grant and the Mayor and Superintendent of School need to sign it annually, and this is the second part of the two year grant and there will be a very small amount of changes. Mr. Sacchinelli asked if this approval is just to apply for the grant. Ms. Bennetta said “yes”.

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Fire Marshal Liquor License Fees

Fire Marshal Sawyer said that there are 150 bars and restaurants that need to get licensed annually per the State Liquor Commission and we are finding that we need to go back to the establishments for re-inspection multiple times. He said to streamline this they are proposing a fee of \$50 and the owner would come to the Fire Marshal’s office and we would explain to them what they will need to eliminate having to go back for re-inspections. He said other municipalities also do this for a much greater fee, but they are not proposing the fee for revenue but it is to be sure they are prepared for the inspection. Mr. Hempstead asked if \$50 will cover the costs. Fire Marshal Sawyer said it is reasonable and is not meant to make money but it is to make the process better. Mr. Tsiranides asked how the businesses will be notified of the change. Fire Marshal Sawyer as we go along through the process he has a list of the 150 locations that Inspector D’Acunto is going through and that the information will also be on the website. Mr. Sacchinelli asked Fire Marshal Sawyer if he is opposed to raising the additional inspection fee as an alternative to the upfront fee. Fire Marshal Sawyer said “no”.

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. HEMPSTEAD MOVED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED \$50 LIQUOR LICENSE
FEE AND \$50 ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEE.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. YERINDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd
Telesco Secretarial Services



TO: Members of the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee
FROM: Mary Oster, Early Childhood Coordinator
SUBJECT: Lease Agreements, Ben Franklin and Nathaniel Ely Centers
DATE: March 26, 2018

The Norwalk Common Council will be asked to approve a second amendment to the management agreements with Growing Seeds, CDC and Odyssey Learning, Inc. to operate toddler and preschool programs at Ben Franklin and Nathaniel Ely Centers through June 30, 2020. These programs are funded by the Child Daycare Contract grant from the state.

The programs receive all approvals necessary from the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood (OEC) licensing division to operate a childcare program in those centers.

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TO: Members of the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee
FROM: Mary Oster, Early Childhood Coordinator
SUBJECT: Summer Lease Agreement, Nathaniel Ely Center
DATE: March 26, 2018

The Norwalk Common Council will be asked to approve an agreement with Odyssey Learning, Inc. to operate a 5-week summer program starting July 5 through August 3, 2018 at Nathaniel Ely Center. This program is for children currently enrolled in CDI/Head Start during the school year (CDI/Head Start does not operate a summer program). The Child Daycare Contract grant from the state that would normally fund a summer program will be used for the program. This will help to ensure that this vulnerable group of children, many of whom are going to kindergarten in the fall are engaged for five weeks during the summer.

The program operated by Odyssey has obtained all approvals necessary for a summer camp program for children and are in receipt of a summer camp license from the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood (OEC).

Action to be taken:

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TO: Members of the Health, Welfare and Public Safety Committee
FROM: Mary Oster, Early Childhood Coordinator
SUBJECT: Summer Lease Agreement, Ben Franklin Center
DATE: March 26, 2018

The Norwalk Common Council will be asked to approve an agreement with Stepping Stones Museum for Children to operate a 5-week summer program starting July 5 through August 3, 2018 at Ben Franklin Center. This program is for children currently enrolled in CDI/Head Start during the school year (CDI/Head Start does not operate a summer program). The Child Daycare Contract grant from the state that would normally fund a summer program will be used for the program. This will help to ensure that this vulnerable group of children, many of whom are going to kindergarten in the fall are engaged for five weeks during the summer.

The program operated by Stepping Stones has obtained all approvals necessary for a summer camp program for children and are in receipt of a summer camp license from the State of Connecticut, Office of Early Childhood (OEC).

Action to be taken:

Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute a Sub-Grant Agreement between the City of Norwalk and Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Inc. to allocate \$57,862 of Child Day Care grant funding for the operation of the 2018 summer child care programming for Head Start Children.