

**HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL**

REVISED AGENDA

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Norwalk City Hall, 2nd Floor, Room 231

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2012
- III. Public Participation
- IV. New Business
- V. Resolution
- VI. Old Business

New Business

Police Department

1. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase order to Colt Defense LLC, on the behalf of the Norwalk Police Department, for the sole source purchase of twenty five (25), Colt Model 6940, Law Enforcement Carbines for a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Account # 09133010

The Norwalk Police Department is replacing Vietnam War era, used, Army surplus weapons that are on loan from U.S. Government Project Northstar. The Patrol Division has been utilizing this Colt M16/AR15 type rifle since the purchase of new Colt AR15 type rifles in 2009 for the Emergency Services Unit (SWAT team). The older rifles were "handed down" from the ESU to patrol. With this purchase the Norwalk Police Department will have new, state of the art, patrol rifles deployed on patrol and to ESU team members.

Fire Department

1. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement between the City and Emergency Communications Network, LLC.- Code Red for the CodeRED Emergency Notification System- Amendment will upgrade the calling plan to unlimited minutes for additional I compensation amount of \$18,250 in FY 2012/13 and to authorize a contact renewal for fiscal year 2013/14 for a sum not to exceed \$37, 000 pending approval of budget funding for this purpose.

Account # 013160 - 5258

Fire Department cont.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute an Agreement between the City and Resource Management Associates (RMA) to provide Fire Department **Promotional Testing Services. Services will include written and oral** examinations for the positions of Deputy Fire Chief, Captain and Lieutenant for a sum not to exceed \$15,000 pending approval of the 2013/14 budget funding for this purpose.

Account # 013140 - 5258

Background:

The City requested sealed bid proposals for these services. The bids were opened on Jan 15. The bid results are attached. The bids submitted were not based on the same assumptions i.e. Jacques Personnel assumed 30 candidates for Lieutenant, 10 Candidates for Captain and 7 Candidates for Deputy Chief. RMA assumed 62 candidates for Lieutenant, 12 Candidates for Captain and 5 Candidates for Deputy Chief. When the assumptions used by Jacques are used to recalculate the RMA fee proposal the RMA fee is \$13,035. A separate review of these figures was conducted and verified by the Purchasing Department and their analysis is attached.

The Department requests the bid award be made to RMA. The department has experience with both vendors for testing services and while we have preferred Jacques Personnel for entry level testing our experience is that RMA provides a higher quality more thorough promotional exam with fewer candidate challenges. RMA has greater experience as demonstrated in their proposal with departments equal in size and community demographics than does Jacques Personnel. Lastly RMA provides **videotaping of the oral interviews and the reviewers' deliberations/scoring which we feel** provides a far more defensible process should any candidate challenges arise. The price difference between Jacques Personnel and RMA is less than three hundred dollars however in our opinion the RMA services are superior.

Health Department

- 1a. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept grant funds from the City of Stamford for contract period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.
- 2b. Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments as may be necessary to implement the WIC Program for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

Women, Infant & Children (WIC) Program

The Department of Health received an agreement in the amount of \$227,209 per year, with the City of Stamford, to act as a subcontractor of services under the WIC Program. The contract period is from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017.

Health Department cont.

Program Description: The WIC Program provides nutrition supplementation and education to eligible women and children between birth to age 5 years. Eligibility is determined by income. The Norwalk WIC Program has been providing this service for more than thirty years. The Norwalk WIC Program successfully serves approximately 1800 participants per year.

Resolution

A Resolution in Favor of Responsible Gun Laws and their Enforcement
Sponsored by David McCarthy (District E), Michael Geake (District B), Sarah Mann (At Large)

Whereas on December 14, 2012, there was a most heinous crime committed in Sandy Hook, CT, which resulted in the deaths of 20 innocent children, who had yet to live their lives, as well as 6 adults who stood up to protect them and the other children in their charge.

Whereas firearms are used in over 2,000 crimes every year in Connecticut.

Whereas in Connecticut, 60% of murders are committed by illegal firearms.

Whereas, in Connecticut, 23% of “small-city” 9th and 10th graders and 15% of affluent suburban 9th and 10th graders said that it would be “sort of easy” or “very easy” to get an illegal gun.

Whereas, in Connecticut, more than 85 percent of gun crimes are committed by people who cannot legally purchase guns.

Whereas, in Connecticut, there is already a ban on the sale of “assault weapons” as defined in Sec. 53-202a Chapter 943 of the Connecticut General Statutes as well as other laws related to the purchase of guns.

Whereas on June 27, 2012, a Meriden convenience store owner named Ibrahim Ghazal was shot and killed by a violent felon with illegal gun related felony convictions released **under the state’s “Early Release Program.”**

Whereas, in Connecticut, of the 7000 prisoners released under the “Early Release Program,” over 10% of them have been arrested for subsequent violent crimes, including many shootings with illegal guns and are back behind bars.

Whereas in the City of Norwalk, even while the overall crime rate has plummeted in the last 6 years, any crime committed with an illegal gun is of concern. All cities have experienced their share of gun violence due to the spread of illegal guns of all kinds. Whereas in Norwalk, in October 2012, there was shooting in Norwalk with one killed and one wounded, in broad day light as part of an ongoing gang struggle, in which illegal guns were used.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut should increase the penalties for illegal gun-related crime and cause the enforcement of those laws already enacted and the prosecution of those arrested under those laws and facilitate the incarceration of those convicted under those laws.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that the Chief of Police is encouraged to continue his work to reduce the number of illegal guns on our streets.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Norwalk that the General **Assembly of the State of Connecticut should repeal its “Early Release Program”** for violent felons.

Old Business:

Adjourn