



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 56 of the New York State Laws of 2022, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM.

Present: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

Remote: Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 1:00 PM

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-59](#) **City of New Rochelle National Night Out**

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of New Rochelle ("City"), acting by and through its Police Department, pursuant to which the City will provide its National Night Out program within the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (\$2,473) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Clements discussed that this event will be held on August 2, 2022 and is a lot of fun for the families who come out to partake in the festivities. She noted that Mariano Rivera usually attends and will man the grill during the event. There are demonstrations of the equipment from both the police department and fire department as well as a flyover by the County Police helicopter. She discussed that the majority of the County's funding goes toward an ICEE truck. There are also dunk tanks and bounce houses. Nonprofits from the community also set up so that people can see the various services that they offer.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

ACT-2022-65 IMA-Justice Assistance Grant-Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into a four-year inter-municipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2021.

Submitted by: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Captain William McGuinness

Lieutenant Charles Geraci

Captain William McGuinness and Lieutenant Charles Geraci appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-226-IMA-Justice Assistance Grant-Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle. This will authorize the County to enter into an IMA with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the distribution to each of the Municipalities of grant funds recieved from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2021. The IMA will be foe a four-year term from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. Lieutenant Geraci discussed that we get funding through the BJA based on crime reporting in the County. These three Cities are eligible for funding at certain levels based on the statistics they have reported. The County is the signatory for this grant and we are given suggested amounts of distribution and we get to decide on the amount that the County gets to use for the Department of Public Safety. He noted that the grant has guidelines for how the funding must be used and it is mainly toward violent crime and narcotics investigations, specifically fentanyl. Lieutenant Geraci advised that there are \$110,000 in grant funds that will be used as follows:

-\$24,206 will be used for Westchester County Department of Public Safety personnel costs to offset the costs for fentanyl and narcotics investigations.

-Yonkers is expected to use \$48,675 for personnel costs to offset overtime for violent crime investigations.

-New Rochelle is expected to use \$8,269 to offset the costs of 5 multi-band mobile radios.

-Mount Vernon is expected to use \$25, 585 to offset the costs of ballistic vests and shields for active shooter events.

-The remainder of the grant funds, \$3,302 will be used by the County to pay for costs associated with National Incident-Based Reporting System compliance.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

2. [2022-205](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Racial Profiling Report, July to December 2021**

Forwarding a copy of the July to December 2021 Westchester County Department of Public Safety Racial Profiling Report.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Captain William McGuinness

Lieutenant Charles Geraci

Captain McGuinness presented the July to December 2021 Racial Profiling Report. He discussed that this report is conducted pursuant to the law and is done twice per year. There were no remarkable changes in the numbers, which is a very good thing statistically. Captain McGuinness noted that under violations, 1180, which is for speed is usually the highest but that has been surpassed by 375, which is Vehicle Equipment Violations. He discussed that this may be the result in the increase in noise complaints and they had a task force focused on this who wrote a lot of summons relating to exhaust and other equipment violations that increase a vehicles noise.

The report is available on the BOL website at:

[https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?](https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5552085&GUID=D1020885-EC8A-4696-8F94-DD430BAF0251&Options=ID%7cText%7c&Search=205)

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On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Committee Vice-Chair Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 4:50 PM.