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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

DENNIS DUNNE ,
Chairman

JOSEPH BELESI ,
Vice Chairman

NORMA GONSALVES

DENISE FORD (Substituted by Rose Walker)

JOSEPH SCANNELL ,
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

WAYNE WINK

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

CHRISTOPHER MISTRON, Nassau County,
 Traffic Safety Board,
 Department of Public Works.....5

PAUL BRODERICK, Deputy Commissioner,
 Department of Social Services.....9

JOHN MARKS, Executive Director,
 Nassau County Traffic and Parking
 Violations agency.....11

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please find
4 their seats? Call the Public Safety
5 Committee to order. I will do the roll call
6 and act as clerk. Legislator Wayne Wink?

7 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
9 Denenberg?

10 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
12 Joe Scannell?

13 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

14 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Rose
15 Walker?

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Norma
18 Gonsalves?

19 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Vice Chairman
21 Legislator Joseph Belesi?

22 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Here.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here.
24 We have a quorum. The first item coming
25 before us today is Item 9-12, an ordinance

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2 supplemental to the annual appropriation
3 ordinance in connection with the Traffic
4 Safety Board.

5 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe
8 Belesi, seconded by Rose Walker. Who is
9 here to speak on this?

10 MR. MISTRON: Christopher
11 Mistron, Traffic Safety Board, Department of
12 Public Works. This particular item before
13 you is for an ongoing grant that we received
14 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
15 for the enforcement of seat belt and safety
16 programs being split between our own county
17 PD as well as the participating village
18 agencies that are on the back.

19 It's a grant, as I said, that has
20 been given over the past years and is
21 administered for purposes of advancing seat
22 belt use.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Is that when a
24 police officer is standing at the exits of
25 the parkways?

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2 MR. MISTRON: They could use it
3 that way. It could be spent as either for
4 the purposes of a road block type situation
5 like that or on patrol. That's left to the
6 option of the departments. For this
7 particular year, the grant has, like a lot
8 of grants, been slashed, so it actually will
9 not be beginning until the May, June period
10 of time which is required by the departments
11 prior.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: There's also
13 sometimes when we get money from insurance
14 companies that pays overtime to have the
15 police do DWIs and safety checks.

16 MR. MISTRON: Yes, but this
17 particular one specifically is from the
18 Governor's Traffic Safety Committee through
19 federal highway monies.

20 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
21 from any legislators? Legislator Denenberg.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: In years
23 past, we always used the grant money part
24 for the Nassau County Police Department and
25 part for villages.

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2 MR. MISTRON: That's correct.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: And that's
4 those villages with police departments?

5 MR. MISTRON: Right. The
6 villages with police departments.

7 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Have we
8 changed it at all in terms of which villages
9 get the money now, or is this what we have
10 been doing?

11 MR. MISTRON: No, we have added
12 and removed. We've added Great Neck
13 Estates, added to the program. And you will
14 see that Old Brookville was actually
15 removed. That's because in the past two
16 years Old Brookville did not spend any of
17 the money that we gave them.

18 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: When it's
19 unspent, the grants aren't used, effectively
20 it was money available that then we never
21 realized?

22 MR. MISTRON: That's correct.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
24 Walker.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Mr. Mistron,

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2 if we give it to, say, Great Neck Estates,
3 and Great Neck Estates knows they will not
4 be able to use it, are they able to, before
5 the time it expires, give it back so that
6 another municipality could use it, or --

7 MR. MISTRON: Yes. If we have
8 enough notification, we can do a budget
9 modification with the state and reallocate
10 that money.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Which
12 obviously old Brookville did not do, the
13 money was just gone?

14 MR. MISTRON: That's exactly it.
15 We contacted them during the course of time.
16 We were assured they were going to use it
17 during the grant period, and then when the
18 final vouchering came, they informed us they
19 never did use it.

20 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
22 legislators?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Is there any public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any against?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 So passed. The next item is
8 14-12, a resolution authorizing the county
9 executive to execute a grant agreement with
10 the New York State Department of Criminal
11 Justice which is in relation to the Nassau
12 County Reentry Task Forces and enhanced
13 services project. May I have a motion?

14 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Norma
17 Gonsalves, seconded by Rose Walker. Who is
18 here to speak on this?

19 MR. BRODERICK: Good afternoon.

20 Paul Broderick, Deputy Commissioner for
21 finance, Department of Social Services.

22 The department respectfully
23 requests a supplemental appropriation of
24 \$236,300 from New York State. This grant
25 addresses the needs of chemically dependent

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2 offenders returning from county and state
3 prisons back into the community.

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
5 from any legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 There being none, all those in
10 favor indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any against?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 So ruled. I would like to have a
15 motion to suspend the rules for the
16 addendum.

17 LEGISLATOR BELESI: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Joe
20 Belesi, seconded by Norma Gonsalves. All
21 those in favor of suspending the rules,
22 indicate by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any against?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 We're suspending the rules for
3 this item. Number 18-12 is an ordinance
4 amending the prior legislation establishing
5 rules and regulations for the use of parking
6 on and traffic in and through county owned
7 properties and making certain determinations
8 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
9 Review Act.

10 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR BELESI: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by
13 Legislator Walker, seconded by Joe Belesi.
14 Who is here to speak on this?

15 JUDGE MARKS: John Marks,
16 executive director, Nassau County Traffic
17 and Parking Violations agency. We were
18 before this body the end of 2011, we are
19 requesting an amendment of Nassau County
20 372-1991 to raise the maximum amount of fine
21 that can be imposed on a traffic ticket
22 issued by Nassau County under Nassau County
23 ordinance to make it consistent with the New
24 York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

25 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: This is for

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2 abusers of the rules we have so far?

3 JUDGE MARKS: I'm sorry?

4 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: It makes it more
5 of --

6 JUDGE MARKS: What we are looking
7 to do is, you can't do anything with repeat
8 offenders. Nassau County ordinances defined
9 structure is far less than the vehicle and
10 traffic law in the various towns.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any questions
12 from any of the legislators? Legislator
13 Denenberg.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: This is
15 the same thing that came down at the end of
16 the last session or is it different in any
17 way? I want to make sure there's no
18 difference at all.

19 JUDGE MARKS: It was 97-11. You
20 can take a look at it. I don't believe
21 there is any difference.

22 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any public
24 comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor indicate by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any against?

6 (Nay.)

7 Three nos. Four to three. It
8 passes. Thank you, judge.

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: To the
10 chair.

11 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Yes.

12 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Every
13 public hearing, every committee is a public
14 hearing and there's public comment. I'm
15 told that the head of the Sheriff's Office
16 Association, Mr. John Jaronczyk, wants to
17 make public comment and he's told that he
18 can't.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: We don't have
20 public comment on this committee. Each
21 item. If he wants to speak on an item that
22 we had before us, fine.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: According
24 to rules, you can have public comment, and
25 on any item or no items that are called,

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2 it's just at the discretion of the committee
3 chair. Given what has took place this
4 weekend and given what's gone on at the
5 jail, I would certainly think that it should
6 be within your discretion to listen to
7 somebody who is here to talk about the jail
8 and that's the head of the union.
9 Mr. Jaronczyk is here to speak about public
10 safety and I'm requesting that you exercise
11 your discretion to hear him.

12 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: My discretion is
13 that we hear it before the Full Legislature.

14 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: That's
15 three weeks from now.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Is there a
17 motion?

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Seconded by
20 Norma Gonsalves.

21 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: It's not
22 even discretionary.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: All in favor
24 indicate by saying aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 We stand adjourned.

3 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: This is
4 very typical. Public safety chair doesn't
5 want to hear about public safety.

6 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Planning is
7 next.

8 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
9 Committee adjourned at 2:04 p.m.)

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