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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DENNIS DUNNE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, October 15, 2012
3:37 P.M

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

DENNIS DUNNE ,
Chairman

JOSEPH BELESI, (Substituted by Rose Walker)
Vice Chairman

NORMA GONSALVES

DENISE FORD

JOSEPH SCANNELL,
Ranking

DAVID DENENBERG

WAYNE WINK

WILLIAM J. MULLER,
Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

GREG STEPHANOFF, Sergeant,
Nassau County Police Department.....5

BOB MCMANUS, Nassau County
District Attorney's Office.....10

EDWARD SHANK, attorney for
Nassau County Probation Department.....11

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Will the members
3 of the Public Safety Committee please come
4 out? I will do the attendance. Legislator
5 Wink?

6 LEGISLATOR WINK: Here.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Dave
8 Denenberg?

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

10 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Ranking Member
11 Legislator Joe Scannell?

12 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator
14 Denise Ford?

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

16 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Legislator Norma
17 Gonsalves?

18 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Present.

19 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Sitting in for
20 the Vice Chairman Joe Belesi is Legislator
21 Rose Walker.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: And I'm here.
24 We have a quorum. The first item on today's
25 calendar is Item 623-12, an ordinance

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2 supplemental to the annual appropriation
3 ordinance in connection with the police
4 department. We also have 624 with the
5 police department also so we'll cover both
6 while you're here, 623 and 624.

7 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Moved by
10 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
11 Gonsalves.

12 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good
13 afternoon. Sergeant Greg Stephanoff from
14 the police department. I would like to
15 offer my condolences to everyone at this
16 leg.

17 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

18 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: The first
19 item is a grant operation impact. It's
20 \$465,700. The majority of it will be used
21 for overtime for investigative and street
22 level enforcement with a focus on reducing
23 gun violence, residential burglaries in
24 targeted communities and enforcement of
25 outstanding warrants for serious crimes.

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2 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Now, on the
3 burglaries, was there uptick on them this
4 year?

5 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: I believe
6 there was a little uptick in crime.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: I read in the
8 Seaford paper and the Levittown paper that
9 we had an increase in burglaries but I
10 understand you are catching --

11 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Well, they
12 put a team together, and we do intelligence
13 based policing. So they also put a team
14 together to combat the crime.

15 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: You caught
16 somebody in Westbury also?

17 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: So you're doing
19 a great job and, if this money helps it,
20 that's great. 624 is also called.

21 SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: 624 is a
22 justice assistance grant for \$136,582. This
23 is going to be used also for overtime
24 associated with specialized patrols in
25 connection with various programs.

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2 It's also going to be part of the
3 money, I believe \$20,000 will be used for
4 the Coalition Against Domestic Violence with
5 the police program to continue funding for
6 that also.

7 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Excellent. Do
8 we have any question on either of these
9 items from any of the legislators?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 We will do 623 first, all those
14 in favor indicate by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any against?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 Passes unanimously. Now 624, all
19 in favor say aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any against?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 They both pass unanimously. We
24 have Item 625-12 which is an ordinance
25 supplemental to the annual appropriations

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2 ordinance in connection with the office of
3 the county executive. Mr. May.

4 MR. MAY: Good afternoon, Mr.
5 Chairman. This is to receive grant funds.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Hold on. So
7 moved.

8 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Moved by
10 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
11 Gonsalves.

12 MR. MAY: This is to receive
13 grant funds from the New York State Office
14 of Victim Services. The grant funds provide
15 for the part time and full time individual
16 working in the crime victims program in the
17 county.

18 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: What program,
19 crime victims?

20 MR. MAY: Crime victims
21 assistance program.

22 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
23 have any questions on this? Denise Ford.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: How many
25 employees work on this?

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2 MR. MAY: I believe there are two
3 in the program, one full time and one part
4 time.

5 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any other
6 comments on this?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 Is there any public comment?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 All those in favor indicate by
11 saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any against?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Passes unanimously.

16 MR. MAY: Item 626-12, an
17 ordinance supplemental to the annual
18 appropriation ordinance in connection with
19 the district attorney's office. Can I have
20 a motion?

21 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Moved by
24 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
25 Gonsalves. Who do we have?

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2 MR. McMANUS: Bob McManus,
3 District Attorney's Office. Your approval
4 of this item will enable the district
5 attorney's office to utilize funding
6 obtained through civil asset forfeiture.
7 Civil asset forfeiture relates to the
8 confiscation of property which is directly
9 or indirectly used in the commission of
10 crimes.

11 This confiscation usually
12 consists of cash, real estate, or vehicles.
13 Cash or non-cash items which are sold and
14 converted to cash, are then divided among
15 the law enforcement agencies that are
16 involved in the investigation and conclusion
17 of these cases.

18 By law, this funding must be used
19 for investigation and prosecution of
20 criminal cases.

21 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
22 have any questions on this?

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 Passes unanimously. Item 627-12,
8 an ordinance supplemental to the annual
9 appropriation ordinance in connection with
10 the department of probation.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Moved by
14 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
15 Gonsalves. Who do we have?

16 MR. SHANK: Good afternoon. My
17 name is Edward Shank and I'm the attorney
18 for the Nassau County Probation Department.
19 This item appropriates \$95,675 in grant
20 funds received from the New York State
21 Division of Criminal Justice and
22 Correctional Services, Office of Probation
23 and Correctional Alternatives to support two
24 full time clerical positions to track every
25 juvenile arrested in Nassau County of which

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2 there were 641 in 2011. From the time of
3 arrest through post disposition. Primary
4 objective is to better understand how
5 disproportionate minority contact factors
6 are mitigated or aggravated at various
7 decision making points in the system.

8 The ultimate goal of the project
9 is to create a more data driven environment
10 in which Nassau can continue to improve
11 outcomes for at risk youth, while more
12 efficiently utilizing scarce resources.

13 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators
14 have any questions on this?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Is there any public comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none, all those in
19 favor indicate by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any against?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 So moved. So passed. Motion to
24 adjourn.

25 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Second.
3 CHAIRMAN DUNNE: All in favor?
4 (Aye.)
5 Planning is next. Will the
6 members of planning please find their seats.
7 (Whereupon, the Public Safety
8 Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of November, 2012.

FRANK GRAY