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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,  
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DONALD MACKENZIE, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 26, 2017  
1:50 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4     DONALD MACKENZIE,  
      Chairman

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6     STEVE RHOADS,  
      Vice Chairman

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8     VINCENT MUSCARELLA

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10    DENISE FORD

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12    LAURA CURRAN,  
13    Ranking14    KEVAN ABRAHAMS (Substituted by Legislator  
15                    Ellen Birnbaum)

16    SIELA BYNOE

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18    MICHAEL PULITZER  
19    Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

VICKI CORDOVA..... 5

LIEUTENANT GREG STEPHANOFF..... 9

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2                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Calling the  
3   members of the Public Safety Committee to  
4   order.   Will the clerk please call the roll?

5                   CLERK PULITZER:   Thank you.  
6   Chairman Donald MacKenzie?

7                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Here.

8                   CLERK PULITZER:   Thank you.   Vice  
9   Chairman Steven Rhoads?

10                  LEGISLATOR RHOADS:   Here.

11                  CLERK PULITZER:   Legislator  
12   Denise Ford?

13                  LEGISLATOR FORD:   Here.

14                  CLERK PULITZER:   Legislator  
15   Vincent Muscarella?

16                  LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA:   Here.

17                  CLERK PULITZER:   Ranking Member  
18   Laura Curran?

19                  LEGISLATOR CURRAN:   Here.

20                  CLERK PULITZER:   Legislator Siela  
21   Bynoe?

22                  LEGISLATOR BYNOE:   Here.

23                  CLERK PULITZER:   Substituting for  
24   Kevan Abrahams, Legislator Ellen Birnbaum?

25                  LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM:   Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: The first  
5 item on the calendar today is Clerk Item  
6 244-17, an ordinance supplemental to the  
7 annual appropriation ordinance in connection  
8 with the District Attorney's Office.

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Motion by  
13 Steve Rhoads, seconded by Denise Ford. Who  
14 is here to speak on the matter? Your name?

15 MS. CORDOVA: Vicki Cordova from  
16 the District Attorney's Office.

17 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: What is this  
18 before us?

19 MS. CORDOVA: This is an annual  
20 supplemental appropriation in the amount of  
21 \$109,600 in funds to be received from the  
22 New York State Division of Criminal Justice  
23 Services for the gun involved violence  
24 elimination initiative also known as the  
25 GIVE program.

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2                   The State Division of Criminal  
3   Justice Services administers the GIVE  
4   program which focuses on four core elements;

5                   People, individuals in groups  
6   that police find are most responsible for  
7   gun violence in a particular area;

8                   Places, locations, or hot spots  
9   where the most violence is occurring;

10                  Alignment, coordinating crime  
11   fighting efforts and some strategies among  
12   law enforcement and local violence  
13   prevention groups;

14                  And engagement involving key  
15   stakeholders and the community at large to  
16   build support for efforts to reduce gun  
17   violence. The grant runs from July 1 of  
18   2017 through 6-30 of 2018.

19                  CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Does anyone  
20   have any questions? Legislator Curran.

21                  LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So it looks  
22   like the police department got a large  
23   portion of the grant as well, so I imagine  
24   it's the DA and PD together that will put  
25   their resources together?

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2                   MS. CORDOVA:   It's the DA, the  
3   PD, probation is also involved and so is the  
4   sheriff's department, as well as awarded as  
5   part of the county award is also the  
6   Hempstead PD.

7                   LEGISLATOR CURRAN:   Thank you.

8                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Legislator  
9   Birnbaum also had a question.

10                  LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM:   I wonder if  
11   you know, how does this grant compare to  
12   previous grants we received?

13                  MS. CORDOVA:   Well, we had the  
14   GIVE initiative.   I think this is the fourth  
15   year of the initiative.   They're running  
16   pretty flat on it.   Prior to that it was  
17   called the Operation Impact Award.   They  
18   just changed the name of it.   Every ten  
19   years.   Try to give it a slight difference  
20   in direction.   But it's remaining fairly  
21   similar.

22                  LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM:   So it's  
23   about the same amount we received last year?

24                  MS. CORDOVA:   I think we had  
25   121,000 last year.   They cut us down to 109.

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2 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I was just  
3 wondering how they went.

4 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Any other  
5 questions?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 All those in favor of Clerk Item  
10 244-17 please indicate by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Unanimous. Thank you very much.

15 The next three items all pertain  
16 to the police department. So if there is no  
17 objection I will call them together.

18 The first Item 260 of '17, second  
19 is 265 of '17, and the third is 266 of '17;  
20 all are ordinances supplemental to the  
21 annual appropriation ordinance in connection  
22 with the police department.

23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Moved by

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2   Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator  
3   Ford. Is there someone to speak on these  
4   matters?

5                   LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good  
6   afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,  
7   Nassau County Police Department.

8                   Item 260 of '17 is a supplemental  
9   appropriation for \$14,000 from the New York  
10   State Department of Homeland Security.

11                   This is going to be money that is  
12   going to be used for joint exercise for New  
13   York State Police and the Office of Homeland  
14   Security. This is going to be exercises for  
15   Homeland Security preparedness. Do you want  
16   me to keep going?

17                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE: Sure.

18                   LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Item 265  
19   of '17 is a port security grant for  
20   \$749,982. There is a match of approximately  
21   \$250,000 with this. This is going to be  
22   used to buy 36 foot safe boat for Marine  
23   bureau.

24                   This boat we are evaluating what  
25   we are going to replace in the fleet in the

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2   Marine bureau.   These boats, what's  
3   different from our current boats is that  
4   these are two person boats.   They can  
5   operate with two people as opposed to the  
6   ones we currently have are three people.   It  
7   allows us in certain situations to deploy  
8   more boats.   This is being paid 75 percent  
9   and 25 percent match.

10                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   And now the  
11   third item.

12                   LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF:   266 of  
13   '17 is the GIVE grant which was just spoken  
14   about by the DA's office.   This is a  
15   partnership with the DA's Office, Sheriff,  
16   Probation and Hempstead.

17                   The police department will use  
18   the money for street level enforcement.  
19   There's also a small component for police  
20   youth academy classes.   And there's a  
21   portion for equipment.   We are going to buy  
22   license plate readers to put up in the  
23   county.

24                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Are those  
25   portable or fixed license plate readers?

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2                   LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF:     I can  
3     find out.   I'm not sure.   I believe they're  
4     fixed but not positive.

5                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Anyone have  
6     any questions?   Legislator Curran.

7                   LEGISLATOR CURRAN:   The boat, the  
8     25 percent match, is that what we bonded for  
9     last time?

10                  LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF:   Yes, it  
11     is.

12                  LEGISLATOR CURRAN:   Same boat?

13                  LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF:   Yes.

14                  CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Are there  
15     any other comments or questions?

16                         (No verbal response.)

17                         Is there any public comment?

18                         (No verbal response.)

19                         All those in favor of these three  
20     items, 260 of '17, 265 of '17 and 266 of '17  
21     please indicate by saying aye.

22                         (Aye.)

23                         Any opposed?

24                         (No verbal response.)

25                         They pass unanimously.   Thank you

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2       for your help today.   Motion to adjourn.

3                   LEGISLATOR RHOADS:   So moved.

4                   LEGISLATOR FORD:   Second.

5                   CHAIRMAN MACKENZIE:   Motion to

6       adjourn by Legislator Rhoads, seconded by

7       Legislator Ford.   We are adjourned.   All in

8       favor?

9                   (Aye.)

10                   It's unanimous.   Now we're

11       adjourned.   Public Works is next.

12                   (Whereupon, the Public Safety

13       Committee adjourned at 1:56 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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

THAT I attended at the time and place  
above mentioned and took stenographic record  
of the proceedings in the above-entitled  
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true  
and accurate transcript of the same and the  
whole thereof, according to the best of my  
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 10th day of June, 2017.

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FRANK GRAY