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2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: At this time I
3 will call the Public Safety Committee to
4 order and ask the clerk to please call the
5 roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
7 Public Safety Committee. Legislator Debra
8 Mule?

9 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
11 Siela Bynoe?

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
16 Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
18 Ferretti, Jr.?

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
21 Vincent Muscarella?

22 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chair
24 Steven Rhoads?

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman

3 Denise Ford?

4 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

6 quorum, ma'am.

7 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you very
8 much. There are seven items on the agenda
9 today; Clerk Items 209-18, 210-18, 211-18,
10 240-18, 248-18, 256-18, 260-18.

11 Clerk Item 209 is an ordinance
12 supplemental to the annual appropriation
13 ordinance in connection with the District
14 Attorney.

15 May I have a motion?

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
19 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
20 Ferretti. The item is before us.

21 MR. MCMANUS: Bob McManus,
22 District Attorney's Office. This item is
23 for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination
24 Initiative. The acronym is GIVE. This
25 grant funding from the New York State

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2 Division of Criminal Justice Services will
3 support expanded services intended to
4 facilitate reduction of gun violence
5 focusing on four core elements.

6 Individuals and groups that
7 police find are most responsible for gun
8 violence in a particular locality; locations
9 where the most violence is occurring;
10 coordinating crime fighting efforts and
11 strategies among law enforcement and local
12 violence prevention groups and involving key
13 stakeholders and the community at large to
14 build support for efforts to reduce gun
15 violence.

16 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you. I
17 was wading through all the notes. I know
18 that the other two following items 210 and
19 211 also deal with this GIVE initiative.
20 That comes from New York State. It's going
21 to be the probation and the police
22 department.

23 But going through this, maybe you
24 can clear this up for me. This has been a
25 program, I guess Operation Impact, I guess

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2 it's part of that, where we've been getting
3 money to try to reduce gun violence in
4 targeted communities where I guess there is
5 a higher level of gun violence, correct?

6 MR. MCMANUS: Operation Impact
7 more or less evolved into this particular
8 program.

9 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: So now it seems
10 this year they will be changing the way they
11 are approaching this because it hasn't been
12 as successful as they had wanted it to be or
13 did I misread that?

14 MR. MCMANUS: If that's the case
15 I'm not aware of that. I can certainly look
16 into it for you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Because it
18 looks like right now I guess they're saying
19 because some of the approaches have changed
20 or something like that, so they're looking
21 to see whether or not to make it more
22 effective. I'm all for it.

23 I was just curious. With all
24 three agencies I guess maybe you'll have to
25 improve your communications or what is it

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2 that --

3 MR. MCMANUS: In terms of, on the
4 county level, there is regular communication
5 and meetings between the three organizations
6 that obtain funding.

7 As you know, at the state level
8 they're constantly reviewing programs and
9 how best to administer programs.

10 So you may be right about what
11 the future holds for the GIVE program.

12 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: So they're
13 trying to target it to be more effective I
14 guess amongst the agencies?

15 MR. MCMANUS: That's correct.

16 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you.
17 Any other legislators?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any comments from the
20 public?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 All those in favor of passing
23 this item signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 It passes unanimously.

4 Clerk Items -- I'm going to call
5 both for parole; Clerk Items 210-18 and
6 240-18 are ordinances supplemental to the
7 annual appropriation ordinance in connection
8 with the Probation Department.

9 May I have a motion?

10 LEGISLATOR MULE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
13 Legislator Mule, seconded by Legislator
14 Muscarella. The item is before us. Who is
15 here from the administration?

16 MR. LANDSMAN: Good afternoon.
17 My name is Douglas Landsman, Probation
18 Department. I'm following on the footsteps
19 of my friend Bob McManus. This is the same
20 grant, the GIVE grant.

21 It's been in its 15th year, used
22 to be Operation Impact. This is a one year
23 grant which starts July 1st. The GIVE grant
24 which stands for Guns Involved Violence
25 Elimination focuses on the goals to reduce

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2 shootings and homicides by promoting
3 integrated evidence based strategies
4 including unannounced visits to gang members
5 in the community.

6 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you. Any
7 questions? Legislator Rhoads.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just a quick
9 question. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. If
10 you can go through 240-18 and just give us a
11 brief description of what the alternates to
12 incarceration program is because that's a
13 separate item.

14 Sure the ATI grant, it's a
15 mandatory grant from New York State DCJS.
16 It's been around for decades as far as I
17 understand.

18 It was implemented years ago to
19 reduce the number of tiers in the jail and
20 we were advised by New York State, Nassau
21 County had to abide by this. So it reduces
22 of cost for maintaining the jail.

23 The main idea of the program is
24 to divert offenders from costly local
25 incarceration and to provide pretrial

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2 release and reporting to the courts.

3 Release of an offender at arraignment

4 provides the most substantial cost savings,

5 in other words, by releasing them before

6 trial if they are safe and there's a

7 standard that we hold them to, that will

8 reduce the cost of incarcerating people.

9 And it's usually the highest cost
10 of the first several days of incarcerating
11 someone at the jail.

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just out of
13 curiosity, are there any statistics as far
14 as the number of people that are released on
15 this particular program, and any rate of,
16 probably the wrong word, I'm going to use
17 the word recidivism, while they're out on
18 release awaiting trial?

19 MR. LANDSMAN: I'm not sure. I
20 would have to get back to you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: It might be
22 something that they do track. I guess this
23 would be probably those with low level
24 crimes.

25 MR. LANDSMAN: I do have my

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2 assistant deputy director Leslie Mize with
3 me who might be able to share some
4 information with you.

5 MS. MIZE: Hi. How are you?
6 Leslie Mize, assistant deputy director of
7 probation. I do oversee the pretrial
8 services as well as the GIVE grant.

9 As far as the pretrial, the
10 statistics are, basically what we are doing
11 is we do remind people of their court dates
12 if possible, if they need additional
13 services we try to refer them to where they
14 need to go.

15 As far as recidivism, we have
16 good ones and bad ones but for the most part
17 right now we have at least a thousand people
18 in pretrial. Some people are in bench
19 warrant status of course.

20 We tried to send our warrant
21 squad out to remind them, we try to send
22 letters, we try to advise them to take care
23 of the bench warrants and to get to
24 dispositional stages. But, like I said, we
25 just do the best we can as far as that's

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2 concerned.

3 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I certainly
4 understand and I appreciate that. I guess
5 the question that I have is, obviously the
6 program is there to take low risk low level
7 offenders, and, rather than, while they are
8 awaiting trial keep them in jail. We
9 actually release them.

10 But we do track I would imagine
11 the number who, that while they are released
12 and awaiting trial, commit other crimes.

13 MS. MIZE: Yes, if they end up
14 getting rearrested we do get notices on
15 them.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: And we do
17 adjust, evaluate and adjust our criteria?

18 MS. MIZE: We will update the
19 courts because sometimes they don't have
20 certain information, like if someone gets a
21 DAT, desk appearance ticket, or something
22 like that, the courts are not aware of that.
23 So we do follow-up and let the judges know
24 that the person has gotten rearrested.

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: At some point

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2 in time do we look at the details of those
3 individual arrests to see if there are any
4 changes that we need to make to our criteria
5 as far as how we evaluate who could be
6 included in the program or not?

7 MS. MIZE: Well, actually, in
8 order to become involved in the program we
9 do get the state arrest record of all the
10 arrests that they have, the state record.
11 If they are gainfully employed, if they have
12 type of contact in the community we try to
13 contact those individuals because we also
14 try to involve their family to make sure
15 they go to court as well.

16 If they do not fit -- we do
17 forward this information to the judges. At
18 times unfortunately they still release
19 people who we feel are not suitable to
20 pretrial services.

21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So ultimately
22 it's the court that makes that decision?

23 MS. MIZE: Yes.

24 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

25 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Anyone else?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Anyone from the public?

4 (No verbal response.)

5 Thank you very much. All those
6 in favor of passing these items before us
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 Any opposed?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 The items pass unanimously.

12 Now we are on to Item 211-18,
13 it's an ordinance supplemental to the annual
14 appropriation ordinance in connection with
15 the police department.

16 May I have a motion?

17 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

18 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

19 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
20 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
21 Muscarella. The item is before us.

22 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
23 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
24 Nassau County Police Department. Item
25 211-18, this item appropriates \$323,824 into

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2 the GIVE partnership also, the gun involved
3 violence.

4 This money is going to be used
5 for intelligence sharing, gathering
6 capabilities among the GIVE partnership and
7 provide enhanced investigation and street
8 level enforcement.

9 This money, there is some
10 equipment, to buy three plate readers. The
11 rest is for street level enforcement. The
12 Commissioner's community council meetings,
13 police youth academy activities, and
14 intelligence based procedures from our asset
15 forfeiture unit.

16 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any debate or
17 discussion?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 All those in favor of passing
22 this item signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 Any opposed?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 The item passes unanimously.

3 Thank you very much for your information.

4 Clerk Item 248-18, a resolution
5 authorizing the County Executive County
6 Executive to execute an intermunicipal
7 agreement with the County of Westchester,
8 Department of Laboratories and Research, to
9 perform trace evidence examination for the
10 County of Nassau Medical Examiner's Office.

11 May I have a motion?

12 LEGISLATOR MULE: So moved.

13 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

14 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
15 Legislator Mule, seconded by Legislator
16 Ferretti. The item is before us.

17 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Good
18 afternoon. Lieutenant Greg Stephanoff,
19 Nassau County Police Department. Item 248-18
20 is to enter into an intermunicipal agreement
21 with Westchester county for the performance
22 of trace evidence analysis for Nassau
23 County.

24 Trace evidence is gathered by
25 crime scene, could be carpet fibers or

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2 anything of that nature that's gathered
3 during a crime scene that needs further
4 analysis to help solve the case.

5 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Have we ever
6 done any of this type of testing, trace
7 analysis before, or is this something we
8 always sent out?

9 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I don't
10 know if we ever did it in-house way back.
11 It's small, it's not a big discipline. It's
12 a very small discipline. We don't spend a
13 lot of money on it, you can see we only
14 encumbering \$20,000 on it. So it's not
15 something we spend a lot of money on it
16 testing wise.

17 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: So even when we
18 get our own lab, are we looking to
19 eventually incorporate it?

20 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I can
21 find out from them if they're going to
22 incorporate it. They're not looking at it
23 right away. They're taking on the bigger
24 disciplines that we use like testing, not
25 DNA evidence, the biggest one, National

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2 Medical Service that we send to them.

3 They're taking on the bigger ones and then
4 going to move possibly to this one.

5 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: They will set
6 their priorities. Legislator Rhoads.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just a quick
8 question. Since you bring up the lab, where
9 exactly are we on that?

10 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Little by
11 little they are getting their accreditations
12 and have been taking on more work. We are
13 spending less money. Last year we spent
14 less money than the year prior. Solely
15 they're taking on their evidence.

16 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Do we have
17 any idea of a target when we will be fully
18 operational?

19 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I don't
20 have an exact date when they're going to
21 take on every discipline?

22 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes.

23 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: I'm not
24 sure of the exact date for that.

25 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
3 Bynoe.

4 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you,
5 Madam Chair. Good afternoon.

6 Earlier we approved, and I'm
7 trying to look through the backup we
8 approved some technology or equipment?

9 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Was that
10 a microscope?

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes. And that
12 was going to be for gun powder residue and I
13 believe tape? So tape is not something that
14 we're going to send to --

15 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: No. This
16 could be carpet fibers, clothing fibers, off
17 a person. I don't believe that's this
18 discipline.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Very good.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
22 Mule.

23 LEGISLATOR MULE: Yes, I just
24 want to make sure that I'm understanding
25 correctly. It's more cost effective to send

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2 it out than it would be to try to bring it
3 in house at this point?

4 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Well, at
5 this point, the ME's Office, there are --
6 what they call disciplines; in other words,
7 different things that they test. This is
8 one of the very small disciplines. We don't
9 spend a lot of money on it.

10 I know that they're taking like a
11 drug chemistry first, the things that do
12 cost us a lot to outsource. They are going
13 to do those first and then will work on the
14 other ones. They're trying to take on the
15 bulk of our evidence first, what we do
16 process.

17 LEGISLATOR MULE: So currently we
18 can't even do it in-house; is that what
19 you're saying?

20 LIEUTENANT STEPHANOFF: Currently
21 no, we do need them to process this.

22 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any public
24 comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of passing this item signify by saying
4 aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 Any opposed?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 The item passes unanimously.

9 Clerk Item 256-18, is a local law
10 to amend the Nassau County Administrative
11 Code to establish an emergency ambulance
12 bureau.

13 May I have a motion?

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
17 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
18 Muscarella. The item is before us.

19 I'm going to start off by saying
20 a comment: The emergency ambulance bureau
21 will be responsible for the coordination,
22 command control, and oversight of Nassau
23 County's emergency medical services
24 operations. Services and other support
25 organizations to ensure the health, safety,

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2 and welfare of Nassau County residents is
3 safeguarded at all times.

4 I know we have some debate. I
5 don't know. Are you going to speak?

6 MS. HORST: Katie Horst from the
7 County Executive's Office. I'm sorry, which
8 one are we one?

9 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: This is for the
10 ambulance bureau. So we have Jerry
11 Laricchiuta, President of CSEA who is going
12 to speak.

13 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Thank you,
14 Madam Chairwoman, Public Safety Committee,
15 friends.

16 This is a very important
17 resolution that we are asking you to pass.
18 It seems to be an oversight. Something that
19 sometimes we refer to in the union world as
20 housekeeping but it's so much more than
21 that.

22 Just last night, we all can
23 remember, everybody here, I'm sure you have
24 in your minds. So last night I'm on Sunrise
25 Highway in Massapequa. Sure enough there's

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2 some traffic jam and I see in my rear view
3 mirror there's a police car coming up and
4 right behind them is one of our police
5 medics, lights blaring.

6 As a dad, as a grandfather, as a
7 Nassau County resident, there is always two
8 things that run through my mind; number one,
9 I hope they're not going to my house, and I
10 think we have all had that feeling; and,

11 Two, I'm kind of glad we got
12 these guys and girls. It's sort of like a
13 sense of security. It's a fantastic service
14 that Nassau County has been offering its
15 residents for decades.

16 Somehow this entire bureau was
17 never put into the administrative code book
18 for Nassau County. Which basically means
19 that not only does it provide an
20 unbelievable service to the residents of
21 Nassau County, life saving, how many lives
22 have been saved over the decades by this
23 fantastic bureau, this dedicated group of
24 professionals. We are not in the health
25 care -- we are not essential. That in

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2 itself is an oxymoron which is saying
3 lifesaving healthcare providers is a
4 nonessential service.

5 So we are asking this Public
6 Safety Committee today to put them into the
7 administrative code book so they are
8 essential.

9 By the way, just as we are on the
10 subject, besides the life savings job that
11 they do, which is unbelievable, they also
12 generate around \$25 million a year which is
13 probably one of the highest revenue
14 generating divisions in our county.

15 So that's what we're asking for
16 is for you to gracefully include them in the
17 administrative code book so they now
18 officially become an official essential
19 service for Nassau County.

20 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you very
21 much. For me, before you go, I agree with
22 you that this is something that is an
23 oversight and we need to correct it
24 immediately.

25 I am all too aware of the

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2 services that are our ambulance corp does
3 provide. I don't know. My residents in
4 Point Lookout and Lido, they make the
5 loudest noise when their ambulance is not
6 stationed down at the Point Lookout
7 Firehouse because we at the end of an island
8 away from hospitals and whatever. They so
9 rely upon that service to be there.

10 And when you see a lot of times
11 even with the volunteer fire department
12 having not as many members joining and they
13 may not be as manned as much as they would
14 like to be, especially with their
15 ambulances, we rely more and more upon the
16 men and women who work the Nassau County
17 Ambulance. It's very, very important that
18 we keep them here. We recognize them for
19 their service. We make every effort to make
20 sure they are in the books.

21 MR. LARICCHIUTA: Well, that's
22 certainly a pleasure, that's what we want to
23 hear and thank you. They deserve it. They
24 have a lot of pride and they take a lot of
25 pride in savings lives every day. They

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2 don't ask for glamour, they don't ask for
3 trophies, but they want to be at least
4 recognized as an essential service and
5 hopefully you will be able to get that done.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you.

8 MR. CALENDAR: Chris Calendar,
9 police medic. Since our inception in 1953,
10 the ambulance bureau has been providing not
11 only medical coverage that is exemplary, we
12 have also been generating income for the
13 County of Nassau.

14 We would like to bring this
15 forward to ask you for your attention to the
16 matter. Jerry has already discussed this so
17 I'm not going to go through it again.

18 But I do want to thank you all
19 again for your time and efforts in this. We
20 do look for this resolution to pass so that
21 we can continue the tradition of excellence
22 that we've been putting forward since the
23 1950s. Thank you.

24 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you,
25 Chris. How many members are in the

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2 ambulance corp?

3 MR. CALENDAR: We currently have
4 about 146. We do have different ranks
5 between police medics, police medic
6 supervisors, police medic coordinators, and
7 then we have a bureau director and deputy
8 bureau director as well.

9 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any public
10 comment?

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: You present an
12 excellent case and Denise mentioned it is
13 essential, being involved with the fire
14 service myself, we actually even separated
15 even within our own department our ambulance
16 units from the fire fighting unit simply
17 because it's taken on such an important
18 responsibility in terms of the volume of
19 runs that you go on.

20 There really does need to be
21 separation recognition of the ambulance
22 bureau as an actual bureau within the
23 department.

24 So I'm very happy that this
25 legislation is going to advance today and

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2 you are going to receive the recognition you
3 deserve and also formalizes the intricacies
4 involved in the service you provide as
5 opposed to the remainder of the police
6 department. I think that's absolutely
7 essential.

8 MR. CALENDAR: Thank you very
9 much.

10 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
11 Mule.

12 LEGISLATOR MULE: Yes. As a new
13 legislator I just want to understand, how is
14 this going to change -- will it change
15 anything in terms of what you currently do
16 now?

17 MR. CALENDAR: This won't change
18 anything. Basically what this is, it
19 provides job security and adds us as an
20 essential service to the police department
21 whereas the ambulance service through the
22 police department will always just be there.
23 It won't add anything. It's a no cost item.
24 It won't deduct anything. It keeps
25 everything going forward as is, just a

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2 little bit of extra language within the
3 administrative code book.

4 LEGISLATOR MULE: The
5 organizational structure stays the same?

6 MR. CALENDAR: Exactly the same
7 as it was.

8 LEGISLATOR MULE: Does the police
9 department support this?

10 MR. CALENDAR: I have reached out
11 to Commissioner Ryder and he has definitely
12 said that he approves this.

13 LEGISLATOR MULE: Thank you very
14 much.

15 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
16 DeRiggi-Whitton.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
18 as a back up, would it be okay if we just
19 heard from the police department, do you
20 mind?

21 MR. CALENDAR: Sure. Thank you
22 for your time.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
24 you mind?

25 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Somebody here

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2 from the police department?

3 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Good
4 afternoon. So the current bill is still
5 being reviewed, all the parts to it, but we
6 do always support our police medics. They
7 have done a great job. I think I mentioned
8 it when I gave you the state of the police
9 department last year that when I'm the
10 person that's injured, I want to look up and
11 I want to see a Nassau County police medic.
12 They are professionals. They train the best
13 and they work hard at what they do. So we
14 do stand by it.

15 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
16 still on the record, you support this bill?

17 COMMISSIONER RYDER: Yes.

18 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any public
19 comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 Seeing none, all those in favor
22 of passing this item please signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The item passes unanimously.

4 Thank you.

5 On to the next item, Clerk Item
6 260-18 is an ordinance amending Ordinance
7 Number 543-1995 as amended with respect to
8 the salaries of non contract employees of
9 the County of Nassau.

10 May I have a motion?

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
14 Legislator Ferretti, seconded by Legislator
15 Rhoads. Good afternoon.

16 MS. FOX: Good afternoon. Tatum
17 Fox, Deputy County Executive of Public
18 Safety.

19 I'm here today about Item 260-18
20 which is before you which amends Ordinance
21 Number 77 of 2014 that created salary
22 limitations to police department titles
23 above assistant chief which are first deputy
24 Commissioner, second deputy Commissioner,
25 chief of department, and the division

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2 chiefs. So chief of patrol, chief of
3 support, chief of detectives.

4 As a result of the salary
5 limitations, since then, those affected by
6 the limitation have been in the acting role.

7 So the goal of this ordinance is
8 to amend that to enable the police
9 commissioner to appoint permanent chiefs to
10 the positions.

11 The impact on funding is about
12 12,500 total because they are already in the
13 acting title as of today.

14 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any questions?
15 So we have these personnel working in these
16 job titles but only as acting?

17 MS. FOX: Correct. For example,
18 an assistant chief which is a two star
19 position would be acting as chief of patrol
20 in a three star position.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: So by amending
22 we're going to make that it's a permanent
23 position and then the salary then will be
24 able to go with the title --

25 MS. FOX: It will be commensurate

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2 with the title, correct.

3 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: It's \$12,000
4 per title or 12,000 for all the titles?

5 MS. FOX: \$12,500 total. So for
6 certain titles it's a \$2,500 increase, but
7 for chief of department it would be \$5,000.

8 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any questions?
9 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

10 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just
11 as far as bookkeeping, can you provide us
12 the names and titles of those affected by
13 this, just by the next Full Leg meeting?

14 MS. FOX: The people who will be
15 appointed?

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.
17 Just so we know who is going to be --

18 MS. FOX: The Commissioner will
19 appoint those people, yes, and it will be by
20 order of course you will be notified. Once
21 it's done. The people don't know yet.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
23 you want to vote for the salary to be
24 available prior to --

25 MS. FOX: Well, the person isn't

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2 material as to the point of this ordinance.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
4 you want to have the salary in place before,
5 even though --

6 MS. FOX: Correct.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Even
8 though -- are they the only ones who are
9 acting or are there other ones who are
10 acting?

11 MS. FOX: That is it.

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
13 they are acting now so we sort of know,
14 right?

15 MS. FOX: Some people were not
16 impacted because they were grandfathered in
17 so one is in the proper title. One person
18 is retiring so that opens up. So not
19 everyone who is in the acting title will be
20 in the permanent title if that answers your
21 question.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
23 Okay. Again, I understand why you want to
24 do it. You want to put the funding in place
25 before you make your decisions. I thought

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2 the decisions were made already, we just
3 have an idea for our records to know who we
4 were voting on. Okay, thank you.

5 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Legislator
6 Rhoads.

7 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just so I can
8 based on some of the questions so I have
9 some clarity, my understanding is that
10 obviously it's the Commissioner's
11 appointment as to who occupies these
12 specific titles that the issue is that the
13 caps that have been placed on those
14 particular job titles act as a disincentive
15 for people to accept them because if you're
16 promoting from within the department, their
17 current salary already exceeds what the
18 capped salary is for that particular
19 position and therefore rather than accept
20 the permanent position it makes more sense
21 for them to simply act in that
22 responsibility under the acting title.

23 This will actually remove the cap
24 so that the salary of the position will
25 reflect what they will be entitled to in the

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2 discretion of the Commissioner; is that
3 correct?

4 MS. FOX: Perfectly stated, yes.

5 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Anyone else?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Is there any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 Thank you very much for your
10 testimony. All those in favor of passing
11 this item signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The item passes unanimously.

16 There is no other business in
17 front of this committee, may I have a motion
18 to adjourn?

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: So moved.

20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Second.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Moved by
22 Legislator Muscarella, seconded by
23 Legislator Ferretti. All those in favor of
24 adjourning?

25 (Aye.)

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2 The committee is now adjourned.

3 Thank you very much.

4 (Whereupon, the Public Safety

5 Committee adjourned at 2:29 p.m.)

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