ITEM NO.: 4
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REFERRED TO: Finance, Public Works, Town Services Committees
VOTES: N/A

RESOLVED, that the additional appropriation of $18,000 is approved to be added to Account No. G219 59820 21965- Parking Areas and Improvements

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Due to the rash of vehicle vandalism and car thefts in the Greenwich Plaza Garage, an immediate deterrent for the vehicle larcenies would be the upgrade and installation of additional lighting in the darkest section of the garage.

The following statistics were compiled from the last three years of crimes in the Greenwich Plaza Garage reported to the GPD; vehicle burglaries – 16, auto thefts – 5. In addition to the vandalism, patrons have complained that they felt unsafe in portions of the garage due to the minimal illumination. Increased lighting would not only deter the vandalism and thefts but would also give the perception of safety and lessen circumstances conducive to criminal activity.

The maintenance, lighting and electrical utilities are the responsibility of the Town. A capital improvement plan for FY 2010-2011 has been submitted for funding to upgrade the remaining existing lights to fluorescent in the garage. Fluorescent lights will provide more longer lasting illumination than the existing metal halide lamp. The CIP also includes fencing installation around the perimeter of level one of the garage. Albert B. Ashforth, Inc. has also agreed to partner in providing the fencing, entrance gates and surveillance cameras.

A balance of $24,537 remain in the 59820-29093 budgeted programmed for the restoration of the Town Hall Garage, which have been completed. We requested that the Finance Department close out this account and a parking fund balance be appropriated to finance the project at the Greenwich Plaza garage.

ATTACHMENTS

Pictures of the Greenwich Plaza Garage
RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift from the Friends of Greenwich Point consisting of replacement signage and benches for Greenwich Point Park. The gift is valued at $13,500.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS
The Friends of Greenwich Point approached the Department of Parks and Recreation to replace the existing 25 multi format / style information signage with a uniform design and style, and to replace 6 benches with “Hyde Park” style used in other town parks. The replacement signage would be constructed of ½ inch carved recycled thermoplastic material that does not bend and is mold resistant. The benches would be located as follows: Chimes Building (2), Mansion Site (2), Near the OG Yacht Club (1) and edge parking lot near the foreman’s cottage (1) creating a uniform style throughout the park.