

# 29<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President  
RANDALL M. SKIGEN

Clerk of the Board  
ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE

Majority Leader  
ELAINE MITCHELL

Minority Leader  
MARY L. FEDELI

## ACTION REPORT

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and read the call of the meeting:

I, Randall M. Skigen, President of the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

8:00 p.m.

Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

to consider and act upon the following:

1. Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund, Grant Funded Programs Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, Risk Management Fund, Marina Fund, WPCA Fund, Parking Fund, Harbor Management Commission Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Active Medical Fund Budgets for the fiscal year 2017/2018, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 20, 2017, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith.

## AGENDA

<sup>1</sup>INVOCATION: Led by Rev. Mark Lingle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Randall M. Skigen

<sup>2</sup>ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 36 members present and 4 absent or excused (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt,

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Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky present; Reps. Adams, Caterbone, DeLuca and McGarry absent or excused). [See Vote Record 1977](#).

<sup>3</sup>COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Monica Di Costanzo, Chair, Fiscal Committee

Chair Di Costanzo reviewed the Fiscal Committee's [recommendations](#) on the City's proposed budgets.

**Operating Budget** (*Rep. DePina left the floor during the discussion of the Operating Budget*).

Chair Di Costanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee recommended a \$150,000 citywide cut to the City Operating Budget, with no cuts to outside agencies, which was approved by the Committee 10-0-0, which cut was moved and seconded.

<sup>4</sup>Representative Cerasoli made a motion to amend the amount of the cut to \$4,000,000, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 12-23-0. (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun, Ryan and Watkins in favor; Reps. Coleman, Custis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed). [See Vote Record 1978](#).

A motion to approve the original \$150,000 citywide cut to the City Operating Budget, with no cuts to outside agencies was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 23-11-1 (Reps. Coleman, Custis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, Okun, Ryan and Watkins opposed; Rep. McMullen abstaining). [See Vote Record 1979](#).

**<sup>5</sup>Board of Education Budget**

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no reductions to the City's Board of Education Budget. The Fiscal Committee recommended approving the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$269,736,292 was approve by the Committee 9-0-1.

A motion to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$269,736,292 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27-0-8 (Reps. Coleman, Coppola, Custis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Day, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Ryan and Watkins abstaining). [See Vote Record 1980](#).

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### **6Capital Budget**

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts the City's Capital Budget. The Fiscal Committee recommended approving the Capital budget in the amount of \$26,636,529 by a vote of 10-0-0.

A motion to approve the Capital Budget in the amount of \$26,636,529 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 35-1-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Franzetti opposed). [See Vote Record 1981](#).

### **7Special Funds Budgets**

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund Budget. A motion to approve the E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,540,017 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Grant Funded Programs Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Grant Funded Programs Fund Budget in the amount of \$10,193,087 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Police Extra Duty Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Police Extra Duty Fund Budget in the amount of \$9,003,000 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote (*Reps. Figueroa, Franzetti and McMullen abstaining*).

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Risk Management Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Risk Management Fund Budget in the amount of \$14,223,430 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Marina Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Marina Fund Budget in the amount of \$364,166 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the WPCA Fund Budget. A motion to approve the WPCA Fund Budget in the amount of \$26,524,012 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Parking Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Parking Fund Budget in the amount of \$6,710,000 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Harbor Management Commission Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Harbor Management Commission Fund Budget in the amount of \$34,421 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. (*Rep. Ryan abstaining*)

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Debt Service Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Debt Service Fund Budget in the amount of \$57,168,347 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. (*Rep. Figueroa abstaining*)

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Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committee made no cuts to the Active Medical Fund Budget. A motion to approve the Active Medical Fund Budget in the amount of \$40,433,265 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. (*Rep. Hoch abstaining*)

### **<sup>8</sup>Operating Budget**

A motion to approve Operating Budget, including General Fund Support to the Board of Education Budget, in amount of \$554,653,746 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 24-12-0 (Reps. Coleman, Custis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun, Ryan and Watkins opposed; Rep. abstaining). [See Vote Record 1982.](#)

### **<sup>9</sup>Budget Resolutions**

A motion to approve the Operating Budget Resolution, in the amount of \$554,653,746 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 23-12-0 (Reps. Coleman, Custis, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun, Ryan and Watkins opposed; Rep. DePina abstaining). [See Vote Record 1983.](#) (*Rep. DePina left the floor during the discussion of this item*)

Chair Di Costanzo noted that the amount of General Obligation Bonds to be authorized in Section 1 of the proposed Capital Budget Resolution failed to include the amounts for the EG Brennan Fund and the Parking Fund for a total of \$750,000. A motion to amend the amount of General Obligation Bonds to be authorized in Section 1 of the proposed Capital Budget Resolution from \$18,960,318 to \$19,710,318 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 33-2-1 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti and McMullen opposed; Rep. Okun abstaining). [See Vote Record 1984.](#)

A motion to approve the Capital Budget Resolution in the amount of \$26,636,529, including an authorization for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$19,710,318, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 34-1-1 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Franzetti opposed; Rep. McMullen abstaining). [See Vote Record 1985.](#)

A motion to approve the Board of Education Budget Resolution in the amount of \$269,736,292 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 29-0-7 (Reps. Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Jacobson, Liebson, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Ryan and Watkins abstaining). [See Vote Record 1986.](#)

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A motion was made to approve the Special Funds Budget Resolution in the amounts of:

**\$1,540,017** – E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund  
**\$10,193,087** – Grant Funded Programs Fund  
**\$9,003,000** – Police Extra Duty Fund  
**\$14,223,430** – Risk Management Fund  
**\$364,166** – Marina Fund  
**\$26,524,012** – WPCA Fund  
**\$6,710,000** – Parking Fund  
**\$34,421** – Harbor Management Commission Fund  
**\$57,168,347** – Debt Service Fund  
**\$40,433,265** – Active Medical Fund

Said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 33-0-3. (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Custis, Day, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Hoch, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Okun and Ryan abstaining). [See Vote Record 1987](#).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

*This meeting is on [video](#).*