



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Jay Fountain, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, April 28, 2014

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place to deliberate the 2014-15 budget. In attendance were Chair Fountain, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day and Kooris. Also present were Reps. Buckman, Coppola, Nabel, Okun and Summerville; Mayor Martin; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; and Jim Hricay and Tony Romano, OPM.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Chair Fountain opened the meeting and introduced Mayor Martin, to speak about the impact of the Budget cuts by the Board of Finance. Mayor Martin distributed the attached [sheet](#) reviewing the impact of the itemized cuts.

The following motions were made to reduce the following appropriations:

Operating Budget

\$115,129 – Citywide
Telephone

APPROVED 8-1-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Fountain opposed.*)

\$15,184 – Citywide
Postage

APPROVED 5-4-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo and Mitchell opposed.*)

\$116,508 – Citywide
Differential

FAILED 3-5-1 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Mitchell and Silver opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.*)

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| Page 47 Assessor | \$40,000 – Contracted Services | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 78 Technology Mgmt Svcs. | \$5000 – Data Communications | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| | \$40,771 – Software maintenance | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 112- Transfer Station | \$45,989 – Laborer 37.5 | FAILED 3-5-1 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Mitchell and Silver opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.</i>) |
| Page 122 – Collections | \$10,000 – Seasonal | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 124- Solid Waste | \$50,000 – Haulaway Garbage | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. <i>Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa,</i> |

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| | | <i>Mitchell and Silver opposed.)</i> |
| | \$70,560 – Haulaway Brush | FAILED 3-6-0 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 172- Government Center | \$23,094 – Contracted Svcs - Custodial | FAILED 4-5-0 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 177- Facilities Management | \$29,517 – Mt II – Carpenter/UAW | FAILED 3-6-0 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| Page 179- Facilities Management | \$10,000 – Housekeeping Supplies | APPROVED 5-3-1 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman and Mitchell opposed; Rep. Di Costanzo abstaining.</i>) |
| Page 211- PSH&W – Adm | \$102,650 – Social Services Coordinator | FAILED 3-6-0 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.</i>) |
| | \$20,000 Social Services Coordinator | APPROVED 6-3-0 (<i>Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca</i> |
| | \$1,530 – Social Security | <i>Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Fountain, Mitchell and</i> |

Silver opposed.)

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Police Department

\$150,000 – Overtime

FAILED 3-6-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.*)

\$50,000 – Special
Response Unit Overtime

FAILED 3-6-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.*)

\$7,500 – College Tuition

FAILED 4-5-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa and Mitchell opposed.*)

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Fire Department

\$7,500 - College Tuition

APPROVED 6-2-1 (*Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain and Di Costanzo opposed; Rep. Mitchell abstaining.*)

\$37,000 – Medical
Examinations

FAILED 3-6-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.*)

\$20,000 – Medical
Examinations

APPROVED 8-0-1 (*Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, di Costanzo; Fedeli. Figueroa and Silver in favor; Rep. Mitchell abstaining.*)

\$350,000 – Overtime

FAILED 4-5-0 (*Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli*

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| | | <i>and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Mitchell and Silver opposed.)</i> |
| | \$100,000 – Overtime \$1,100 – Social Security | APPROVED 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.) |
| Page 323 – Social Services | \$41,851 – Casework Aide \$3,201 – Social Security | APPROVED 5-2-2 (Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain and Coleman opposed; Reps. Di Costanzo and Mitchell abstaining.) |
| Page 341 – Economic Development | \$61,890 – Executive Secretary | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.) |
| | \$20,630 – Executive Secretary \$1,579 – Social Security | APPROVED 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.) |
| Page 354 – Mayor’s Office | \$60,216 – Permanent Part Time | FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver opposed.) |
| Page 374 – Registrar of Voters | \$4,000 – Canvassing Voters List | FAILED 4-5-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Mitchell and Silver opposed.) |

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Non City Social Services

\$10,000 – Senior Center

APPROVED 5-4-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, and Fedeli opposed.)

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Non City Cultural & Envt

\$50,000 – Ferguson Library

APPROVED 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

\$50,000 – Mill River Collaborative

APPROVED 6-3-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DiCostanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Fountain, DeLuca and Fedeli opposed.)

\$50,000 – Stamford Museum & Nature Ctr

FAILED 3-6-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Di Costanzo and Mitchell in favor; Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver opposed.)

\$25,000 – Bartlett Arboretum

APPROVED 6-3-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Coleman, Di Costanzo and Mitchell opposed.)

\$20,000 – Stamford Young Artists

APPROVED 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

Total Cuts to the Operating Budget and Debt Service: \$512,704.

A motion to accept the City Operating and Debt Service Budget, in the amount of \$259,290,847 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-3-0 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca and Fedeli opposed.)

A motion to approve the Board of Education Budget, in the amount of \$239,239,516 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)¹

A motion to approve the E. G. Brennan Budget, in the amount of \$1,448,444 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to approve the Marina Fund Budget, in the amount of \$426,647 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to approve the Parking Fund Budget, in the amount of \$5,998,500 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to approve the Police Extra Duty Budget, in the amount of \$7,993,908 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to approve the Risk Management Budget, in the amount of \$80,622,217 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to reject the \$310,000 cuts to the WPCA Operating Budget proposed by the Board of Finance was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

Capital Budget

A motion to remove item CP119 (p. 22) from the Capital Budget was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

A motion to approve the Capital Budget, in the amount of \$27,310,583 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)).

¹ OPM has since notified the Board that this vote contains an error – this represents only one of the Board of Education budget lines. The correct number should have been \$248,574,216.