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April 15, 2021

Ms. Susan Nabel
Clerk, 30th Board of Representatives
City of Stamford, Connecticut

In accordance with Sections 8-30-5 and 8-30-8 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, the Board of Finance herewith transmits the updated revised and approved Operating, Special Fund and Capital Budgets and the recommended WPCA Budget of the City of Stamford for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

The Board of Finance approved the **Operating Budget** in the amount of
Six Hundred Twenty-Four Million, Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Two Hundred Eleven Dollars
(\$624,815,211)

The Board of Finance approved the **Capital Budget** in the amount of
Fifty-Three Million, Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Dollars
(\$53,064,705)

The E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund in the amount of:
One Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars
(\$1,720,285); and

The Terry Conner's Ice Rink Fund in the amount of:
One Million, Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars
(\$1,242,886)

The Grants Fund in the amount of:
Eight Million, Eight Thousand, Forty-Nine Dollars
(\$8,008,049); and

The Police Extra Duty Fund in the amount of
Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars
(\$13,923,000); and

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SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGETS (continued)
April 15, 2021

The Marina Fund in the amount of
Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Two Dollars
(\$487,702); and

The Risk Management Fund in the amount of
Fifteen Million, Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars
(\$15,962,883); and

The Parking Fund in the amount of
Six Million, Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Dollars
(\$6,346,000); and

The Harbor Management Fund in the amount of
Fifty-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars
(\$53,994); and

The Debt Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of:
Fifty-Five Million, Six Hundred Eighty Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-One Dollars
(\$55,680,721); and

The Active Medical Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of:
Thirty-Five Million, Five Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars
(\$35,554,477); and

The Anti-Blight Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of:
Three Hundred Ten Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars
(\$310,191) and

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the amount of:
Twenty-Seven Million, Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars
(\$27,247,638)

Enclosed are the following:

- . Resolution to transmit the Board of Finance Revised and Approved Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to the Board of Representatives.
- . Resolution to Transmit the Board of Finance Revised and Approved Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to the Board of Representatives.
- . Resolution to Transmit the Board of Finance Revised, Approved and Recommended Special Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021-22 to the Board of Representatives.

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- . Action Report of the Board of Finance Special Budget Meeting held on April 15, 2021. (This document will be forwarded shortly.)
- . FY 2021-22 Budget Reduction Worksheet prepared by OPM.

Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle
Clerk of the Board of Finance

Attachments (5)

cc: Mayor David Martin
Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration
Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs
Jay Fountain, Director of OPM
Mark McGrath, Director of Operations
Ted Jankowski, Director of Health and Public Safety
Lyda Ruijter, City and Town Clerk
David Yanik, Controller
Al Cava, Director of Human Resources
Jennienne Burke, President, Board of Education
Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools
Terri Dell, Chair, Planning Board

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April 15, 2021

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE BOARD OF FINANCE REVISED AND APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the *City of Stamford Charter* authorizes the Board of Finance to approve, reject, or lower any item in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the *City of Stamford Charter* states that "any item in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year not rejected or revised by the Board of Finance shall be deemed approved by it;" and

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the *City of Stamford Charter* states that "on or before the twentieth day of April, the Board of Finance shall transmit the budget as revised by it to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives," and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD BOARD OF FINANCE that the itemized estimate of expenditures of,

Six Hundred Twenty-Four Million, Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Two Hundred Eleven Dollars

(\$624,815,211)

in the Operating Budget of the City of Stamford for Fiscal Year 2021-22 is hereby approved; and

It is hereby certified by the Clerk of the Board of Finance, that the estimate of expenditures reflected in the foregoing resolution was approved by the City of Stamford Board of Finance at a Special Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board

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RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE BOARD OF FINANCE REVISED AND APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the City of Stamford Charter authorizes the Board of Finance to approve, reject, or lower any item in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year; and

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WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the City of Stamford Charter states that "on or before the twentieth day of April, the Board of Finance shall transmit the budget as revised by it to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD BOARD OF FINANCE that the itemized estimate of expenditures of,

Fifty-Three Million, Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Five Dollars
(\$53,064,705)

in the Capital Budget of the City of Stamford for Fiscal Year 2021-22 is hereby approved; and

It is hereby certified by the Clerk of the Board of Finance, that the estimate of expenditures reflected in the foregoing revised resolution was approved by the City of Stamford Board of Finance at a Regular Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board

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APRIL 15, 2021

RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE BOARD OF FINANCE REVISED AND APPROVED SPECIAL FUND BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO THE BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the City of Stamford Charter authorizes the Board of Finance to approve, reject, or lower any item in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the City of Stamford Charter states that “any item in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year not rejected or revised by the Board of Finance shall be deemed approved by it; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-30-5 of the City of Stamford Charter states that “on or before the twentieth day of April, which was postponed due to the pandemic, the Board of Finance shall transmit the budget as revised by it to the Clerk of the Board of Representatives.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD BOARD OF FINANCE that the itemized estimate of expenditures approved by the board of Finance for:

The **E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund** in the amount of:

*One Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars
(\$1,720,285); and*

The **Terry Conner’s Ice Rink Fund** in the amount of:

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(\$1,242,886); and*

The **Grants Fund** in the amount of:

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The **Police Extra Duty Fund** in the amount of

*Thirteen Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars
(\$13,923,000); and*

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SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGETS (continued)
April 15, 2021

The **Marina Fund** in the amount of
Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Two Dollars
(*\$487,702*); and

The **Risk Management Fund** in the amount of
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(*\$15,962,883*); and

The **Parking Fund** in the amount of
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(*\$6,346,000*); and

The **Harbor Management Fund** in the amount of
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(*\$53,994*); and

The **Debt Service Fund** for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in the amount of:
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The **Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Fund** for Fiscal Year 2021-22 in the amount of:
Twenty-Seven Million, Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars
(*\$27,247,638*)

are hereby recommended.

It is hereby certified by the Clerk of the Board of Finance, that the estimate of expenditures reflected in the foregoing resolution was approved by the City of Stamford Board of Finance at a Special Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board of Finance

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ACTION REPORT (MINUTES) OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Thursday, April 15, 2021

A special meeting to approve the Mayor's Proposed FY 2021-22 Operating, Special Fund, and Capital and the Board of Education Budgets of the City of Stamford was held by the Board of Finance on Thursday, April 15, 2021 via webinar. The meeting was convened at 7:05 PM. Members present were Chair Richard Freedman, Vice-Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, Geoff Alswanger, Frank Cerasoli, David Mannis and Kieran Ryan. Also present were Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration, Jay Fountain, Director of OPM, Lee Berta, Assistant Director, OPM, Adrienne Tovar, OPM Management Analyst and Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board of Finance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were no speakers.

Mr. Freedman gave a short update on the current state of the budget and summarized the Board of Finance's process leading to this evening's meeting. He went through the order of the meeting.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:44 PM after passing the following motions:

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce the Board of Education budget (Program 9000) \$10,064,974 passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-0.

The reduction was calculated as follows:

- \$2,375,611 net reduction to account for changes in the Board of Education budget since it was passed by the BOE in January (specifically, reductions of \$1,623,276 in healthcare; \$609,243 in healthcare cross-charges from the City; \$160,939 in pension expenses; \$23,259 in OPEB expenses; and a \$41,106 increase in insurance costs
- \$6,000,000 in federal ESSER II funds secured subsequent to the passage of the BOE budget
- A \$1,500,000 reduction in operating expenses
- An additional \$189,363 reduction in operating expenses to account for the savings should the custodians switch their health insurance provider from the City's self-insured plan to the State Partnership Plan.

CITY OPERATIONS BUDGET

A motion by Mr. Mannis, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Road Maintenance Heavy Equipment Operator (Program 2111) by one position and \$55,592, passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Facilities and Parks Maintenance Overtime (Program 2133) by \$5,000 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce Facilities and Parks Maintenance Purchased Property Service (Program 2134) by \$50,000 but before a vote was taken, a motion to *amend* the motion by adding an extra \$50,000 to equal a \$100,000 reduction was made by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Mr. Freedman, Following a discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 2-4-0 with Ms. Rinaldi and Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed. The original motion to reduce Facilities and Parks Maintenance Purchased Property Service (Program 2134) by \$50,000 was then voted upon and passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Mr. Alswanger, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce Solid Waste Purchased Property Services - Haulaway (Program 2144) by \$150,000 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Alswanger to reduce Operation Program Specialist 37.5 (Program 2201) by \$79,316 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce Public Health & Safety Other Salary (Program 3101) by \$40,000 failed with a vote of 2-4-0 with Ms. Rinaldi and Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to eliminate the Assistant Director for 911 position (Program 3350) with a reduction of \$98,369 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Freedman to make a general reduction to the Police Department (Program 0330) by \$100,000 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion by Mr. Alswanger, seconded by Mr. Mannis, to reduce the Police Department Community and Cultural (Program 3304) by \$100,000 passed unanimously.

A motion by Mr. Mannis, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to make a general reduction to the Fire Department (Program 0351) by \$100,000 passed unanimously.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli to reduce Fire Suppression Overtime (Program 3521) by \$100,000 passed unanimously (6-0-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli to reduce the Mayor's Office Other Salary (Program 5010) by \$50,458. Before this item was voted on and following a discussion, there was a second motion to amend the first motion with a reduction of \$50,458, which passed unanimously (6-0-0)

A motion by Mr. Alswanger, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce Employee Benefits – Vacation Payout (Program 8301) by \$50,000 passed unanimously.

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli to reduce the Active Medical & Life (Program 8301) by \$552,877 passed unanimously. This total represents the savings should the Police (\$292,331), Firefighters (\$254,189) and Assistant Corporation Counsels' (\$6,357) switch their health insurance provider from the City's self-insured plan to the State Partnership Plan.

There was discussion on the Terry Conners Rink but no action was taken.

A motion by Mr. Ryan to reduce the Cultural & Environmental – Stamford Partnership (Program 6056) by \$65,000 failed for lack of a second.

A motion by Mr. Ryan to reduce the Cultural & Environmental – Mill River Collaborative (Program 6056) by \$42,500 failed for lack of a second.

A motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce the Cultural & Environmental – Sound Waters (Program 6056) by \$55,000 failed with a 3-3-0 vote with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

CAPITAL BUDGET

There were no motions made to reduce the Capital budget; however, there was a short discussion on Capital Project CP0123 – West Beach Boat Ramp Replacement and the commitment made to improve this area, especially the boat ramp and docks.

FY 20-21 Summary of Reductions	
Board of Education budget reductions	(\$10,064,974)
City budget reductions	(\$1,491,612)
Total reductions across all funds	(\$11,556,586)

Before the meeting adjourned, Chair Richard Freedman thanked the many people who have assisted with this process. He especially thanked members of the Board of Finance, Mayor Martin, members of OPM, and members of the public

In turn, the members of the Board thanked Mr. Freedman for his leadership and dedication to the process and also their colleagues for their support and hard work.

The next and last Board of Finance meeting in the budget cycle is to set the Mill Rate on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Mannis, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

[This meeting is on video.](#)

Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board

BOF Action on the FY21/22 Mayor's Proposed Operating and Special Funds**April 15th, 2021**

Account Name	Reduction Amount
Road Maintenance Salary	55,592
Government Center Overtime	5,000
Parks Maintenance Purchased Other Services	50,000
Haulaway Purchased Property Services	150,000
Construction Management Salaries	79,316
Police-General Budget Reduction	100,000
Criminal Investigations Community and Cultural	100,000
Emergency Communications Salaries	98,369
Fire-General Budget Reduction	100,000
Suppression Overtime	100,000
Mayor Other Salary	50,458
Empl Ben/Vacation Payout	50,000
Empl Ben/Active Medical & Life	552,877
Total City	\$ 1,491,612

BOE	2,375,611
BOE	6,000,000
BOE	1,500,000
BOE	189,363
Total BOE	\$ 10,064,974

Grand Total	\$ 11,556,586
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