



## ***Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jay Fountain, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, March 31, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888  
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Fountain; Vice-Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver. Absent or excused was Rep. Kooris. Also present were Reps. Summerville and Reeder; Jim Hricay, Director of OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants Office; Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau; Jim Minor, Law Department; David Yanik, Controller; Karen Vitale, Agnes Cawai and Eric Newman, Controller's Office; Deputy Chief Trevor Roach, SFRD; Corinne Maulsby, National Development Council; Barry Schwimmer, Stamford Innovation Center; and Marti Etter, Ballet School of Stamford.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F29.038</a>	REJECTION; of a capital project closeout in the amount of \$70,000 for Project CP9241; Rebuild Transfer Station Floor. 02/09/14 – Submitted by Mayor David R. Martin 02/18/14 – Approved by Planning Board 03/13/14 – No action taken by Board of Finance	<b>Failed 0-8-0</b>
A motion to reject this item was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-8-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Silver opposed.)		
2. <a href="#">F29.039</a> \$70,000	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Engineering; Capital Project No. CP6564; Scale Upgrade. 02/09/14 – Submitted by Mayor David R. Martin 02/18/14 – Approve by Planning Board 03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 8-0-0</b>

After being told that this project is out for rebid after the initial bids came in far too high and that the amount being appropriated will bring the total appropriation to a reasonable

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level for the work to be done, the motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>2</sup>3a. [F29.040](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for AIDS Education & Risk Reduction Services; amount of grant: \$190,000 (city match: \$252,745). **Approved 7-0-1**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo and Fedeli in favor; Rep. Silver abstaining.)

- <sup>3</sup>3b. [F29.043](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for WIC Nutrition Program; amount of grant: \$792,907 (city match: \$69,341). **Approved 8-0-0**

After a discussion of the number of people served by this program and its effect, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>4</sup>3c. [F29.047](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for State aid to full-time health department programs; amount of grant: \$147,629 (city match: \$19,905). **Approved 7-0-1**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo and Fedeli in favor; Rep. Silver abstaining.)

- <sup>5</sup>3d. [F29.048](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for STD/TB Treatment and Prevention Services: \$86,144 (city match: \$93,826). **Approved 8-0-0**

After a discussion and being informed that the city match will be closer to \$70,000, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>6</sup>3e. [F29.049](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 8-0-1**

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enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for Bioterrorism emergency response public health preparedness; amount of grant: \$59,801 (city match: \$72,476)

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli and Silver in favor; Rep. Mitchell abstaining.)

- <sup>7</sup>3f. [F29.050](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for the preventive health services block grant program; amount of grant: \$18,798 (city match: \$0) **Approved 9-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>8</sup>4. [F29.041](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, with the Connecticut State Library for the Historic Preservation Grant Program; amount of grant: \$10,500 (city match: \$0). **Approved 9-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>9</sup>5a. [F29.042](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection for a Regional Public Safety Emergency Telecommunications Center; amount of grant \$285,235 (city match: \$0). **Approved 8-0-1**

After a discussion and being informed that this grant helps fund our 911 dispatchers, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

- <sup>10</sup>5b. [F29.053](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection for Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; amount of grant: \$60,513 (city match: **Approved 10-0-0**

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\$60,513).

After a discussion and being told that these counseling services help more than 2,000 citizens, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>11</sup>6a. [F29.044](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to apply for funding with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services for Counseling services to the elderly; amount of grant \$25,561 (city match: \$48,903). **Approved 10-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>12</sup>6b. [F29.054](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to apply for funding with the State of CT Dept. of Education for Operation of the Stamford day care program; amount of grant: \$1,894,542 (city match: \$0). **Approved 9-0-0**

After being told that this grant goes to the CLC, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>13</sup>7a. [F29.045](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the CT Dept. of Education for a Youth Services Bureau (YSB) Grant; amount of grant \$69,761 (city match: \$69,761 plus additional \$353,174). **Approved 10-0-0**

After being informed that the \$353,174 is in addition to the matching requirement and represents effort on the part of the city beyond the minimum required by the grant, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>14</sup>7b. [F29.052](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the CT Dept. of Education for a Quality Enhancement Grant Program; amount of grant: \$65,335 (city match: \$0). **Approved 10-0-0**

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A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>15</sup>7c. [F29.056](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the CT Dept. of Education for school readiness and child day care; amount of grant: \$3,752,319 (city match: \$13,050). **Approved 10-0-0**

After a discussion and being informed that the \$13,500 is the amount the of City cost incurred beyond the \$100,000 allowed for use of grant funds for administration, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>16</sup>8. [F29.046](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services to support substance abuse prevention activities coordinated through a local council; amount of grant: \$7,130 (city match: \$0) **Approved 10-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>17</sup>9. [F29.051](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for a Police & Youth Program Grant for the Stamford Police Department: \$10,000 (city match: \$0). **Approved 10-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>18</sup>10. [F29.055](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the Connecticut State Department of Transportation for an elderly and disabled transportation program; amount of grant: \$98,302 (city match: \$75,000). **Approved 10-0-0**

After a discussion that informed the committee that these funds are used for the share the fare program, the easy access programs, and trips by the members of the senior center, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

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- <sup>19</sup>11. [F29.057](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection for pedestrian trail improvements in Barrett Park; amount of grant: \$46,500 (city match: \$15,000). **Approved 10-0-0**

After being told that this is required so the Mayor can sign an extension of an already existing grant, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>20</sup>12. [F29.060](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to File Applications and Execute Contracts with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal transportation assistance **Approved 10-0-0**

After being told that this will allow the Mayor to sign for grants and drawdowns on federal transportation grants including the Urban Transitway, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>21</sup>13. [F29.061](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating); Fire vehicle maintenance **Approved 10-0-0**  
\$74,400.00  
03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- <sup>22</sup>14. [F29.062](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Big 5 Volunteer Fire Departments; Long Ridge VFD; to fund 1/12<sup>th</sup> of annual requested budget appropriation. **Approved 9-0-1**  
\$117,791.67  
03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

- <sup>23</sup>15. [F29.063](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Big 5 Volunteer Fire Departments; Turn of River VFD; to fund 1/12<sup>th</sup> of annual requested budget appropriation. **Approved 6-1-3**  
\$25,666.67  
03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

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After a discussion of the apparent lack of use of Turn of the River Station No. 2, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-3 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. DeLuca opposed; and Reps. Fountain, Coleman and Figueroa abstaining.)

<sup>24</sup>16. [F29.064](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 9-0-1**  
\$12,833.33 Big 5 Volunteer Fire Departments; Springdale VFD;  
to fund 1/12<sup>th</sup> of annual requested budget  
appropriation.  
03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor; and Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

<sup>25</sup>18. [F29.066](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 8-1-1**  
\$410,931.00 Smith House – to provide sufficient funding to non-  
wage accounts for Professional Consulting,  
Education Training & Certification, Telephone,  
Nursing Home User Fees, Fuel Oil, Electric and  
Physical Therapy  
02/12/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

The Committee next considered Item No. 18. After being informed that these funds will come from contingency, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli opposed; and Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

<sup>26</sup>20. [F29.069](#) REVIEW; OTHRA financial status and contractual **Report Made**  
arrangements

The committee received a presentation on the basis and details of the OTHRA agreements from Corinne Maulsby of the National Development Council. This organization help structure the agreements and is monitoring them. A copy of the presentation is [attached](#). The committee requested a written description of the materials presented and Karen Vitale, the Assistant Controller of the City of Stamford, said she would prepare this written description. The committee will consider OTHRA further at a future meeting after they complete budget deliberations.

<sup>27</sup>17. [F29.065](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**  
\$1,036,244.00 Storm Account - for shortages due to winter storms,  
for Salt & Sand; Overtime; Equipment Maintenance;  
Vehicle Maintenance; Building Maintenance;

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Grounds Maintenance; Supplies-Land; Gas and Diesel  
03/13/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

After being informed that the source of funds for this will be the remaining 2013-14 fund balance that was not allocated by the Boards, a motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

<sup>28</sup>19. F29.059 REVIEW; Second Quarter Quarterly Report - Budget vs. Actual **Report Made**

Jim Hricay told the committee that at this point they are projecting a year end excess of revenue over expenditures of about \$300,000 for the General Fund and the BOE is projecting revenues over expenditures of about \$1,700,000. This is based on strong showings in receipt of funds from FEMA, conveyance taxes, building permits, and state grants that were not anticipated during the preparation of the budget for 2013-14. These strong performances are being offset by police and fire overtime, Smith House and a few other items coming in over budget. He said he does not expect an excess of revenues over expenditures near the amount experienced for 2012-13.

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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