



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

Jay Fountain, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, July 28, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 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, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver. Also present were Reps. Reeder and Zelinsky; Lee Berta, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Terri Drew, YSB; David Yanik, Controller and Anne Fountain, Director of Health.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 1. <a href="#">F29.183</a> \$17,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Restorative Justice Grant; allows Stamford Youth Services Bureau to serve as Local Interagency Service Team for the Stamford Superior Court for Juvenile matters catchment area. Will pay for part of the YSB Special Project Coordinator and for supplies. (100% grant funded). 07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 11-0-0</b>

Terri Drew explained that this grant is to permit Stamford Youth Services Bureau to serve as Local Interagency Service Team for the Stamford Superior Court for Juvenile matters catchment area and allow coordination among the towns that are served by the juvenile court. It is a 3 year grant with a possible 2 year extension. This program focuses on the harm done by the juvenile and the opportunities to repair that harm. There are over 50 agencies involved with this program. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

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<sup>2</sup>2. [F29.184](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$10,000.00      Police & Youth Program; Girls Leadership program;  
Expenses will include sending youths through the  
ROPES course, developing a STEM curriculum for  
youth participants, police overtime, training  
workshops and supplies. (100% grant funded).  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Karen Cammarota explained that this is the second year of this program, in which female police officers work with young women. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

<sup>3</sup>3. [F29.185](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$6,000.00      Access Health CT; will pay for seasonal assistants  
to the bi-lingual outreach worker to counsel  
residents on the Affordable Care Act. (100% grant  
funded).  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Anne Fountain stated that this grant helps offset the costs of a seasonal employee for the Access Health CT enrollment. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

<sup>4</sup>4. [F29.186](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$69,979.00      Women Infants & Children; Provides more services  
to clients; includes a new Nutrition Aide position and  
making the Permanent Part Time position for  
Nutritionist into a full time position and extending  
service until 7pm. Will reduce the City's cost by  
\$30,021. (100% grant funded).  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Anne Fountain explained that some funding was cut last year, although they are serving the same number of clients. The State gave additional funding on the condition that the City expand its services. This also offset the City contribution. Ms. Fountain will provide the committee with budget information showing what has changed. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

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<sup>5</sup>5. [F29.187](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 9-0-2**  
\$33,840.00      Tobacco Inspections Program; will help enforce  
restrictions on tobacco sales; funds will be used for  
overtime, supplies, gift cards for the recruits, and  
the cost of media press releases. (100% grant  
funded).  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Karen Cammarota explained that this grant permits the police to recruit 16 an d17 years to attempt to purchase tobacco products (with police nearby). Each establishment will be visited 4 times. This program will last for a year. The gift cards will be the stipends for the recruits. She will get more information on how this works. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-2. (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Figueroa abstaining.)

<sup>6</sup>6. [F29.190](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating      **Approved, as**  
\$197,665.00      Budget); Leased Facilities; pay for expenses related      **amended, 11-0-0**  
to the day to day operations of the CTE/Lathon  
Wider Center; building occupied by Police Training  
Division, Library branch and Shelter for the  
Homeless.  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

Lee Berta stated that this money was set aside in the contingency at the beginning of the year because the City wasn't sure what their responsibilities would be for the building. Two tenants of the building pay rent, which rent is included in the budget. This funding is to maintain the building. Committee members expressed concerns about whether the City was going to try to find an entity to operate a community center in the building.

A motion to approve this for two months, in the amount of \$35,000, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

The Committee would like the Operations Department to come and present its plans for the building prior to approving any additional funding.

<sup>7</sup>7. [F29.192](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$96,000.00      Budget); Special Events; PD/OT, Special  
Events/OT; Fireworks; amend budget expenditures  
as a result of donations received for Independence  
Day Fireworks.  
07/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

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There were approximately \$108,000 in expenses for fireworks this year, and the City is requesting appropriation of \$96,000 for private contributions. There was an additional cost of \$7,200 due to the delay. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

8. [F29.194](#) RESOLUTION; with respect to the Authorization, Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$22,000,000 City of Stamford General Obligation Refunding Bonds. **HELD**  
07/03/14 – Submitted by Director Handler  
\_\_/\_\_/\_\_ – To be considered by Board of Finance

This was held at the request of the administration.

- <sup>8</sup>9. [F29.182](#) APPROVAL; Blum, Shapiro & Company, P.C. **Approved 10-0-1**  
Agreement Pursuant to RFP #635; Professional Auditing Services  
06/25/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
07/10/14 – Approved by Board of Finance

David Yanik explained that the Board of Finance had chosen Blum, Shapiro through the RFP process. The first year fee is \$190,000 and the fee increases by about 3% each of the next two years. It is not unusual to change auditors every 5 years.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-1. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

- <sup>9</sup>10. [F29.195](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Permit the Board of Education to file an application with the State Department of Administrative Services, Office of School Facilities, Division of Construction Services for a School Construction Project at Sacred Heart Academy. **Held 10-0-1**  
07/09/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Karen Cammarota stated that although the Board approved the original application as pre-K to 8, it was submitted as pre-K to 5. Committee members were concerned that no representative of the Board of Education was present to explain this change. A motion to hold this item until August 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-1. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)

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- <sup>10</sup>11. [F29.196](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with CT Department of Transportation for Rights of Way Projects. **Approved, as amended, 11-0-0**  
07/09/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Karen Cammarota stated that the State is changing the way it does contracting for these types of projects so that there is a master agreement. Committee members discussed whether it was a problem that the Board of Representatives would no longer need to approve the individual projects.

A motion to amend the resolution to require approval of project letters by the Board of Representatives was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

A motion to approve the resolution as amended was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- <sup>11</sup>12. [F29.197](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the CT Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Oaklawn Avenue. **Approved 11-0-0**  
07/09/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Karen Cammarota explained that the State will reimburse the City a maximum of \$220,275 for design and engineering of Oaklawn and Stamford has a 10% cost share. A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- <sup>12</sup>13. [F29.198](#) RESOLUTION; Establishing a Special Committee for the Development and Establishment of Performance Metrics. **Approved 11-0-0**  
07/09/14 – Submitted by the Fiscal Committee

A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- <sup>13</sup>14. [F29.199](#) RESOLUTION; Establishing a Special Committee to review the [Recommendations](#) from the Board of Finance for cost savings and revenue enhancement. **Approved 11-0-0**  
07/09/14 – Submitted by the Fiscal Committee

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A motion to approve the resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0. (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).