



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

Jay Fountain, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Fountain, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca and Fedeli. Also present were Reps. Okun and Zelinsky; Jim Hricay, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants Office; Anne Fountain, Health Department; Michael Handler, Director of Administration and Kevin Murray, Parks & Facilities Manager.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. F29.242 \$12,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget) - Special Assistant to the Mayor. 12/01/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 12/17/14 - Approved by Board of Finance 12/22/14 – Approved by Committee 01/05/14 – Returned to Committee | APPROVED 8-0-0 |

Mr. Pollard explained that there is no gift associated with this appropriation. The position will focus on special projects regarding metrics and performance centered on requests from the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance. There is currently no person within the City who is able to perform these tasks. The Administration will pay for this out of savings from other activities. The funding request for this position is only for this fiscal year. It is anticipated that these activities will continue beyond the fiscal year and if so, funding will be requested in the budget. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- ¹2. [F29.243](#) RESOLUTION; With Respect to the Authorization, **APPROVED 8-0-0**
Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$40,000,000
City of Stamford General Obligation Refunding
Bonds.
12/10/14 – Submitted by Michael Handler
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler stated that the Administration is asking the City to refund approximately \$37-38 million in bonds with about 9 years remaining, which will result in debt service savings of approximately \$450,000 per year in savings. Essentially bonds with 5% are being replaced with bonds at a much lower rate. The maturity of the bonds does not change. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- ²3. [F29.245](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED 7-0-1**
\$250,000.00 Budget); Professional Consulting - Legal Fees
related to Union Labor Negotiations and other legal
consulting related expenses.
12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Jim Hricay distributed the attached [Contingency Report](#). Mr. Handler stated that this is primarily to use outside counsel for negotiation on ten union contracts. They have brought in Shipman & Goodwin, which has labor negotiation expertise the team doesn't have. This amount will be included in the budget for next year. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

- ³4. [F29.246](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED 7-0-1**
\$72,000.00 Budget); Additional services due to Increased
Occupancy at CTE and Maintenance Issues at
Yerwood Center.
12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Murray stated that this request is due to the increase in occupancy of CTE and some major issues at Yerwood. This is in addition to the previous appropriations. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining).

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⁴⁵ [F29.247](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$6,375.00 DUI Enforcement; Police Personnel to Conduct
Traffic Stops for DUI on an overtime basis. (100%
grant funded)
12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

⁵⁶ [F29.248](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$4,000.00 Medical Reserve Corp. WWHD; Funds to be used
for uniforms, medical and emergency supplies and
office supplies for Medical Reserve Corp. (100%
grant funded).
12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

⁶⁷ [F29.249](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$56,896.00 Day Care Grant; Funds Contracted to Child Care
Learning Center to provide day care services (100%
grant funded).
12/30/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
01/08/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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