



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Jay Fountain, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, March 30, 2015

Time: 6:30 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, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Kooris. Also present were Reps. Okun, Reeder, Ryan and Watkins; Vikki Cooper, Legal Department; Thomas Turk, Operations; Lou Casolo, Chief Engineer; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; Jim Hricay, OPM Director; Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Reverend Tommie Jackson; and Michel Bayonne, Esq.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. F29.264 \$219,780.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Storm Account: Salt and Sand are currently at 25%; an additional 3000 tons of salt will ensure sufficient supplies for winter. 03/04/2015 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/12/2015 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 7-0-0
² 2. F29.265 \$50,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Distracted Driving Grant; Overtime for increased enforcement. (25% City match from existing police overtime account). 03/04/2015 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/12/2015 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 7-0-0

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Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant provides funds for time periods designated by the State in April and August for distracted driving enforcement. The amount contributed by the City, \$16,667, is 25% of the total program, not 25% of the grant. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Figueroa and Silver in favor.)

- ³3. [F29.266](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
\$32,000.00 JAG VCP Program; to purchase computer software necessary to comply with new State reporting requirement for motor vehicle data (100% grant funded).
03/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
03/12/2015 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that the City is required by the State to purchase this software. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- ⁴4. [F29.269](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Permit the **Approved 8-0-0**
Board of Education to File an Application with the State Department of Administrative Services, Office of School Facilities, for a School Construction Project at K.T. Murphy School.
02/27/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Secondary Committee: Education

Ms. Cammarota explained that the cost estimate for this project is \$160,000. The customary reimbursement by the State is 28%. They plan to do this work over the summer. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- ⁵5. [F29.267](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
\$20,588.00 Citywide Signals; FEMA Signal Replacement, to replace traffic signal damaged in storm Sandy at Roxbury & West Hill Roads.
03/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
03/12/2015 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that this is money from FEMA to replace a traffic signal damaged in Storm Sandy. There has been a temporary signal at the intersection since the storm. The delay has been due to the time needed to get the final statement of loss from the insurance company. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

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- ⁶ [F29.268](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 6-0-2**
\$500,000.00 Bedford Street Police Headquarters; to fund pre-
Architectural and Engineering Services and studies
and related expenses per RFQ #671.
03/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
03/10/15 – Approved by Planning Board
03/12/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler explained that the purpose of this appropriation is to get pre-planning work done before the next fiscal year. Mr. Casolo explained that he and his office are intimately involved in this process and it will allow the project to begin moving forward. They are hiring an architect. This is a complicated project because it involves 3 parcels, and they need to perform appraisal services and a Phase 1 environmental analysis. His office is administering the entire project. The cost estimate is based upon his discussions with the architects regarding the work to be done. In addition, pragmatic work for the Police Department needs to be done – how it should be designed and how it should be phased to allow the department to continue working. In response to questions from the Committee, he noted that

- It is good practice to do a Phase I assessment for the parcel the City doesn't own
- This was the most feasible of all the sites the City considered
- He has written an RFQ for engineers with experience with Police Departments; They had 9 submissions and will interview 5.
- They looked at other sites, expanding the current site, remediation and using substations (the department felt this would decrease their effectiveness)

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-2 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Figueroa abstaining.)

- ⁷ [F29.271](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 6-0-3**
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by Adding an Appropriation
of \$500,000 for the Bedford Street Police
Headquarters Project and Authorizing \$500,000
General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said
Appropriation.
03/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
03/12/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

In response to concerns expressed by the Committee about not having specific projects identified for close-out for this appropriation, Mr. Hricay stated that OPM is working on the close-out list now and will be going to the bond market in the summer. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-3 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Fedeli and Figueroa abstaining.)

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8. [F29.270](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by Adding an Appropriation of \$200,000 for The Curtain Call Interior Renovations Project and Authorizing \$200,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation. **Approved 7-0-2**
 03/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/12/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Fountain explained that this resolution is for the appropriation approved by the Committee last month. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-2 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Figueroa abstaining.)

9. F29.116 REVIEW; Financial Controls, Reporting Requirements and Other Contractual Obligations between the City of Stamford and Funded Third-Party Organizations **Held in Committee**
 06/03/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman
 06/09/14 – Held at Steering
 08/11/14 – Held at Steering
 09/29/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee
 10/14/14 – Held at Steering
 11/17/14 – Held in Committee
 12/22/14 – Held in Committee
 01/12/15 – Held at Steering
 02/23/15 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee – Legislative & Rules

Under a Suspension of Rules:

91. [F29.272](#) APPROVAL; Repayment and Security Agreement between City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission and City of Stamford. **Approved 10-0-0**
 03/19/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

A motion to suspend the rules to take up this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.) Mr. Pollard explained that the City was approached in December, 2013 by Trinity to alert them that by February, 2014, the repayments of funds deposited with the URC would be triggered. He met with the URC, but the URC was unable to deliver the funds to Trinity. The City worked with the URC to reach an agreement. The URC was able to fund \$100,000 of the amount and the City would pay the balance in a fully secured loan. The City had Blum Shapiro conduct an audit of the

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URC's assets and cash flow to ensure that the loan would be paid back. Committee members expressed concerns about the inability of the URC to return the deposit due to Trinity, and suggested that an audit be conducted to determine what happened to the funds. Ms. Cooper stated that she is satisfied as to the priority of the City's lien in the event of a default. She supervised the work by outside counsel. A motion to approve this item was made, second and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor.)

- ^{102.} [F29.274](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 9-0-1**
\$2,088,594.00 UAW Retroactive Wage Increase from 6/30/11 to
6/30/14 resulting from City's agreement with UAW.
03/26/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/01/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

A motion to suspend the rules to take up this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining.) Chair Fountain explained that this money comes out of prior fund balance. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Handler explained that this item was being brought under a suspension of the rules because the UAW negotiated in good faith on the promise that the retroactive salary would be paid forthwith. This will be considered by the Board of Finance on April 1st and he is hoping to get the checks out by April 16th. A motion to approve this item, pending Board of Finance approval, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining.)

As a Secondary Committee:

- ^{111.} [T29.029](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter **Motion to Concur**
231, Article I, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 231- **Failed 2-7-1**
7, Parking Violation Penalties, to Provide for New
Fines for Parking Violations.
11/20/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and
Franzetti
01/22/15 –Held in Committee
02/17/15 – Approved by Committee
03/02/15 – Held in Committee by Full Board
03/17/2015 – Approved by Committee, as amended

Committee members discussed the changes made to this ordinance by the Transportation Committee. A motion to concur with the ordinance, as amended by Transportation, was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 2-7-1 (Reps. Figueroa and Mitchell in favor; Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Silver opposed; Rep. Di Costanzo abstaining.)

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).