



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Jay Fountain, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, April 27, 2015
Time: 6:00 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, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Kooris. Also present were Reps. Okun, Ryan and Summerville; Anne Fountain and Sharona Cowan, Health & Social Services; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Vikki Cooper, Legal Department; Jim Hricay, OPM; Clemon Williams, Human Resources; and Miranda Zhang, Stamford Times.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F29.273	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with the State of Connecticut Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant. 03/20/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Approved 7-0-0

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant has been used by the Town Clerk to preserve birth records. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

2. F29.275 \$122,479.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Women Infants & Children; funds used for new Nutrition Aide position, making Nutritionist position full time and extending service until 6pm. 04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/09/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance	Approved 7-0-2
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Ms. Cammarota explained that these are additional grant funds which will be used for a new Nutrition Aide position, making the current Nutritionist position full time and extending service. There is no City funding expected. In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Fountain stated that when the funding has not been continued in the past, the positions were cut. They currently service 3000 clients in Stamford, 1500 clients in Norwalk and 300 clients in Greenwich. A motion to approve this item was

made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-2 (Reps. Fountain, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Fedeli abstaining).

7. [F29.279](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$136,516.00 Grant will pay for Design of Dredging Municipal
Marinas. (20% match from existing appropriated
funds).
04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/09/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

The Committee next considered Item No. 7. Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a DOT grant. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

3. [F29.276](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **Approved 9-0-0**
\$80,000.00 Budget); Relocation Services; funds to pay
outstanding hotel bills for emergency housing, food
reimbursement, moving expenses and rehousing
expenses per State mandated Uniform Relocation
Assistance Act.
04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/09/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Ms. Fountain explained that these funds are required by State statute. The City bills the landlord for these costs, with interest. If the landlord does not pay, the City places a lien on the landlord's property. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

4. [F29.277](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **Approved 9-0-0**
\$9,000.00 Budget); Overnight Warming Center at Inspirica
under Severe Weather Protocols.
04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/09/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Ms. Fountain explained that this is per a Memorandum of Understanding with Inspirica to provide a warming center on the nights the Governor declared as dangerously cold. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

5. [F29.282](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **Approved 9-0-1**
\$150,940.00 Budget); Firefighter Entry Level Retest by Morris &
McDaniel.
04/08/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Williams explained that this exam is necessitated by the disparate impact of the first exam. This test is significantly more expensive partly due to the oral component of the exam. The additional costs above the contract price are due to the use of the schools, the custodial costs and test monitors. A motion to approve this item was made,

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

6. [F29.278](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Snow Overtime; To Cover Overtime Earned and Anticipated Incremental Overtime Expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year. **Approved 10-0-0**
\$378,283.00 04/08/2015 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
04/09/15 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Hricay explained that this year was the most expensive year in the past 10 for snow overtime. 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).

8. [F29.281](#) RESOLUTION; Urging the Board of Finance and the Administration to Conduct an Audit of the URC, particularly its obligations with respect to the Trinity deposit and its future revenue stream and related matters. **Approved 10-0-0**
04/07/15 – Submitted by Reps. Fountain and Silver

Committee members stated that they hoped this would result in an audit and that it should not preclude pursuing answers through other avenues. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

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
03/30/15 – Held in Committee

Secondary Committee – Legislative & Rules

10. F29.280 REVIEW; Senior Citizen Tax Abatement. **Held In Committee**
04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain

As a Secondary Committee:

1. [T29.029](#) ORDINANCE for publication; Amending Chapter 231, Article I, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 231-7, 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
03/17/15 – Approved by Committee
04/06/15 – Amended by Full Board

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).