



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Jay Fountain, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, August 24, 2015
Time: 7:00 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, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell and Silver. Rep. Day was excused. Also in attendance were Reps de la Cruz, Savage and Skigen. Also in attendance were Karen Cammarota, Grants; s

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F29.342 \$3,245,462.50	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Affordable Housing Zoning Initiative; "Fee-in-Lieu" payment instead of constructing some or all affordable housing; payment from Element One LLC, Morgan Lofts, 111 Morgan Street; money to be used for affordable units at Metro Green III. 08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 08/11/15 – Approved by Planning Board 08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0

Karen Cammarota explained this is payment from the developer of Morgan Lofts into the "Fee-in-Lieu" fund to be used for the Metro Green III Housing Development. Construction must be started by December 31, 2015. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in Favor).

2. F29.341 \$50,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Intersection improvements of Taylor Reed Place/Maple Tree Avenue @ Courtland Avenue to Improve Traffic Operation for Truck Turning; with enhance crosswalks; pedestrian ramps; improve signal operation for safety. 08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 08/11/15 – Approved by Planning Board 08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 10-0-0
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Mani Poola explained this will be a total of a \$200,000 contribution from City Carting, paid in installments, to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor).

3. [F29.344](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$150,000.00 Roadway Design and Reconstruction; Establish a Continuous Sidewalk on the East Side of Morgan St & South Side of Strawberry Hill Court; Crosswalk with Pedestrian Signals at Hoyt Street & Bedford Street.
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/11/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mani Poola explained this is for installing a sidewalk which is missing on South Side of Strawberry Hill Court, so there will be a continuous sidewalk on both sides of the street. This is a contribution from the developer of Morgan Lofts, and the amount pays for the total cost. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor).

4. [F29.347](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$ 150,000.00 Citywide Signals; Replace the Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Cove Road @ Willowbrook Avenue.
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/11/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mani Poola explained this is due to an increase in traffic at that intersection, and this is a contribution from the Chelsea Pier developer. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor).

5. [F29.340](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Partial Closeout; **No Action Taken**
Project No. CP5241; Storm Water Pump Stations;
\$2,355,883.62.
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/29/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Board of Finance did not reject Closeout

6. [F29.346](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$2,800,000.00 WPCA; upgrade of Dyke Lane Pump Station at Stamford Hurricane Barrier (Source of funds: \$2,000,000 Bonding \$800,000 Federal Grant).
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/11/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Michael Handler requested that items number 5 and 6 be discussed together. The project is being administered through the WPCA. This is to add a stand-by generator, and adding electrical switching to be compliant with Federal codes. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor).

7. [F29.343](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$318,607.00 Interdistrict K-8 Magnet School; Sewer connection
fees- 202 Blachley Road.
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/11/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Education

Michael Handler explained that this is the original connection fee charged to the BOE. The BOE was credited for the existing sewer connections from the original commercial property, and charged only for the new connections. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor).

The Education Committee, Secondary, voted on this item, and concurred the approval by unanimous vote (Reps. Savage, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel in favor).

The Committee then took up Item # 10.

Under a Suspension of Rules:

A motion to suspend the rules to take up F29.349 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-2-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Fedeli opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

10. [F29.349](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 6-3-1**
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by Adding an Appropriation
of \$2,800,000 for the Dyke Lane Pump Station
Upgrade Project and Authorizing \$2,000,000
General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said
Appropriation.
08/05/15 – Submitted by Tony Romano
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-3-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Kooris, Mitchell, and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, and Fedeli opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

8. [F29.345](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$12,400,000.00 Interdistrict Magnet School at 200 Strawberry Hill
Avenue; Renovation and construction of an addition
for a new school to be located on 10 acres (former
Sacred Heart Academy Site) (80% grant funded).
08/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
07/21/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/13/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Secondary Committee: Education

Michael Handler explained this is a request to increase the appropriation from \$65,000,000 to \$77,000,000 with 80% expected reimbursement. The goal is to maximize State funds. Michael Handler and Lou Casolo explained the funds will not determine the size of the school, as that is generated by educational specifications that come from the BOE.

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

The Education Committee, Secondary, voted on this item, and concurred the approval by unanimous vote (Reps. Savage, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel in favor).

9. F29.348 REVIEW; Fiscal Year 2014-15 – Budget vs. Actual. **Held in**
08/05/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain **Committee**

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).