



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

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

## **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, November 23, 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 Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, Ryan and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day, Fedeli and Mitchell. Also present were Rep. Quinones Kevin Murray, Facilities Manager; and Captain Tom Lombardo.

Vice Chair Cerasoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>COMMITTEE ACTION</b>
1. <a href="#">F29.355</a> \$459,190.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriate Unexpended BOE Fund Balance FY13-14 to fund FY15-16 Long Term OPEB Obligations. 09/28/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 10/08/15 – Withdrawn from Board of Finance 10/13/15 – Held at Steering <b>11/10/15 - Withdrawn</b>	<b>ITEM WITHDRAWN</b>
12. <a href="#">F29.358</a> \$67,693.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Leased Facilities - Reimbursement of Yerwood Operating Costs per Fire & Health Inspections to make Building Safe for Boys & Girls Club. 11/02/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 11/12/15 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>APPROVED 7-0-0</b>

Mr. Murray explained that this request is to provide additional funds for necessary repairs made to the building to get it ready for the Boys & Girls Club. This request covers the repairs already done. Going forward, the Boys & Girls Club will be responsible for the repairs and maintenance to the building. The City would only be responsible for major capital upgrades. This is a one-time appropriation. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris and Silver in favor).

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23. [F29.360](#)      APPROVAL; Use of Funds from Non-Recurring      **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
\$150,000.00      Capital Account for Installation of Blue Light  
Emergency Poles previously included in Capital  
Budget.  
11/09/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
11/12/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Captain Lombardo explained the locations where the emergency lights will be installed with the pilot program. The Mayor's office, the Police Department and the Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare are in support of this. These emergency phones and cameras are like what is found on college campuses. The locations were selected by the Police Department based upon usage, topography, etc. Mr. Lombardo will let the Board know who will be responsible for the maintenance of these lights. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris and Silver in favor).

The Committee next considered Item No. 5.

5. [F29.359](#)      REVIEW Status of Outstanding Funds Awarded to      **REPORT MADE**  
the City Through Grants and the Timeline and  
Process Associated with Receiving Them.  
11/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones

Ms. Cammarota reviewed the process the Grants office uses for projects in the report for which the City does not receive funds and the most recent [grants report](#).

- They currently have 7 school construction projects they are trying to close out with the State
- The state audits projects over \$5,000,000 which slows things down
- 99% of the time, they expend the funds first and then get reimbursed, so there is always a lag
- The office no longer has a full time school grants person, which slows down the process
- The reimbursement request is usually the responsible of the grant office, which works better than having the department be responsible
- Some projects, such as the Strawberry Hill School, could receive progress payments
- The amount outstanding as of December 2014 was \$46 million, this money will ultimately be reimbursed
- It is infrequent for the City not to be reimbursed

4. [F29.357](#)      REVIEW; Use and Reporting of Reserve for      **HELD**  
Contingency Fund.  
10/02/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fedeli  
10/26/15 – Held in Committee

This item was held without objection.

Vice Chair Cerasoli adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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