



**Fiscal Committee -
Board of Representatives**

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, February 29, 2016

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 Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Cerasoli, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver. Absent or excused was Committee Member Rep. Day. Also present were Jay Fountain, Interim OPM Director; Scott Duckworth, Lieutenant, Police Department; and Domenic Tramontozzi, Engineering Department.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Di Costanzo briefly discussed the draft Budget Schedule. She explained if anyone had any conflicts to let the Board Office know.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. F29.379 \$1,500,000.00	REJECTION; Capital Project closeout; Project No. C5B217 Toquam Indoor Air Quality Issues. 02/02/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/19/16 – Approved by Planning Board 02/11/16 – No action taken by Board of Finance	No Action Taken

Mr. Tramontozzi explained that there were approximately six projects completed one year ago to resolve current mold issues, and to prevent future mold issues. It started out as a mold remediation issue, but became more complex. The school has now stabilized itself, and there is no need for further projects.

² 2. F29.380 \$1,500,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); SHS Addition & Modernization; Exterior brick restoration of the 1927 building at Stamford High School - Summer 2016. 01/15/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/19/16 – Approved by Planning Board 02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 9-0-0
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¹ Video time stamp 00:02:34

² Video time stamp 00:10:25

Mr. Tramontozzi explained that the brick is falling off of the 1927 building. They will be putting the project out to bid next month. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

- ³18. [F29.396](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 15-16 by Adding an Appropriation of \$100,000 for the Environmental Hazard Abatement Project and Authorizing \$100,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation. **Approved 9-0-1**
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

The Committee next considered Item # 18. Mr. Fountain explained that the appropriation was approved last month, and this item is for setting up the bond agreement. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Mitchell abstaining).

- ⁴3. [F29.381](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$35,000.00 from Contingency to Fund Projected Expenditures for Leased Facilities/Contracted Services. **Held 10-0-0**
\$35,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to hold this item until next month in order to get more information was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

- ⁵4. [F29.382](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$50,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Parks Maintenance/Seasonal. **Approved 10-0-0**
\$50,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

³ Video time stamp 00:15:48

⁴ Video time stamp 00:17:40

⁵ Video time stamp 00:28:40

Mr. Fountain explained that this is a regular item which is under budget every year, and they are trying to minimize the amount of over budget; it is already running short of second quarter projections. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

6. [F29.383](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$30,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Parks Maintenance/Contracted Services. **Approved 8-0-2**
\$30,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Items # 5, 6, and 7 were discussed together. Mr. Fountain explained that these are consistently under budget every year. Sometimes a department is given a lump sum and funds are put in contingency so they can be transferred to another department. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-2 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Reps. DeLuca and Fedeli abstaining).

6. [F29.384](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$30,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Maintenance/Contracted Services. **Approved 8-0-2**
\$30,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-2 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Reps. DeLuca and Fedeli abstaining).

7. [F29.385](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$10,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Maintenance/Contract-Sonitrol. **Approved 10-0-0**
\$10,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

7. [F29.386](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$175,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Haulaway/Garbage. **Approved 10-0-0**
\$175,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

⁶ Video time stamp 00:29:56

⁷ Video time stamp 00:38:53

Mr. Fountain explained that a private hauler went out of business and there is a lot more need than was expected in that area. About \$300,000.000 in additional revenue is expected from the haulaway. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

89. [F29.387](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$170,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Police Administration/Overtime. **Approved 9-0-1**
\$170,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Items # 9 through # 14 were discussed together. Mr. Fountain explained that Police Department has been working judiciously to keep the increase in overtime down, and the funds are being transferred from positions that are remaining vacant. Lt. Duckworth explained that OPM is trying to restore the funds that were cut by Board of Finance. Also, the Police Department has lost 19 people since July, with an additional 10 people expected to leave this July, due to retirement. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

10. [F29.388](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$50,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Patrol/Overtime. **Approved 9-0-1**
\$50,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

11. [F29.389](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$10,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Special Teams/Special Response Units Overtime. **Approved 9-0-1**
\$10,000.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

⁸ Video time stamp 00:42:35

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

12. [F29.390](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$25,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Police training/OT Mandated training.
\$25,000.00 01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance **Approved 9-0-1**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

13. [F29.391](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$10,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Criminal Investigation/Overtime.
\$10,000.00 01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance **Approved 9-0-1**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

14. [F29.392](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$10,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Emergency Communications/Overtime.
\$10,000.00 01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance **Approved 9-0-1**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

⁹15. [F29.393](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate \$25,000 from Contingency to fund year end projected expenditures for Employee benefits/NUR Training - Tuition.
\$25,000.00 01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance **Approved 10-0-0**

⁹ Video time stamp 00:48:23

Mr. Fountain explained that this is mandated training for Nurses. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

¹⁰16. [F29.394](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To appropriate Board of Education's FY14 year-end surplus to fund current year (FY16) long term OPEB obligation. **Approved 10-0-0**
\$459,100.00
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained in 2013/14 the Board of Education had a surplus and asked for it to be set aside for a one time future item. An agreement was made with the Board of Finance, but no action was taken. This year there was a shortage in the long term OPEM obligation, and BOE asked if an appropriation from fund balance could be approved to pay this expense. Money was set aside last year as a commitment. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

¹¹17. [F29.395](#) RESOLUTION; With Respect to the Authorization, Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$25,000,000 City of Stamford General Obligation Refunding Bonds. **Approved 10-0-0**
01/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
02/11/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained this is for Bonds which were issued in 2008, a portion of which was already refunded; this is the remaining portion to be refunded. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones, and Silver in favor).

¹²19. [F29.397](#) REVIEW; 2nd Quarter FY2015-16 Status Report. **Report Made**
02/03/16 – Submitted by Jay Fountain

Mr. Fountain reviewed the 2nd Quarter Status Report. He explained that this quarter there is a projected shortfall of \$2.8 million dollars. But by the end of the year it is expected that shortfall will be eliminated, due to monitoring overtime, holding off on hiring, and enhancing revenue. Most of the shortfall occurred because of the revenue side of the budget.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

¹⁰ Video time stamp 00:50:02

¹¹ Video time stamp 00:56:40

¹² Video time stamp 01:00:11