



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 27, 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. Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman and DeLuca. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; Chief Jon Fontneau, Lieutenant Scott Duckworth, Assistant Chief Tom Wuennemann and Assistant Chief Jim Matheny, Stamford Police Department; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Assistant Chief Eddie Brown, SEMS; and Jack Bryant, NAACP.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F29.410 \$738,000.00 \$476,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Award from the US Bureau of Justice Assistance for acquisition of body-worn cameras for police officers and development and implementation of a policy governing their use (\$338,000 grant with 1:1 match; \$262,000 for Bridgeport; \$138,000 AA (operating) request (see Item 2); Additional \$200,000 in FY16/17 budget). 04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/14/16 – Held by the Board of Finance 04/25/16 – Held in Committee 05/23/16 – Held in Committee 06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance	APPROVED 8-0-1

Chief Fontneau stated that Bridgeport is no longer participating in this grant due to financial stability concerns and the grant has therefore been reduced by \$262,000 to \$476,000.

Committee members discussed the grant with Chief Fontneau, Mr. Jankowski and Assistant Chief Wuennemann as follows:

- The grant is for 160 body worn cameras

- The Department is exploring both a cloud and on-premises storage solution and will run pilots with each
- They are leaning toward the cloud solution because of ease of use, cost savings, connectivity with the State's Attorney's office and automatic replacement of cameras every 2½ years
- The community is in support of this program, including the NAACP
- Any member of the department who has face-to-face contact with the public will wear a camera
- The purchase price depends upon the solution they choose
- The cameras will record audio and video
- Storage duration is determined by State law (e.g. 90 days for a routine traffic stop, 7 years for an arrest)
- Officers will need to tag recordings properly and will need to be trained to do this
- The video will be subject to FOIA
- They will hire one or two civilians to redact the tapes to address privacy concerns
- Mr. Jankowski handed out the attached [cost detail](#) using the two storage solutions and reviewed it with the Committee
- Any storage solution needs to be CJIS compliant, so simply storing on Amazon or Google would not be possible
- Chicago and most other major cities use cloud storage
- The lessons learned by other cities include the volume of storage space needed and the need for civilians to assist with the process

A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining).

2. F29.406 \$138,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation from contingency for a portion of City's 50/50 share of project for acquisition of police body-worn cameras and implementation of use policy. 04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/14/16 – Held by the Board of Finance 04/25/16 – Held in Committee 05/23/16 – Held in Committee 06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance	APPROVED 8-0-1
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The Committee then considered Item No. 11.

²11. [F29.430](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Police Recruiting and Hiring; Reinstate funds cut from FY16/17 budget to meet costs associated with recruitment and hiring of new officers. Department expects to hire 10 or more officers during year. **FAILED 4-4-1**
\$10,000.00
05/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chief Fontneau explained that 36 officers retired last year and the test the Department has been hiring from will expire in August. The Department wants to go back out to the community to hire.

Committee members expressed concerns about whether it was too early for this appropriation. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 4-4-1 (Reps. Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day and Fedeli opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

The Committee then considered Item No. 10.

³10. [F29.428](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Stamford EMS; to increase house and days of operating for emergency medical staffing of Medic Unit 5 due to increased demand in City; request erroneously left off of budget request. **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$50,000.00
05/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski stated that he had accidentally omitted this amount from the budget. Assistant Chief Brown explained that call volume is up during the day and no longer decreases on weekends. This amount would be for increased weekend coverage. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

⁴3. [F29.421](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$1,810.00 Local Prevention Council Grant; Direct Service; Increase in grant award (100% Grant funded).
05/26/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant is for alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention activities. The grant was more than the original request. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

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- ⁵4. [F29.422](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$39,000.00 Homeland Security/ Equipment; increase in grant
award (100% Grant Funded).
05/23/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski explained that this is a Region 1 grant. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ⁶5. [F29.423](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$60,000.00 Invest Health/Direct Service; Community-building
strategy to address rising gun violence; Travel to
mandatory convenings and program supplies (100%
grant funded).
05/23/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski explained that this grant is to permit 5 representatives from Charter Oak, the Family Centers, Stamford Hospital, the Board of Education and the Mayor's office to attend seminars to come up with strategies to address gun violence. He stated that he would bring back Representative Mitchell's concerns that the attendees meet with community representatives in order to bring their concerns to the seminars. Ms. Cammarota stated that the grant has fairly strict requirements regarding who may attend and that it is to be used mostly for travel. She will forward a breakdown of the costs and will look to see if other people may also attend. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ⁷6. [F29.432](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$5,000.00 Medical Reserve Corp. WWHD; Program Supplies -
FY15/16 (100% Grant Funded).
05/10/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that this is a grant to put together a community volunteer group to help out in an emergency. There is no time limit on this grant. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ⁸7. [F29.431](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$5,500.00 Medical Reserve Corp. WWHD; Program Supplies -
FY16/17 (100% Grant Funded).
05/10/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

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A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

The Committee next considered Item Nos. 12 and 13.

⁹12. [F29.424](#) REJECTION; Capital Projects Closeout; Multiple **NO ACTION**
\$363,030.43 Projects. **TAKEN**
05/26/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/07/16 – No action taken by Planning Board
06/09/16 – No action taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained that these are all projects that are completed or no longer in effect. The largest item is the Strawberry Hill School acquisition. No motion was made on this item. It was noted by Committee members that Mr. Fountain had previously discussed items that would be funded by a future capital closeout (see [link](#).)

¹⁰13. [F29.425](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$200,000.00 Terry Conners Ice Rink Slab; Replacement of Ice
Slab due to flawed installation of 2004 Capital
Project of concrete slab/piping (funds from litigation
settlement).
05/23/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/07/16 – Approved by Planning Board
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained that these funds are the result of the settlement of litigation. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

¹¹18. [F29.426](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **HELD 9-0-0**
\$7,500.00 Budget); Board of Ethics/Professional Legal
Services; Reinstate funds cut from FY16/17 budget
to allow Board of Ethics to initiate investigations.
05/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain stated that the purpose of this appropriation is to enable the Board of Ethics to commence an investigation without appearing before the Boards or the Mayor's office. He believes that there was an agreement in the past that the Board of Ethics be provided \$10,000 of funding. Committee members asked whether this amount would be sufficient to commence an investigation. Committee members noted that this was discussed at the Special Budget meeting. A motion to hold this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

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¹²g. [F29.427](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating **APPROVED 9-0-0**
\$2,500.00 Budget); Board of Ethics Staff Support; to provide
staff support for Board of Ethics previously provided
by Board of Finance.
05/27/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/09/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain stated that prior to this year, the Board of Finance provided support to the Board of Ethics at no cost. This is no longer an option because the Board of Finance only has part-time support. This would enable another City employee to provide support for the Board of Ethics. A motion to approve this appropriation was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

¹³14. F29.419 REVIEW; Budget Process and Possible Changes **REPORT MADE**
for Next Year.
05/06/16 – Submitted by Rep. Di Costanzo
05/23/16 – Report Made & Held in Committee

Committee members noted that they would like

- to see more historical detail next year
- to limit the time taken by the presentations, focusing on changes and priorities
- to have the Mayor's office encourage more participation in the public hearing
- to have committee meetings end at the same time as the Board of Finance meetings

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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