



**Fiscal Committee -
Board of Representatives**

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, September 26, 2016
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 Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca and Figueroa. Also present were President Skigen; Reps. McMullen and Pratt; Mayor Martin; Bill Dunn, Stamford BOE; Jennifer Calder, Director of Health; Lieutenant Scott Duckworth, Stamford Police Department; Jay Fountain, OPM; Chief Trevor Roach, Assistant Chief Miguel Robles, and Paul Newman, Stamford Fire Department; Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources; Karen Cammarota, Grants Office; Laura Burwick, Mayor’s Office; Greg Stackpole and Bashir Jessa, Assessor’s Office; and Ward Strosser, Atul Gupta and Jack Bosch, Con Ed Solutions.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
Without objection, the Committee first considered Items 11 and 12.		
¹ 11. F29.457 \$11,246,852.00 \$9,186,717.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Energy Improvement projects; Building Lighting Replacement (in schools and Government Center); Street Light Replacement ; Replacement of Cooling Tower and HVAC Compressor in Government Center; Repair of AITE HVAC System. (\$9,197,829 bonding; \$2,049,022 rebates) (\$7,527,514 bonding; \$1,659,203 rebates). 09/07/16 - Submitted by Mayor Martin 09/06/16 – Approved by Planning Board 09/08/16 – Approved, in part, by Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0

Mayor Martin explained that:

- this is a unique capital request in that some of the projects will generate a positive return and therefore the City can stretch its bonding capacity

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- the project includes the replacement of the existing lighting in the Government Center and 15 schools with LEDs
- there is a 10 year guarantee from the provider, Con Ed Solutions
- the BOE will be charged the capital cost of the project for the schools, but will save on energy costs and lighting in the schools will improve
- the City will use existing bond funds short-term and 10 year bonding as of 7/1/17
- The cooling tower project does not guarantee savings, but the tower is 25 to 30 years old, with a life expectancy of only 20 years, and the Con Ed proposal is cheaper than if the City were to do it separately; it needs to be done before the necessary replacement of the roof, since the work would damage a new roof

Ms. Burwick reviewed the [power point presentation](#).

Mayor Martin and Ms. Burwick discussed the proposal with the Committee:

- The Board of Finance approved everything other than the street lighting project; The Administration will be going back to the Board of Finance with the street lighting plan. The plans have been approved by the Board of Education and the Planning Board
- The lightbulbs have an expected life of 15 years
- Eversource has agreed to give rebates which will be used to repay the projects
- The cash flow after the debt service will show in the operating budget
- The debt service will be retired after 10 years
- They will be retrofitting the fixtures with wiring and lightbulbs (lightbulbs are 50% of the total cost)
- Instead of using new bonds, they will delay capital projects already in the budget
- Con Ed Solutions will work as project manager and will subcontract out the work; they will be coming down in the next month with a contract for the Board to approve
- It will take approximately 14 months to complete the construction
- Con Ed is guaranteeing the lightbulbs and the energy savings
- The AITE system needs to be repaired because of poor maintenance; there was litigation with the contractor, but the contractor filed for bankruptcy
- The work in the schools will be done in the 2nd shift and on weekends and holidays
- The rebates will be paid in a lump sum
- If electricity costs surge, there will still be savings over the cost if the work had not been done
- The manufacturer will be providing a box for disposal of the bulbs
- LED lights in schools improve test scores and behavior (see [Article](#))
- Bill Dunn noted that at Scofield, where the lights have already been changed, energy costs are down either 14 or 16% and there has been feedback about better visibility
- 4 schools are not being done because Con Ed ran out of time for the audit. They will hopefully be done later

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ²12. [F29.458](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 16/17 by Adding an Appropriation of ~~\$9,197,829~~ \$7,527,514 for the Energy Improvement Projects and Authorizing ~~\$9,197,829~~ \$7,527,514 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation.
09/07/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/08/16 – Approved by Board of Finance, as amended **Approved 8-0-0**

A motion to approve Item No. 12 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo then asked the Committee to take up Items 13, 14 and 15, all of which were submitted to be taken up under a suspension of the rules.

Under a Suspension of Rules:

A motion was then made to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 15. The motion was approved by a vote of 6-0-2 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Reps. Cerasoli and Fedeli abstaining).

- ³15. [F29.465](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to fund City's Youth Violence Prevention Activities: \$50,000 for Boys & Girls Club night program at Yerwood Center; \$35,000 for DOMUS's "Project Hope" program; and \$15,000 for SPD's Boys Leadership Program. **Approved 8-0-0, contingent upon BOF approval**
\$100,000.00
09/23/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/27/16 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mayor Martin and Mr. Jankowski discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- Stamford is the safest city in New England
- There is a low homicide rate, but there have been 21 incidents of guns fired
- They believe the gun violence comes from a core of individuals ages 18 to 25
- There are other individuals in Stamford who could be sucked in
- The Yerwood summer program was very successful for boys and girls and is being continued but scaled back to 3 times/week
- This request is to provide funding through June, with some flexibility if need to change the number of days
- The Police & DOMUS have come up with a program targeting young adults between 18 and 25 (Project New Hope)
- They are also starting a boys leadership program similar to the current girls leadership program
- Money may be transferred between the 3 programs as needed

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- DOMUS will be providing \$50,000 for this program

A motion to approve Item No. 15, contingent upon approval by the Board of Finance, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Under a Suspension of Rules:

A motion was then made to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 13. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- ⁴13. [F29.463](#) APPROVAL; Agreement with Quality Data Service, Inc. for Assessment/Tax Software. **Approved 8-0-0**
 09/21/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 09/27/16 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Stackpole explained that:

- This item was a late submission, because it needs to be approved to provide enough time to convert the data to send out tax bills in December, as required by law
- The prior vendor was bought out and the motor vehicle application was not going to provide service
- There are no other viable providers that specialize in CT municipal tax
- This provider has 95% of the municipalities in CT
- The Board of Representatives has already approved the funding for this contract

A motion to approve Item No. 13, contingent upon approval by the Board of Finance, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Under a Suspension of Rules:

A motion was then made to suspend the rules to take up Item No. 14. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell and Silver in favor).

- ⁵14. [F29.464](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); to fund Fire Retroactive Wage increase from FY11/12 to FY15/16 per a recent contract settlement. **Approved 7-0-1**
 \$7,093,110.00
 09/23/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 09/27/16 – To be considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Williams explained that this appropriation is for the firefighter retroactive wage increase for the period 7/1/11 through 6/30/16. This amount has been carried in the fund

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balance and is less than the amount carried. The amount includes estimated FICA payments

A motion to approve Item No. 14, contingent upon approval by the Board of Finance, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli abstaining).

- ⁶1a. [F29.443](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for funding assistance for a State Homeland Security Grant Program; amount of grant \$350,000, plus \$40,000 to administer (no City match). **Approved 7-0-0**
08/18/16 - Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that the City acts as a fiduciary for this program. The current City representative is Chief Roach. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ⁷1b. [F29.456](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; amount of grant: \$62,228 (city match: \$62,228). **Approved 7-0-0**
08/18/16 - Submitted by Mayor Martin

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ⁸2a. [F29.444](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for – STD/TB Treatment and Prevention Services: amount of grant: \$85,910 (City match: \$78,674). **Approved 7-0-0**
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota and Dr. Calder stated that this funds a full time nurse in the TB treatment program and a part time nurse in the STD treatment program. This is a state mandated program. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

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- ⁹2b. [F29.448](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for Lead Poisoning Prevention Program; amount of grant: \$22,132 (City match: \$4,126).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

This funding is for outreach, supplies, and counseling.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹⁰2c. [F29.449](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for WIC Nutrition Program; amount of grant: \$892,534 (City match: \$101,259).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹¹2d. [F29.450](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning; amount of grant: \$91,693 (City match: \$53,804).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹²2e. [F29.451](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for AIDS Education & Risk Reduction Services; amount of grant: \$150,000 (City match cost: \$311,692).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

The committee discussed that the funding for this program has been cut recently. The City contribution is not a required match. A breakdown of costs will be provided to the Committee. Under this program, the City must provide condoms. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

¹³Dr. Calder reviewed effectiveness rates of the various programs with the Committee.

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- ¹⁴2f. [F29.452](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the CT State Department of Public Health for State aid to Full-Time Health Department Programs; amount of grant: \$134,355.66 (City matchcost: \$37,775).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹⁵3a. [F29.453](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for Funding Assistance Regarding Operation of the Stamford Day Care Program; amount of grant \$1,958,438 (City match: \$0).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

This amount is subcontracted to CLC. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹⁶3b. [F29.454](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for School Readiness and Child Day care; amount of grant: \$4,352,244 (City matchcost: \$21,638)
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

CLC receives the bulk of the slots and 16 slots go to the Board of Education. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹⁷3c. [F29.455](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for Quality Enhancement Grant Program; amount of grant \$65,335 (City match \$0).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

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- ¹⁸4. [F29.445](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to File Application and to Enter into Agreement with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging for a Program of Senior Health Services; amount of grant: \$35,164 (city match \$0).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ¹⁹5. [F29.446](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with the State of Connecticut Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant; amount of grant: \$7,500 (City match \$0).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ²⁰6. [F29.447](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for Brownfields Remediation at 1056 Washington Boulevard; amount of grant: \$362,000 (City match \$102,000).
08/18/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Approved 7-0-0**

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ²¹7. [F29.459](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**
\$60,000.00 Expand the Dental Sealant Program in Schools to 1st, 6th And 7th Grades; Part-Time Dental Hygienist will be Hired. (100% grant funded)
09/07/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/08/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

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- ²²8. [F29.460](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**
\$55,054.26 Sustain UASI Interoperable Radio System for
DEMHS Region One; Stamford is the fiduciary of
the Region's Homeland Security grant and will issue
payments to the vendors
09/07/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/08/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Stamford's share is approximately \$7,700.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ²³9. [F29.461](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**
\$200,045.00 Intertown Capital Equipment;
Stamford/Greenwich/Norwalk will Partner to
Purchase Tactical Equipment for Fire and EMS
Personnel; Grant to be administered by City; Each
Town will Contribute 20% of their Respective
Project Costs (Grant amount: \$160,036; Stamford
providing \$19,204).
09/07/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/08/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski explained that this provides 48 sets of safety equipment for firefighters and EMS workers to be used during active shooter incidents. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- ²⁴10. [F29.462](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**
\$43,468.00 Justice Assistance Grant; Overtime for extra
working patrols (100% grant funded)
09/07/16 - Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/08/16 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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