



**Fiscal Committee -
Board of Representatives**

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 26, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Absent or excused were Reps. Cerasoli and Coppola. Also present were Rep. Ryan; Jay Fountain, Acting Director of OPM; Chief Trevor Roach and Assistant Chief Mike Robles, Stamford Fire Department; Veera Karukonda, Traffic; Jim Travers, Traffic Bureau Chief; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Clemon Williams, HR Director; Erik Larson, Community Development; and Lou Casolo, City Engineer.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F29.539 \$91,687.07	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); CDP/NSP; Neighborhood Stabilization Program; To Provide Loans to Developers who Acquire and Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties for Affordable Apartments or Ownership Housing. Program Income from Repayment of Loans. 05/31/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0

Mr. Larson explained that this is a long standing program. A developer repaid a loan, the funds were returned to the State, which takes a 5% administrative fee and then returns the funds to the City. The City mostly works with known non-profits in this program. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor)

2. F29.538 \$15,870.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Funding from National Institute of Standards and Technology to relocate and reprogram radio systems for the Stamford Fire Department. No additional City funds required. 05/31/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0
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Chief Roach explained that this appropriation is in response to a requirement of the Federal government to move radio systems to a shared frequency. This funding will be used to reprogram the radios. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor)

3. [F29.531](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout **No Action Taken**
\$625,000.00 Recommendation; Project No. CP1197, Jail Cell Upgrade (\$546,914.18), and Project No. CP9351, Fire Hydrant Replacement (\$78,085.82).
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – No action taken by Board of Finance

This closeout includes a project for jail cells in the current police station, which is no longer needed, given the new station being built.

4. [F29.536](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
\$625,000.00 Stamford Fire Department; Purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Career and Volunteer Services to Conform to the 2013 National Fire Protection Association Standard for Firefighter Safety.
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chief Roach stated that these funds will bring apparatus for both career and volunteer firefighters up to latest standards. \$1.1 million was already appropriated for this project and this should complete this project. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

5. [F29.534](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
\$192,000.00 Emergency Communications Center Generator Replacement. (\$303,795 Federal Grant, \$111,795 previously authorized)
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained that the State had awarded a grant to upgrade the generator at Smith House and approved the transfer to the Emergency Communications Center generator. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

6. [F29.537](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
\$1,136,472.00 Traffic Engineering; Fiber Optic Trunk Cable
Installation to Improve Bandwidth and Reliability at
City Intersections (100% Grant Funded).
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Karukonda stated that the City had received this grant. The State then requested a revised design. The project has been awarded but not started. The total cost of the project is \$5.4 million. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

7. [F29.540](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing Participation in the 2017 **Approved 8-0-0**
Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented
Development Grant Program.
06/12/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Travers explained that the City is applying for two TOD grants. The State OPM requires a resolution for the City to apply. The grants are for Citywide wayfinding and the implementation of the Springdale and Glenbrook studies. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

8. [F29.533](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 8-0-1**
\$380,343.00 To Fund the Nurses' Union Retroactive Wage
Increase Obligations from FY14/15 to FY16/17 per a
Recent Contract Settlement from Fund Balance.
05/31/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Williams stated that these funds were previously set aside and will be coming out of fund balance. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

9. [F29.527](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$265,811.00 To Fund the Nurses' Union Wage Increase
Obligations for FY17/18 per a Recent Contract
Settlement from Contingency.
05/31/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Williams explained that this is for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Fountain noted that these funds are already in contingency because the amount was known and budgeted for. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

10. [F29.535](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout **No Action Taken**
\$336,537.76 Recommendation; Project No. CP3239 Bartlett - Tie
In to City Water.
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – No action taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo stated that the Bartlett had thought they would connect with the public water supply, but did not raise sufficient funds and has decided to look at water tanks to store water instead. Therefore the City is seeking to close out the amount for the connection and apply it to the storage tanks and other systems.

11. [F29.529](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$336,537.76 Bartlett Infrastructure Improvement; Safety, Health
and Air Quality Improvements to the Grounds and
Buildings on Infrastructure Elements at Bartlett,
Including Installation of Water Storage Tank and
Distribution Systems Required by CT DPH.
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo noted that the use of water tanks was contemplated during the drought and may solve the Bartlett's water storage needs. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

12. [F29.532](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout **No Action Taken**
\$300,000.00 Recommendation; Project No. CP1075 Skymeadow
Drive Drainage.
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – No action taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo stated that the Skymeadow drainage project is completed and the residents are happy. He was able to save money by using the citywide paver and wants to apply the funds to the Citywide drainage account, which was cut in the budget process.

13. [F29.528](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$300,000.00 Citywide Storm Drains; Citywide Installation and
Replacement of Storm Drains, Catch Basins and
Curbs.
05/31/17 –Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/06/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

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

14. [F29.524](#) \$1,981,082.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
Appropriation of FY 15/16 Prior Year Fund Balance:
Rainy Day Fund (\$300,000); Capital Nonrecurring
Fund (\$1,000,000); Risk Management Fund
(\$300,000); Storm Related Clean-up Reserve
(\$381,082)
05/22/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/08/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain stated that this was set up when the City did the CAFR last year, but it was never approved by the Board of Finance or the Board of Representatives. The Risk Management Fund is being increased on the advice of the actuary to use the present value of future claims and will continue to be reviewed for future needs. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

15. [F29.525](#) REVIEW; Pension and OPEB Plans. **Held**
05/26/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

A motion to hold this item until either 7/5 or 7/12 at 6 pm, depending upon the Mayor's availability, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0. (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Under a Suspension of the Rules:

A motion to take up an item under a suspension of the rules was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

16. [F29.541](#) RESOLUTION; With Respect to the Authorization, **Approved 9-0-0**
Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$50,000,000 City
of Stamford General Obligation Refunding Bonds.
06/19/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mr. Fountain explained that the City wishes to refund these 2009 & 2011 bonds before interest rates increase. The Administration is estimating a projected savings of \$1.7 million. The new bonds will be at the same level as the current bonds. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).