



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, July 31, 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, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli and Miller. Also present were Jay Fountain, acting OPM Director; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations; Captain Greg Tomlin, Stamford Police Department; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Anthony Romano, OPM; and Laurie Albano, Superintendent of Recreation.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
¹ 1. F29.545 \$430,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget): Star of the Seas Recreation Programming; Funding of Lease Agreement. 07/06/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 07/13/17 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 9-0-0

Chair Di Costanzo noted that this item is solely funding and not approval of the lease.

Ms. Albano explained that the school has closed and the City is looking to lease the building, to run programming and generate sufficient revenue to cover the cost of leasing the school. They plan to use the school for recreational facilities for children and seniors, including preschool programs during the day, summer programs. This will also provide the City with stability in its ability to run programs. For the first year, the City will only rent a portion of the building, but will rent the entire building next summer. The building is in good shape and suitable for the programming they plan.

Mr. Fountain said that this item was previously approved in Contingency as shown in the [handout](#) from the May 23, 2017 meeting.

The draft lease is currently being reviewed by the Legal Department. The rent will be \$15/ft².

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

- ²2. [F29.543](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-1**
\$180,000.00 Replacement of Emergency Communications Center
Logging Recorder.
06/26/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/27/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Captain Tomlin stated that these funds are to replace the current voice recorder. Every telephone line in the 911 center as well as sixty-four other radio lines are recorded. The current device was installed in 2008 and is beyond its life expectancy. There is no longer a guarantee that parts are available. There have been 2 failures in the last 3 months. A committee reviewed the available systems and chose the less expensive option. Sterling Farms is the backup center. This system has a life expectancy of 5 to 7 years, which is typical.

Storing bodycam footage, text messages and streaming video from phones is not included in this. Additional expenses will probably be the addition of another 32 channels. The other system they reviewed was \$238,000. Captain Tomlin has not been trained on this, but does not believe the learning curve is high.

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

- ³3. [F29.544](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$800,000.00 Lione Park Capital Upgrade (100% Grant funded).
06/21/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/27/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained that this money is coming from a grant secured by the Boys & Girls Club. This grant will cover the expansion of the building and improvements to the playground. Four bidders have bid on the project, which has been conditionally awarded to the low bidder. The bid was \$1.4 million; \$800,000 will come from the grant and the rest will be paid by the City. The purpose for this appropriation is to make the funds available for the contractor because the funding under the grant is slow. There is also a cost-sharing agreement in place with the Boys & Girls Club, requiring them to repay the \$800,000 regardless of State funding cuts.

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

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- ⁴4. [F29.542](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$2,500,000.00 Street Patching and Resurfacing.
06/26/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
06/27/17 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
07/13/17 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Orgera explained that the City has received an evaluation of all the street conditions in the City and created a list of the top streets being targeted for patching or resurfacing based on that evaluation and a review of the traffic load. He reviewed the streets listed on the [attached list](#), which are the current priorities. They are working with utility companies to ensure that work is not done until utility work is completed. The City will probably get through 50 streets by the end of the fiscal year. Most of the streets are mill and pave. Some are just crack sealing. Some of the roads are already done. The City hopes to get through this list in 3 years. The life expectancy of a street is about 15 years. The City will try to notify the Representatives of paving plans and look into reverse 911 to alert residents in advance of work.

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

- ⁵5. F29.546 REVIEW; Future Capital Project Closeouts to be **Report Made**
Used to Fund Additional City Wide Paving.
07/12/17 – Submitted by Republican Caucus

Rep. Fedeli explained that the purpose of this item is to see if there is a way to use closeout funds toward paving and sidewalks unless there is another pressing need.

Mr. Fountain reviewed the [attached list](#) of all the closeouts done this past Fiscal Year. There is not a lot of discretion in the closeouts in general and the funds are often used for ongoing projects. Most of these projects are not bonded. They will take it into consideration, but there are projects that need to be funded that are not street projects.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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