



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, October 22, 2018
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, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell, and Pia. Also present were Reps. Sherwood; Jay Fountain, OPM; Ellen Bromley, Social Services, Dudley Williams and Michael Stake, Mill River Collaborative; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Mayor Martin; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Ted Jankowsky, Director Public Safety, Health and Welfare.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
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The Committee first considered Item No. 8.

8. F30.114	RESOLUTION <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ; Approving Administrative Fee for Police Extra Duty Services. 10/04/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Approved 8-1-1
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Mr. Jankowski distributed the [attached handout](#). He discussed this item with the committee as follows:

- There are typically 50 to 60 extra duty assignments per day; often, a police vehicle is necessary for traffic control.
- The City has never charged for a vehicle and now wants to charge \$25/hour. There are maintenance costs to having a vehicle idle; each hour is the equivalent to 20 miles of use.
- This fee is for a working police car, there is no fee for the person driving
- Typically this would be a car moving, following a work crew; an officer is in the vehicle; it is not subject to a four hour minimum
- A vehicle is used this way approximately 5 times per month
- The money would go back to the City

A motion to approve this resolution for public hearing was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

The Committee then considered Item No. 12.

12. [F30.112](#) REVIEW; City Workforce Costs and Implications. **Report Made**
10/04/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Mayor Martin discussed the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#) with the Committee:

- The base salary for the police excludes the Police Chief and the Assistant Chiefs
- There were 314 police officers in 1999 and there are now 282
- Close watch of overtime is difficult without sufficient supervisory personnel; the elimination of top management positions presents a challenge
- The new agreement with police will lower costs, but overtime will still be less expensive
- New police officers require a year of training.

1. [F30.107](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 9-0-1**
\$56,273.00 Enter into Agreement with the State of Connecticut
Department of Education for Funding of the Youth
Services Bureau; amount of grant; \$56,273 (City
match: \$56,273 – total City contribution: \$622,862).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a State grant which requires a 1 for 1 match. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Rep. Coleman abstaining).

- 2a. [F30.100](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$1,951,438.00 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 \$1,951,438 (City match:
\$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota stated that this is a State grant. This is subcontracted to CLC for its toddler program. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

- 2b. [F30.104](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$48,970.00 Enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut
Department of Education for Quality Enhancement
Grant Program; amount of grant \$48,970 (City match
\$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota stated that this is a State grant. This comes with the school readiness program and enhances family run day care. She will provide the recipients of this grant. The State requires that they use an RFP to determine who receives this funding. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

- 2c. [F30.105](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$4,282,464.00 Enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut
Department of Education for School Readiness and
Child Day care; amount of grant: \$4,282,464 (City
Contribution: \$48,518).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota stated that this is a State grant. This is mostly subcontracted out to CLC to get 4 & 5 year olds ready for kindergarten. Some of it goes to the Board of Education for school day slots. The City contribution is for a required administrator's salary and benefits. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

3. [F30.106](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 9-0-1**
\$100,100.00 enter into agreement with the State of Connecticut for
Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Disease
Treatment and Control Services Programs; amount of
grant: \$100,100 (City contribution: \$93,938).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

This grant goes to pay for a full time nurse for the TB clinic and a part time nurse and overtime for the STD clinic. The City contributes the salary of a full time nurse. These are state mandated programs. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

- 4a. [F30.098](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$135,823.00 enter into agreement with the Connecticut State
Department of Public Health for State Aid to Full-Time
Health Department Program under 2018-19 Per
Capita Grant; amount of grant: \$135,823 (City match:
\$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota stated that the Health Director has discretion on how to use this grant. The budget for this year is used for salaries for 2 outreach workers, an environmental inspector and a public health educator. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

- 4b. [F30.102](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$91,406.00 enter into agreement with the Connecticut State
Department of Public Health for Immunization Action
Program; amount of grant: \$91,406 (City contribution
\$55,592).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant provides for a nurse who assists with the State system that tracks children aged 0 to 2 to ensure they are immunized. A motion to

approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

4c. [F30.103](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 9-0-1**
\$33,536.00 enter into agreement with the Connecticut State
Department of Public Health for Preventive Health
Services Block Grant; amount of grant: \$33,536 (City
match: \$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a federal grant that comes through the state which focuses on skin cancer and department accreditation. The focus of this grant may change, since the employee has left. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

4d. [F30.109](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$89,306.00 enter into agreement with the Connecticut State
Department of Public Health for Public Health
Emergency Preparedness Planning; amount of grant:
\$89,306 (City match: \$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota stated that the grant is used for deliverables the City must have to meet emergencies. The City has issued an RFP to hire a consultant because the employee has left. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

5. [F30.099](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$98,302.00 Enter into an Agreement with the Connecticut
Department of Transportation Regarding an Elderly
and Disabled Transportation Program; amount of
grant: \$98,302 (City match: \$60,000).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Bromley explained that these funds are used for the Share-the Fare taxi programs for seniors and disabled individuals. They also provide rides from the Senior Center. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

6a. [F30.101](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 9-0-1**
\$64,139.00 enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of
Emergency Services & Public Protection for
Emergency Management Performance Grant
Program; amount of grant: \$64,139 (City match:
\$64,139).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this federal grant has a 1 for 1 match and is used to cover the salaries of the Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Director. A

motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Rep. Coleman abstaining).

- 6b. [F30.108](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to **Approved 10-0-0**
\$417,659.00 enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of
Emergency Services & Public Protection for Funding
Assistance for a State Homeland Security Grant
Program; amount of grant \$417,659, plus \$50,000 to
administer (City match: \$0).
09/13/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

7. [F30.110](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 10-0-0**
\$262,000.00 Police Department; Grant for Acquisition of Body-
Worn Cameras for Police Officers; Matching Funds
Will Come from Bridgeport.
08/21/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
10/11/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that the City received this grant 3 years ago, at which time Bridgeport chose not to participate. Bridgeport has now decided to participate and the City is acting as a pass-through for Bridgeport. A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor).

9. F30.111 REVIEW; Review and Oversight of Mill River Capital **Report Made**
Projects.
09/24/18 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli, Miller,
Figueroa and Nabel

Mr. Williams, Mr. Stake, Mr. Fountain and Mr. Casolo discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- Under the agreement between the Mill River Collaborative and the City, the MRC must adhere to the City's purchasing and approval process; the MRC interviews contractors and then submits the data to the purchasing department
- The MRC is subject to all the zoning, building, etc. regulations and receives no waivers from the City
- Any construction project over \$25,000 requires City approval; the City engineer and the Land Use Bureau must approve the architectural plans and the construction specifications
- An architect was selected for the Whittingham building with City engineering staff on the RFP committee. City staff will also be involved in the selection of a construction manager
- They have regular monthly meetings with Ralph Blessing, who is also a member of the Collaborative
- Once the plans are approved, it is up to the MRC to construct; the City is not necessarily the construction manager, although it was for the carousel

- Since the refunding bonds were issued, there is more money coming in to the TIF than is being used for debt service. Of the approximately \$3 million that comes in each year, \$1.1 million goes to the debt service, \$5-700,000 goes to pay off a pre-existing debt from the Mill River to the City (for funds advanced many years ago which is being amortized over 3 or 4 years) and the remaining funds are transferred to the TIF itself for the MRC to use for construction and operating expenses. These are taxpayer funds that are used to pay for the taxpayers' park
- There is no specific approval required for the transfer of the funds to the TIF, because it is provided for in the agreement. The agreement between the City and the MRC (copy on file in office) limits how the MRC may use these funds.

10. [F30.096](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-2-0**
 \$370,000.00 Mill River Improvements; Transport and Disposal of
 Impacted Soil Generated by Construction of Ice Rink
 at Mill River Park.
 08/21/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 08/08/18 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 09/13/18 – Approved by Board of Finance
 09/24/18 – Approved by Committee 8-3-0
 10/01/18 – Held by Full Board

Mr. Williams, Mr. Stake, Mr. Fountain and Mr. Casolo discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- The MRC was aware that there was contaminated soil below grade at some level and the area was therefore covered with topsoil
- When doing the work on the ice rink, some soil had traces of pollutants; this was unexpected and the MRC was not prepared and had not budgeted to address this
- The polluted soil was stockpiled and as much as possible was reused; some was left over
- The City had a grant to remediate the Archstone site and was removing soil; the MRC made an arrangement with the City to remove the stockpiled soil along with the Archstone soil
- The soil was not hazardous, but needed to be treated differently because of the pollutants
- Mr. Casolo provided a memo to the Board of Finance and the committee concerning the analysis of the imported soil brought to the Mill River site in 2012/13. The soil was placed there in anticipation of the ice rink
- The cost of the removal of the soil from the ice rink was \$370,000; FGB (the subcontractor of MRC's contractor) excavated the soil and stockpiled it on the Archstone site and the City worked with the MRC to load, transport and dispose of the soil
- When the MRC did testing of the area, GZA found samples of contamination at various levels
- There were \$500,000 remaining in bond proceeds of the Mill River bond issuance; the \$370,000 came out of the Mill River bond proceeds. The agreement was that the MRC would replenish the bond proceeds. The money can still be used by the Mill River, but there are restrictions on how the bond proceeds can be used. There are more restrictions on how the MRC can use the bond funds than on the TIF funds; it is cleaner from an accounting perspective to replenish the bond funds

- The City refinanced the GO bonds with the understanding that the TIF would pay the debt service
- The MRC would have to come back to the Boards to spend the bond proceeds
- The MRC did not have funds available at the time to remove the soil, although they were aware that TIF funding would become available
- This is only coming before the Board because money can't be put into the capital account without Board approval; if the MRC had had the TIF money available at the time, they would have used it to pay for this removal
- This money was already appropriated in the budget

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-2-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor; Reps. McMullen and Pendell opposed).

11. F30.097 \$3,000,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Mill River Whittingham Discovery Center Construction. (Reimbursement from DEEP Grant) 08/27/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/13/18 – Approved by Planning Board 09/13/18 – Request to Hold by Administration 10/11/18 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 11-0-0
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Mr. Williams, Mr. Stake, Mr. Fountain and Mr. Casolo discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- The appropriation is 100% funded by a DEEP grant
- The grant has a timeline of the execution date plus 5 years, which translates to December of 2020; the MRC has hired an architect and is moving on hiring a construction manager and would like to start construction next year
- The MRC has potential matching funds and have raised approximately \$3,000,000 privately
- The MRC does not know the maintenance costs yet, since there are no building plans, and will not know this for several months; the MRC agreement with the City does not require the City to pay a percentage of operating costs; the agreement speaks to a minimum, which is now \$500,000
- The MRC would be responsible for any overage in construction costs
- The Board can be notified when the City Engineer and the Land Use Bureau Chief give their approval
- The plans do include soil remediation costs
- The total cost of \$6.5 million includes design fees, which are being paid by the MRC

A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair