



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, January 28, 2019

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 Rep. Sherwood; Jay Fountain, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Mark McGrath, Operations; Thomas Lombardo, Stamford Police Department; and David Yanik, Controller.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.130 \$16,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Overtime For Stamford Police Department to Conduct Additional Walking Patrols In City Parks And Beaches Spring And Summer Of 2019 To Address Crime And Quality Of Life. 01/08/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/10/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved by Committee 10-0-1

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a federal grant. The State allotted some of their funds for violent crime prevention. Stamford was allocated \$16,000, which the Police Department elected to use for extra park patrols in the spring and summer months. The grant funds must be used by September 30th. Mr. Lombardo stated that there are currently 2 special police officers assigned to the parks. The intention is to augment those with 3 regular police officers at 3 separate spots in the parks, so that 7 days/week, 16 hours/day there will be someone in the parks. The special parks officers do not want additional hours. This overtime will cover any issues if an officer is out. These funds will be used to provide overtime for the police officers. There is currently no approval to use these funds for overtime for the Special Parks Police officers. This grant includes about 180 hours of officer time and about 80 hours of sergeant time. Because this grant is coming through the State, it has stricter parameters than the typical JAG grant which is received directly from the federal government. If this grant is used for personnel, it must be used for overtime.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

2. [F30.129](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved by**
 \$479,028.00 Street Patch & Resurfacing; C56182; Paving **Committee 11-0-0**
 Contributions from Aquarion Water company related
 to water main installation projects completed in 2018;
 Associated with Orchard St., Taff Ave., Schuyler Ave.,
 Stillwater Ave., Newfield Ave. and Berrian Rd.
 01/08/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 01/07/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 01/10/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. McGrath and Mr. Fountain explained that this is a payment to the City for paving done by the City after work done by Aquarion rather than the paving being done by Aquarion. This permits the City to do other work to a street dug by Aquarion prior to the paving being done. This arrangement does not change the paving priority of a street. Mr. McGrath will get back to the committee regarding the bonding that a utility gives. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

3. [F30.127](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved by**
 \$1,000,000.00 Emergency Supplemental Appropriation for Mold **Committee 11-0-0**
 Remediation at Stamford Public Schools.
 01/08/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 01/10/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain stated that items Number 3 and 4 are related. Item 3 takes the money and transfers it into the Grants Fund 24 and then Item 4 takes the money out to use for Mold Remediation (they are using funds that had originally been put into contingency in the event that expected State funding did not come through, but it did.) They are using these funds for mold remediation. This is the second transfer to the fund – the first transfer was \$500,000 approved last month in [F30.123](#). The current estimate for mold remediation this year is \$5.8M. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

4. [F30.128](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Mold Task Force – **Approved by**
 \$1,000,000.00 Elmcroft; Funds from General Fund to Grants Fund **Committee 11-0-0**
 24 where Funds were already Appropriated from
 Contingency for Mold Remediation in Stamford Public
 Schools.
 01/08/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 01/10/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain said that this money can be transferred to different mold remediation programs (Westover currently estimated at \$3.5M.) A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

5. [F30.126](#) REVIEW; FY 2018 Certified Annual Financial Report. **Report Made**
 01/04/19 – Submitted by Rep. Di Costanzo

Mr. Yanik reviewed the attached [excerpts from the CAFR](#). He noted that:

- Page 2 summarizes the budgets by departments and variances

- Use of fund balance is the use of the surplus previously designated
- The BOE has the right to designate the use of its surplus separately
- Change in fair market value reflects interest rate changes and effect on bond values
- Page 3 shows the designation of the \$2.9 million surplus
 - The City and BOE have agreed to designate the use of the BOR surplus for environmental remediation
- Page 4 is the balance sheet for the Governmental Funds
 - The Debt Service Fund has become large enough that it needs to be shown separately under GASB requirements
 - The Capital Projects Loan amount refers to community development loans
 - The Intergovernmental Capital Projects grants receivable balance relates primarily to the schools and the City is working to collect the funds from the State
- Page 5 is the detail for the fund balance
 - Previously committed funds for capital non-recurring will be recommitted and appropriated for mold remediation
- Page 6 is the statement of revenues & expenditures and changes in fund balances
 - The \$55 million for the debt service fund expenditures is about 9% of the total general fund expenditures; the goal is to keep that amount under 10%
 - Schools are a big part of the total capital outlay
- Page 9 shows the net pension liability of the City
 - The City is in a better position than many other municipalities
- Page 10 shows the OPEB liability
 - The GASB standards have been implemented for OPEB, which is reflected in the statement

As a Secondary Committee:

6. OC30.007 \$75,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Appropriation of Funds for Representation of Board of Representatives BY Cohen and Wolf in matter of <u>High Ridge Real Estate Owner LLC v. BOR</u> for FY18-19 (from Contingency). 01/09/19 – Submitted by President Quinones	Approved by Committee 11- 0-0
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Rep. Fedeli noted that the Outside Counsel voted unanimously to approve this item. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, Pendell and Pia in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)