



## ***Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives***

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, June 24, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Nabel and Pendell. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Morson and Pia. Also present were Dr. David Woods, Land Use Bureau; Michael Handler, Director of Administration; and Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F30.190</a>	RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of Economic and community development for funding assistance for Lathon Wider Center repurposing. 05/17/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 05/22/19 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a>	<b>Approved 8-0-0</b>

Dr. Woods discussed this resolution with Committee members as follows:

- This came out of the South End Neighborhood Study done last year. One of the ideas that came up was the possibility of repurposing the Lathon Wider Center.
- This grant would examine the center and the surrounding 4½ acres to determine if the center should be repurposed and to what end. DECD will work with the City to develop appropriate plans.
- There will be no cost to the City; he would manage the plan
- There is a separate grant for the South End Traffic Study; parking and affordable housing are also being reviewed separately
- The consultant would help with some of the implementation; the goal is realistic, with implementable ideas

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

2. [F30.191](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance as follows : \$937,000 Rainy Day Fund; \$250,000 Risk Management Fund; \$278,474 Board of Education/Short Term Capital; \$1,511,707 City/Capital Non-Recurring. **Approved 7-1-0**  
 05/29/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Handler explained that this is an approval of the prior year (F17/18) fund balance. This allocation was originally proposed at the end of the last fiscal year, but the Administration held off in order to see how the year progressed. These amounts are the same as proposed then. The allocation for the Rainy Day Fund is set to keep the fund stable. The allocation for the Risk Management Fund is to address perceived liability based on heart and hypertension claims. This liability needs to be determined as a result of a change in the GASB rules. The allocation to the BOE/Short Term Capital is pursuant to a letter agreement between the City and the Board of Education. The rest goes to City/Capital Non-Recurring.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

The Committee then considered Item Nos. 3 through 12 together:

3. [F30.192](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 7-1-0**  
 \$5,000,000.00 CPBM13; Springdale School Mold Rehabilitation.  
 06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board  
 06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance
4. [F30.193](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 7-1-0**  
 Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of  
 \$5,000,000 for Springdale School Mold Rehabilitation.  
 06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance
5. [F30.194](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 7-1-0**  
 \$5,000,000.00 CPBM15; Stillmeadow School Mold Rehabilitation.  
 06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board  
 06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance
6. [F30.195](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 7-1-0**  
 Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of  
 \$5,000,000 for Stillmeadow School Mold  
 Rehabilitation.  
 06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

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| 7.  | <a href="#">F30.196</a><br>\$5,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>CPBM07; Northeast School Mold Rehabilitation.<br>06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance                             | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |
| 8.  | <a href="#">F30.197</a>                   | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for<br>Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of<br>\$5,000,000 for Northeast School Mold Rehabilitation.<br>06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance          | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |
| 9.  | <a href="#">F30.198</a><br>\$5,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>CPBM31; Stamford High School Mold Rehabilitation.<br>06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance                         | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |
| 10. | <a href="#">F30.199</a>                   | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for<br>Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of<br>\$5,000,000 for Stamford High School Mold<br>Rehabilitation.<br>06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |
| 11. | <a href="#">F30.202</a><br>\$5,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);<br>CPBM26; Rippowam Middle School Mold<br>Rehabilitation.<br>06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/04/19 – Approved by Planning Board<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance                    | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |
| 12. | <a href="#">F30.203</a>                   | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for<br>Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of<br>\$5,000,000 for Rippowam Middle School Mold<br>Rehabilitation.<br>05/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance | <b>Approved 7-1-0</b> |

Mr. Handler discussed items 3 through 12 with the Committee as follows:

- The purpose of these appropriations is to capitalize expenses for the Mold Remediation – Mr. Handler is in the process of ensuring work done to date is properly classified by year end
- The specific expenditures will need to be raised through a bond issuance which will need to be approved by the Board of Finance
- The City is still in the design phase; this is not the process usually followed, but this is in accordance with the Purchasing Ordinance
- Long Term Capital projects cannot be financed with Operating Funds; they must be financed with bond funds
- The capital projects are under the purview of the Engineering Department; the City will remain involved in the maintenance
- The schools also need long term plans for their facilities

- There is also a plan to do a full Asset Management Inventory to properly understand what exists at each facility for routine maintenance and asset replacement planning
- The Mold Task Force (Asset Management Group) will be making the majority of the decisions as to how funds should be spent; but there will be no bonding for projects without details

Mr. Handler reviewed with the committee how to find detailed information on the [Mold Task Force webpage](#). He explained that the amount spent at each school, by vendor can be found.

- The costs incurred to date can be located at [MTF Costs Incurred](#). This is updated periodically; the most recent update is [June 13, 2019](#). This includes total spend as well as projected costs
- The work being done at each individual school can be found by clicking on the specific school and the spreadsheet headers will be fixed so in place when scrolling down the sheets

The City is involved in the plan for facilities use, but can't interfere with educational programming; that is the domain of the Board of Education; City employees are working with the BOE on facilities management

Dr. Lucero explained that she met with many facilities managers, but felt that the City's management would be in the best interests of the students.

- The Asset Management Group meets daily and reports to the Board of Education at least monthly; they report to her daily

The Asset Management Group will do an asset inventory of the entire district, in order to be able to plan for the future and learn from other schools

The money spent at Elmcroft consists of operating expenses

The Asset Management Group is hoping to come up with a plan and cycle for capital improvements.

A motion to approve Item Nos. 3 through 12 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

Item Nos. 13 and 14 were considered together:

<p>13. <a href="#">F30.200</a>  <del>\$6,500,000.00</del>          \$7,250,000.00</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);          to Fund Mold Remediation at Stamford Public          Schools.          06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin          06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance in          Increased Amount</p>	<p><b>Approved 7-0-0</b></p>
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14. [F30.201](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); to **Approved 7-0-0**  
~~\$6,500,000.00~~ Appropriate Funds from the General Fund to the  
\$7,250,000.00 Grants Fund 24 for Mold Related Issues in Stamford  
Public Schools.  
06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance in  
Increased Amount

The Committee discussed Item Nos. 13 and 14 together. Mr. Handler explained that these appropriations are to put the operating funds into the Grants budget. This way they don't lapse at the end of the year. If the City is able to obtain grant funds, this would be the fund used. The Board of Finance decided to increase the funds in order to get to the end of the year.

A motion to approve Item Nos. 13 and 14 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

**Under a Suspension of the Rules**

A motion to suspend the rules to take up Item Nos. 15 through 19 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-2-1 (Resp. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Jacobson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Reps. McMullen and Miller opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

Items nos. 15 through 18 were considered together:

15. [F30.205](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 7-1-0**  
\$1,000,000.00 CPBM06; Newfield School Mold Rehabilitation.  
06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/25/19 – To be Considered by Planning Board
16. [F30.206](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 7-1-0**  
Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of  
\$1,000,000 for Newfield School Mold Rehabilitation.  
05/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance
17. [F30.207](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 7-1-0**  
\$1,000,000.00 CPBM05; K.T. Murphy School Mold Rehabilitation.  
06/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance  
06/25/19 – To be Considered by Planning Board
18. [F30.208](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for **Approved 7-1-0**  
Fiscal Year 18/19 by Adding an Appropriation of  
\$1,000,000 for K.T. Murphy School Mold  
Rehabilitation.  
05/04/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

The Committee discussed Item Nos. 15 through 18 together. Mr. Hander explained that these items had been submitted to the Board of Finance for next month, but the Board of Finance opted to vote on them at their last meeting. The Planning Board will be considering the items on June 25<sup>th</sup>. These appropriations are for work the City knows needs to be done and needs to be capitalized.

A motion to approve Item Nos. 15 through 18 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

19. <a href="#">F30.209</a>	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);	<b>Approved 7-0-1</b>
\$926,451.00	Appropriation of Unspent Accumulated Interest Income from GE Grant to Assist with District Costs FY18/19.	
	06/21/19 – Submitted by Board of Education	
	06/13/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	

Dr. Lucero stated that the Board of Education discovered that there were interest funds in the grants account which are appropriate to use to address the Board's under budgeting. Mr. Handler confirmed that the funds are in the account and are from interest earned during the early years of the grant.

A motion to approve Item No. 19 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen and Nabel in favor; Rep. Pendell abstaining).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)