



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, September 3, 2019

Time: 6:00 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. Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pia. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman and Pendell. Also present were Rep. Summerville; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Jim Travers, Frank Petise and Garrett Bolella, Transportation, Traffic & Parking; and approximately 10 members of the public.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.223 \$160,000.00	GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into An Agreement With The Connecticut Department Of Energy & Environmental Protection For A Merritt Parkway Trail; amount of grant; \$160,000 (City contribution: \$40,000). 07/18/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Failed 0-9-0

Mr. Travers noted that this had been discussed this item with the Committee, but requested that the Committee hold a public hearing to hear from the public on this item.

Committee members discussed this item, points raised included the following:

- This path will never be completed, so the \$40,000 is a waste of City funds
- The grade of the Merritt may present design challenges for ADA compliance
- It would be difficult to build a path around the historic bridges
- The City has more immediate needs for the funds
- The cost and the destruction of trees present concerns
- How much would the City have to contribute for ongoing maintenance

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 0-9-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pia opposed)

2. [F30.224](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 9-0-0
\$13,480.00 CP8219; Traffic Calming Implementation; Installation
of Flashing Beacon on Atlantic Street @ Bell Street,
as part of Zoning Board Conditions for Approval of
885 Washington Blvd.
08/07/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/06/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/14/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Bolella explained that this is a requirement from the Zoning Board to the developer of 885 Washington Boulevard as a mitigation tool for pedestrian safety.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor)

3. [F30.226](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 9-0-0
\$40,000.00 C56174; Citywide Signals; Installation of Pedestrian
Signal, Crosswalk and ADA Curb Ramp across High
Ridge Road @ Terrace Avenue, as part of Zoning
Board Conditions for Approval of 201 High Ridge Rd.
08/07/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
08/06/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
08/14/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Petise explained that this is a requirement from the Zoning Board to the developer of 201 High Ridge Road. There is currently no crosswalk in the area. This will fund ADA ramps and a signalized crosswalk.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor)

4. [F30.227](#) RESOLUTION; With Respect To The Authorization, Approved 9-0-0
Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$30,000,000
City Of Stamford General Obligation Refunding
Bonds.
08/07/19 – Submitted by Director Handler
08/14/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Fountain explained that this is a straightforward refunding which will result in a savings of \$2.3 million, or between \$110,000 and \$290,000 per year.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Jacobson, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pia in favor)

5. F30.086 REVIEW; Drawdown Account Processes. No Action Taken
7/11/2018 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood and
Cottrell
07/23/18 – Report Made and Held by Committee
10-0-0
08/13/18 – Moved to Pending
07/29/19 – Held by Committee 5-0-0
08/26/19 – Report Made

Chair Di Costanzo stated that the report on this item had been made at the prior meeting.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on video