



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

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair      Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Held by Webinar

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel. Absent were Committee Member Reps. Coleman and Pendell. Also present were Jay Fountain and Anthony Romano, OPM; Kevin McCarthy, BOE Facilities; Tamu Lucero, Superintendent of Schools; Assistant Chief Michael Robles, Stamford Fire Department; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Acting Chief Tom Wuennemann, Stamford Police Department; Karen Cammarota, Grants Office; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; and Sandy Dennies; Director of Administration.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F30.294</a> \$48,290.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Distracted Driving Grant; Increase Enforcement on an Overtime Basis to help Decrease Fatalities and Injuries from Car Crashes due to Driver Distraction (100% Grant Funded). 03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 6-0-1</b>

Chief Wuennemann explained that this grant to target distracted driving was originally targeted for April, but the State will be giving the City new dates. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

2. <a href="#">F30.295</a> \$490,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Cover Shortfall in Stamford Fire Department Suppression Overtime Account due to Vacancies; New Firefighter Training; and Sick Leave. 03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 6-1-0</b>
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Assistant Chief Robles explained that higher overtime is created by several factors: the Fire Department currently has eight vacancies created by retired officers and cannot fill those vacancies because of current litigation; the Department also sent 10 firefighters for an in-house training program; and current sick leave is higher this year than in the past. This is prior to any COVID-19 sick leave.

Mr. Fountain explained that last year's budget for overtime was cut by \$700,000. Part of this expense is being covered by transfers from salary accounts.

In response to questions from the Committee, Assistant Chief Robles said he would provide a breakdown of how much of this cost is due to the litigation. The training session would have cost more if it had not been done in-house.

Mr. Fountain stated that the Fire Department is currently understaffed, so the overtime is expected per an agreement with the union.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

3. [F30.296](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**  
~~\$250,000.00~~ Public Health Emergency; Corona Virus Protective  
\$500,000.00 Supplies & /Equipment; Protective Gear and Supplies  
to Protect First Responders and City Employees who  
may Interact with Patients Diagnosed with Corona  
Virus. Includes Overtime, Seasonal and Contracted  
Services Costs.  
03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

Mr. Jankowski explained that this is for personal protective equipment. The City is documenting all expenses and hoping for a FEMA reimbursement. This is for Firefighters and EMS responders, who are being fit tested and trained.

Mr. Fountain stated that this amount is likely to increase and there will be additional appropriations.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor).

4. [F30.297](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 7-0-0**  
\$499,717.00 C5B018; District-Wide Electronic Technology;  
Enhance Security in Public Schools Through the  
Purchase of Video Surveillance Technology,  
Communications Technology And Identification  
Technology (100% grant funded).  
03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
03/03/20 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

Dr. Lucero and Mr. McCarthy discussed this item with the Committee. This is a grant from the Department of Justice for electronic ID technology, video surveillance for cameras in the schools where they're needed, and enhanced communication through more portable radios where they're needed. Some schools already have the technology and some need to be upgraded. The cameras and the portable radios are for the middle schools and elementary schools. Dr. Lucero will provide a breakdown of the schools getting the technology.

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor).

The Committee skipped Item No. 5 until last due to the online absence of Mr. Travers.

The Committee discussed items 6 through 18 together (discussion after Item 18)

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| 6. <a href="#">F30.299</a><br>\$18,850,000.00 | REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout Recommendations; CPB03 Hart Magnet \$3M; CPBM07 Northeast \$3M; CPBM13 Springdale \$4.1M; CPBM14 Julia Stark \$1M; CPBM15 Stillmeadow \$4M; CPBM24 Scofield Magnet \$750,000; CPBM26 Rippowam \$3M.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance | <b>No Action Taken</b> |
| 7. <a href="#">F30.300</a><br>\$50,000.00     | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM99; CLC (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 7-0-0</b>  |
| 8. <a href="#">F30.301</a>                    | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$50,000 for CLC (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 7-0-0</b>  |
| 9. <a href="#">F30.302</a><br>\$4,000,000.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM32; Westhill (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance  | <b>Approved 6-0-1</b>  |
| 10. <a href="#">F30.303</a>                   | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$4,000,000 for Westhill (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 6-0-1</b>  |
| 11. <a href="#">F30.304</a><br>\$2,600,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM02; Davenport Ridge (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 5-0-0</b>  |

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| 12. <a href="#">F30.305</a>                    | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$2,600,000 for Davenport Ridge (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance  | <b>Approved 5-0-0</b> |
| 13. <a href="#">F30.306</a><br>\$2,000,000.00  | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM17; Westover Magnet (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance | <b>Approved 6-0-0</b> |
| 14. <a href="#">F30.307</a>                    | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Westover Magnet (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance  | <b>Approved 6-0-0</b> |
| 15. <a href="#">F30.308</a><br>\$10,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM31; Stamford High (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 5-0-1</b> |
| 16. <a href="#">F30.309</a>                    | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$10,000,000 for Stamford High (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 5-0-1</b> |
| 17. <a href="#">F30.310</a><br>\$200,000.00    | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CPBM34; AITE (MTF); to Address Mold conditions and Underlying Water Intrusion Issues.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a><br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance            | <b>Approved 6-0-0</b> |
| 18. <a href="#">F30.311</a>                    | RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$200,000 for AITE (MTF) Mold Remediation.<br>03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin<br>03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance   | <b>Approved 6-0-0</b> |

Committee members discussed these items with Dr. Lucero, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Fountain and Mr. Romano. Mr. Romano provided the following additional materials a [summary of the proposed projects](#) and a [description of the work to be done at each school](#).

- The summary items in red are the closeouts in Item 6 – these are not actually closeouts but are reductions of the authorizations for these projects and moving of those amounts to the projects in green. For example, Hart Magnet will have a \$3 million reduction in its authorization. The original requests for funding were placeholders before they figured out exactly what work needed to be done for water intrusion issues
- These are primarily large big-ticket projects related to water intrusion that led to the mold growth. This way the authorizations are in place for FY20-21.
- The description of the work to be done shows the specific projects to be done at each school
- Items without associated dollar amounts are projects that need to be done, but they don't know the cost yet
- This is a reallocation of funds from the \$60 million dollars previously allocated to specific projects; these amounts are to be spent in the next fiscal year
- These reallocations are recommended by the BOE Facilities Managers and have been shared with the BOE, the BOF and the Planning Board

A motion to approve Item 6 was made, but did not receive a second.

A motion to approve Item Nos. 7 and 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor).

A motion to approve Item Nos. 9 and 10 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

A motion to approve Item Nos. 11 and 12 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

A motion to approve Item Nos. 13 and 14 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

A motion to approve Item Nos. 15 and 16 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. DiCostanzo abstaining).

A motion to approve Item Nos. 17 and 18 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

19. [F30.313](#) REVIEW; Additional Appropriation Request **Report Made**  
 Discussion.  
 03/04/20 – Submitted by Dr. Lucero

**Secondary Committee: Education**

Dr. Lucero explained that these numbers will be changing due to COVID-19 because outplaced students are not in school. She is working on getting all of these charges reconciled.

***Under a Suspension of the Rules:***

A motion to suspend the rules to take up Item Nos. 20 through 22 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. Miller opposed).

Items 20 through 22 were discussed together.

20. <a href="#">F30.315</a> \$100,000.00	REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout Recommendations; C46038 Fire Training Center \$100,000. 03/11/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Planning Board 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>No Action Taken</b>
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21. <a href="#">F30.316</a> \$100,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CC63005; Fire Apparatus; Emergency Replacement of Fire Apparatus due to Failure of Engine 6. 03/11/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Planning Board 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>
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22. <a href="#">F30.317</a>	RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Adding an Appropriation of \$100,000 for Emergency Replacement of Fire Apparatus. 03/11/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 6-0-0</b>
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Assistant Chief Robles explained that the Fire Department had planned to replace Engine No. 6 in the near future, but that it now needs \$60-100,000 of repairs; the engine is blown and the body is rusted. It is not worth it to spend \$60-100,000 to repair the engine. There is \$476,000 in the capital account and a new engine costs approximately \$550,000. They would like to move \$100,000 from the fire training center to replace the engine.

No motion was made on Item No. 20.

A motion to approve Item No. 21 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 22 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

5. <a href="#">F30.298</a> \$250,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); C56241; Traffic Management Studies; Payment from Developer at Gateway Site per Zoning Requirements for Comprehensive Traffic & Mobility Study. 03/03/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/03/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a> 03/16/20 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	<b>Held 6-0-0</b>
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A motion to hold Item No. 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. DiCostanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson and Nabel in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).