



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

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, January 25, 2021  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell. Also present were Rep. Matherne; Al Cava, Human Resources Director; Jay Fountain and Tony Romano, OPM; Chief Timothy Shaw, Stamford Police Department; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; William Klous, Fleet Manager; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare; and Kevin McCarthy, SPS Facilities Manager.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
9. <a href="#">F30.394</a> \$551,110.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001229; Stamford High School Classrooms, Courtyard and Parking; IBDP Furniture; Two Science Classroom Renovations; Front Parking Lot Upgrades; Courtyard Upgrades; and Building Wide Classroom, Office, and Corridor Signage (State Bond Funding). 01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/12/21 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a> 01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	<b>Approved 8-0-1</b>

The Committee first considered Item No. 9. Mr. McCarthy explained that the grant was first applied for in 2018, the funding was received in 2019 and the signed contract was received in December. This funding is for 5 small construction projects at Stamford High School. Some of the funds allocated to the courtyard may be reallocated to one of the other four projects, as the waterproofing has been completed. The reallocation would be less than \$100,000. A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor; Rep. Di Costanzo abstaining).

1. <a href="#">F30.393</a> \$73,500.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); To Fund the Community Response Initiative. 12/22/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	<b>Approved 9-0-0</b>
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Mr. Jankowski and Chief Shaw discussed Item No. 1 with the Committee. This funding is for a mental health initiative begun last January to provide a comprehensive effective response to mental health needs within the Stamford community and in accordance with the Police Accountability Bill. Law enforcement are often the first responders to mental health situations. They are currently partnering with EMS to have EMS respond first to defuse the situation if possible. The police department is trying to implement new protocols and ensure bi-lingual support. This funding is to embed a social worker within the department and is in addition to the funds previously budgeted. This is a pilot program for a contracted position. Collaboration with community partners like Laurel House and DOMUS will continue.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

2. [F30.399](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); FY21 Contingency Appropriation; UAW & Dental Hygienists Reserve – FY20 Wage Increase; to Fund Future Obligations (\$400,000 UAW; \$6,000 Hygienists).                      **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$406,000.00  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

3. [F30.400](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); FY21 Fund Balance Appropriation; UAW & Dental Hygienists Reserve – FY20 Wage Increase; to Fund Future Obligations (\$400,000 UAW; \$6,000 Hygienists).                      **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$406,000.00  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Committee members discussed Item Nos. 2 and 3 together with Mr. Fountain. Item 2 reflects an amount that was set aside in contingency for a possible salary increase. Since the unions agreed to no raise in 2019-2020, the money can be moved to future obligations. Item 3 reflects the amount set aside in the FY21 Fund Balance.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

4. [F30.401](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); UAW Retroactive Wage Payout; Wage Increase Obligations from FY17/18 and FY18/19 per Contract Settlement.                      **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$2,019,698.00  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Fountain explained that Item No. 4 is an appropriation to cover the UAW increases for FY 17/18 and 18/19 when the union was out of contract. A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

5. [F30.402](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); UAW Wage Increase FY20/21; Wage Increase Obligations per Contract Settlement.                      **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$855,787.00                      01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Fountain explained that Item No. 5 was to cover the roll forward of the prior year increases. A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

6. [F30.398](#)                      REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout                      **FAILED 0-9-0**  
\$3,569,134.30                      Recommendation; Various Projects: CP6599; C56080; CP1460; CP5046; CP5219; CPB803; C58609; C15026; C46053; CP0055; CP3801; CPS301; CP5570; CP6572; CP6818; CP1273; CP1101; CPS228.  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/12/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
01/14/21 – No Action Taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Romano discussed Item No. 6 with the committee. He explained that the Dyke Lane and Public Safety projects are being closed out because they are not using bond funding. The Library project is being closed out because the Library received funding directly. The remaining bonded projects are complete. The grants projects will not be receiving the funding. A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and failed by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell opposed).

7. [F30.395](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);                      **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$816,000.00                      CP1460; Public Safety Vehicle Replacement & Upgrade; Change Funding Source from Bond to Capital Non-Recurring.  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/12/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Romano discussed Item No. 7 with the committee. He explained that this is a change in the funding source, as described above. There will not be bonding for this project. The funding will come from capital non-recurring. A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

8. [F30.396](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$1,060,291.00 CP6599; Dyke Lane Pump Station Upgrade;  
Change Fund Source from Bond to Federal Grant.  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/12/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Romano discussed Item No. 8 with the committee. He noted that this is a change in the funding source, as described above. There will not be bonding for this project. The WPCA received more federal grants than anticipated. This work has been completed. A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

10. [F30.403](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of a Portion of Prior **Approved 8-0-1**  
\$2,800,000.00 Year General Fund Balance FY19-20 to BOE  
Capital Projects.  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Dennies discussed Item No. 10 with the committee. She explained that under the Connecticut General Statutes 1% of the Board of Education funding remaining at the end of the year may be used for capital projects. This is the transfer of those funds, \$2.4 M of which will be used for the North Street building. A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining).

11. [F30.397](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**  
~~\$2,800,000.00~~ 001230; 229 North Street Funding; Phase 1 Work  
\$2,400,000.00 including Building Code Modifications, Project  
Design, and FF&E/Technology to Enable BOE  
Anchor Program to Occupy 229 North Street for  
Fall 2021.  
01/06/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/12/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 in  
amount of \$2,400,000

Mr. Casolo & Mr. McCarthy discussed Item No. 11 with the Committee (appropriation tied with item No 10.) He explained that these funds are for the design and construction necessary to get the North Street building, which will house the Anchor Program, able to be occupied in Fall 2021. These are for life, safety and code renovations, which are not reimbursable by the state, which is Phase I. Phase II, which will be for a renovation as new, will be reimbursable by the State, and is not included in this appropriation. The projected population is 23 staff and 70 students. The \$400,000 reduction is based upon the architect's cost estimates and will remain in capital non-recurring until needed. A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

12. [F30.404](#) Additional Appropriation (Capital Budget); 000612; **Approved 9-0-0**  
\$200,000.00 Board of Education District-Wide Renovation  
Assessment; Renovation Assessment of Westhill  
High School and 83 Lockwood Avenue to be  
Submitted to State for Grant Fund  
Reimbursements.  
01/07/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
01/12/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
01/14/21 – Approved by Board Of Finance 6-0-0

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Mr. Casolo discussed Item No. 12 with the Committee. He stated that this assessment will culminate in a grant application which is due in June 2021. A notification of interest was sent out to architectural firms and 6 responded. The Long Range Facilities Planning committee identified these two projects. A motion to approve Item No. 12 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

13. [F30.405](#) **RESOLUTION**; With Respect to the Authorization, **Approved 9-0-0**  
Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$50,000,000  
City of Stamford General Obligation Refunding  
Bonds.  
01/08/21 – Submitted by Sandra Dennies  
02/11/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance

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Ms. Dennies explained that she was notified on January 5<sup>th</sup> of this refunding opportunity on two bond series: the 2011 series in the amount of \$16,190,000 (a 5 year series) and the 2014 series in the amount of \$32,500,000 (a 13 year series). The anticipated savings is \$5.4 million over the life of the bonds. In order to do a competitive sale, she would like Board approval. The Board of Finance needs to approve this after the Board of Representatives. A motion to approve Item No. 13 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel, and Pendell in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)