



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, March 22, 2021
Time: 6:30 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. Watkins; Jay Fountain, OPM Director; Sandra Dennies, Director of Administration; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Assistant Chief Miguel Robles, Stamford Fire Department; Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling & Sanitation; Kathryn Emmett and Chris Dellaselva, Corporation Counsel's Office; Lyda Ruijter, Town and City Clerk; Lucy Corelli, Registrar of Voters; Mike Pensiero, Director of Technology; David Yanik and Karen Vitale, Controller's Office; and Chuck Williams and Nathan Frey, ISG.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.421 \$57,504.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Assistance to Firefighters; Funds for 4 Portable Total Asset Decontamination Systems and 100 Cases of Protective Examination Gloves to be Utilized by Firefighters. (Grant Funds to Cover \$52,276.34 and Local Share of \$5,227.64). 02/03/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 9-0-0

Assistant Chief Robles explained that this appropriation is for portable decontamination units which will be used throughout the City to decontaminate units and can be used inside the station. Chair Di Costanzo noted that the local share was approved by the Board of Finance as a transfer. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

2. F30.422 \$86,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Homeland Security 18/19; Grant Amount Increased; Funds to be Allocated to Bomb Squad and Interoperable Radio Replacement Projects (100% Grant Funded). 02/03/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/08/21 – To be Considered by Board of Finance	Held 9-0-0
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Since the BOF has not yet taken up this item, a motion to hold Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

3. [F30.424](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Cover 13% increase in Haulaway / Garbage Costs. **Approved 9-0-0**
 \$400,000.00
 02/25/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Colleluori explained that there has been an increase in the volume of personal garbage being handled due to Covid. This amount was included in the projection for next year's budget. A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

4. [F30.425](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Law Department; Contractual Sick Time Obligation and Professional Consultants' Expenses. **Approved 7-1-1**
 \$515,239.00
 02/17/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Emmett explained that this includes a collective bargaining obligation in the attorney's contract which provides that the attorneys can sell back 10 unused sick days per year. Every attorney did that this year and it had not been budgeted. This totals \$40,239. The second part of the request relates to outside counsel expenses being significantly over budget. The categories of items covered by outside counsel include: counsel for Board of Ethics matters; firefighter litigation; a large FOIA matter requesting documents going back to 1953; police litigation matters; election litigation, employment matters, a claim against the BOE facility managers relating to the mold problem, general labor and land use representation, etc. Mr. Fountain explained that these funds will be coming from revenue. A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

5. [F30.427](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Town and City Clerk; To Cover the Cost of a Special Election for State Representative Seat 145 in April, if Necessary. **Approved 9-0-0**
 \$7,700.00
 03/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

6. [F30.426](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Registrar of Voters; To Cover the Cost of a Special Election for State Representative Seat 145 in April, if Necessary. **Approved 9-0-0**
 \$30,000.00
 03/01/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

7. [F30.420](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-1-0**
 \$1,000,000.00 C5B609; District-Wide Technology Equipment;
 Upgrade Computer Equipment in Classrooms and
 Expand Technology resources for Computer Labs,
 Science Programs, and Unified Arts Curriculum;
 BOE Surplus will be used to Fund Request.
 02/12/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 02/09/21 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Pensiero explained that this used to be covered by the State, but is not anymore under furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE). This is to cover expenses incurred in the past year and will come from BOE surplus. A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

8. [F30.423](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General **Approved 9-0-0**
 \$10,383,172.00 Fund Balance (FY2019-20); \$500,000 for Rainy Day
 Purposes; \$500,000 to Risk Management Fund;
 \$3,383,172 to BOE/Capital Non-Recurring;
 \$6,000,000 to City/Capital Non-Recurring.
 02/25/21 – Submitted by Sandra Dennies
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Fountain explained that this is the allocation of the \$14,817,698 of revenue over expenses for FY 20. \$1,634,526 will be left in unassigned fund balance. So far they have not used any funds in the Rainy Day fund and do not anticipate using it. The Risk Management portion is to help with the health and hypertension efforts. A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

The Committee next considered Item No.11.

11. [F30.418](#) REVIEW; Status of ERP Project. **Report Made**
 02/26/21 – Submitted By Sandra Dennies And Rep.
 Watkins

Mr. Frey and Mr. Williams reviewed the [attached power point presentation](#), speaking to all the key project areas, critical factors, and associated timeline. Ms. Dennies explained that the person in the proposed CIO position will be involved in implementation of this system. They are considering reorganizing the technology department and consolidating who reports to the CIO, but not expanding other than the addition of the CIO.

9. [F30.419](#) APPROVAL; Amendment to Addendum to Client **Approved 7-0-2**
 Agreement between City of Stamford and Morgan
 Stanley Smith Barney LLC for Investment Advisory
 Services under RFP No. 820.
 02/25/21 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 03/11/21 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Vitale explained that this amendment is before the Board because it sets forth the fees Morgan Stanley will be getting and the fees to US Bank as custodian. Morgan Stanley will be getting \$112,000 and US Bank will be paid \$17,500. A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-2 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller, and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Reps. Coleman and Fedeli abstaining).

10. [F30.417](#) REVIEW; F2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) **Report Made**
02/10/21 – Submitted by David Yanik

Mr. Yanik reviewed the CAFR with the Committee, focusing on pages RSI-1, 21, 84, 85, 26, 62, 70 and 75.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).