



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, May 22, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Morson, and Shaw. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas. Also present in person was Assistant Chief Mike Robles, SFD. Also present remotely were Reps. de la Cruz, Sherwood, Summerville, and Walston; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Donna Arcuri, School Readiness Liaison; Chief Tim Shaw, SPD; Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration; Tyler Theder, Storm Water Management; Teri Drew and Michelle Lappas, Youth Services Bureau; Izzy Sobkowski, Chief Information Officer; Chris Dellaselva, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Chuck Williams, ERP; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; and Andrew Seth, Sustainable Strategies DC.

Co-Chair Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 1. F31.213 \$916,660.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); S33124; School Readiness; Additional Award Received on Project; a Portion of Funding to go toward a Grants Financial Analyst and to support CLC and Program Consultants (100% grant funded). 05/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 | Approved 11-0-0 |

Ms. Carpenter explained that the Grants Financial Analyst position will be a 100% grant funded position, and will not be filled if there is no grant money for it. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

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| 2. F31.214 \$203,684.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); S33125; Day Care Grant FY 22/23; Additional Award for Cost of Living Adjustment; Funding to be Distributed to CLC for Childcare Services (100% grant funded). 04/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0 | Approved 11-0-0 |
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A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

3. [F31.219](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); - Approved 9-0-2
\$49,995.00 Aggressive Driving Enforcement; SPD will Conduct Aggressive Driving Patrols to Reduce Incidents of Aggressive Driving in Stamford on an Overtime Basis (100% Grant Funded).
04/14/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Chief Shaw explained that this will be a citywide program. A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor; Reps. Boeger and Figueroa abstaining).

4. [F31.220](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); - Approved 11-0-0
\$53,000.00 Fire Prevention & Safety Supplies; Implementation of Smoke/CO Detector Inspection/Installation Program focusing on single and two-family homes and elderly and low-income housing; Includes Purchase of 2,000 Smoke Detectors [Source of Funds: \$50,476 Grant Funds; \$2,524 City Match]
04/14/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Chief Robles explained that this is a program which used to be done with the Red Cross. Anyone can request a smoke detector. Whenever the Department responds to a call, they will not leave the scene without installing a smoke detector if one is required. A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

5. [F31.221](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Approved 11-0-0
\$32,414.03 Storm Water Management; Funding Received from a Class Action Lawsuit Settlement Related to Clean Water; Payment to City as a Monitoring Fund Entity; Funds will be Used for Activities Related to Stormwater (100% of funds from Settlement).
05/02/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Theder explained that this was a check that was received as a result of a PCB class action settlement and the funds will be used to enhance their efforts relating to water quality. A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

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| 6. F31.222 \$513,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); - Youth Services Bureau; Department of Labor Grant to Support Training and Job Placement Opportunities for Stamford Youth Ages 18-24; Grant will also Support a Portion of the Grants Financial Analyst Time and Part-Time Seasonal employees with the YSB who will assist the YSB Program Manager (100% Grant Funded). 04/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-1 | Approved 11-0-0 |
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Ms. Lappas this is a grant to improve access and exposure for 18-24 year olds for reskilling. This process will provide access to additional funding. A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

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| 7. F31.217 \$165,750,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001329; South School Project; New K-8 School Across Two Sites - 83 Lockwood Avenue (serving grades K-4) and 19 Horton Street (serving grades 5-8) [Source of Funds: 66,300,000.00 Bond (City); 99,450,000.00 State Grant]. 05/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/09/23 – Approved by Planning Board 05/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance | No Action Taken |
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| 8. F31.215 | RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-2023 By Adding An Appropriation of \$80,000,000 for the South School Project (Phase 1) and Authorizing \$32,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation 04/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance | No Action Taken |
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| 9. F31.216 | RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2022-2023 By Adding An Appropriation of \$85,750,000 for the South School Project (Phase 2) and Authorizing \$34,300,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation 04/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Held by Board of Finance | No Action Taken |
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No action was taken on Items 7 through 9 which were held by the Board of Finance.

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| 10. F31.218 \$10,000,000.00 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY21-22); \$1,000,000 for Rainy Day Purposes; \$1,750,000 for Risk Management Fund for Heart & Hypertension; \$225,000 to Risk Management Fund; \$1,082,000 to BOE/Capital Non-Recurring; \$4,943,000 to City/Capital Non-Recurring; \$1,000,000 to Unassigned Fund Balance. 04/26/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 as follows: \$1,000,000 for Rainy Day Purposes; \$1,750,000 for Risk Management Fund for Heart & Hypertension; \$225,000 to Risk Management Fund; \$5,000,000 to Fund 57 (BOE/Capital Non-Recurring); and \$2,000,000 to City/Capital Non-Recurring | Approved 8-0-3 |
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Committee members discussed wanting to know about these funds earlier. It was noted that these are prior year funds and don't affect next year's tax levy. These funds could have been reflected in the budget cuts. Ms. Dennies noted that typically the surplus is appropriated in October.

A motion to approve Item No. 10 as amended by the Board of Finance [\$1,000,000 for Rainy Day Purposes; \$1,750,000 for Risk Management Fund for Heart & Hypertension; \$225,000 to Risk Management Fund; \$5,000,000 to Fund 57 (BOE/Capital Non-Recurring); and \$2,000,000 to City/Capital Non-Recurring] was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, and Shaw in favor; Reps. Figueroa, Pierre-Louis, and Tomas abstaining).

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| 11. F31.224 | APPROVAL; Agreement with Avanade Inc. for Digital Transformation Advisory Services for Comprehensive Digital Transformation Solutions for Cloud Migration, Data Analytics, Citizens Services, Business Services and Smart City Initiatives under RFP No. 900 [Contract Amount: \$400,000]. 05/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 05/11/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | Approved 11-0-0 |
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Mr. Sobkowski presented the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#). A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

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| 12. F31.212 | REVIEW; Life Cycle of the Grant Application and Award Process from Identification of Opportunity or Need, Types of Grants, Earmarks, Coordination with City Departments, Community Organizations (Stake Holders), Coordination with and Between Federal and State Lobbyists and Federal and State Delegations, Evaluation of Application, and Approval or Denial. 04/30/23 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz | Report Made & Recommended to Steering 11-0-0 |
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Mr. Seth presented the attached [PowerPoint presentation](#). Ms. Fox noted that the administration has weekly meeting with Mr. Seth to review the status of current grants as well as opportunities.

Ms. Carpenter stated that there are about \$34,500,000 in active operating grants and \$11,900,000 in capital projects funded by state and federal dollars. The federal delegation also looks for earmarks. The state lobbyist was not available for this evening's meeting. A motion to recommit Item No. 12 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Coleman, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw and Tomas in favor).

13. [F31.225](#) REVIEW; ERP Project Update. Report Made
04/11/23 – Submitted by Chuck Williams and Sandra
Dennies

Mr. Williams reviewed the [attached PowerPoint presentation](#) with the Committee.

Co-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on video.