



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, July 22, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held in the Government Center, Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT and remotely.

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Strain, Summerville, and Weinberg; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration/Trustee; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Anthony Romano, Budget/ERP Business System Administrative Manager; Bill Maguire, Assistant OPM Director; Elda Sinani, Director of Office of Policy and Management; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief and Michelle Lappas, Mayor's Youth Employment Program. Absent or excused were Reps. Pierre-Louis and Tomas.

Co-Chair Boeger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A motion to take up Item 20 first was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

| Item No. | Description | Committee Action |
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| 20. F31.362 \$29,577,645.00 | REVIEW; Source of \$29,577,645.00 Fiscal Year 22/23 General Fund Balance. 05/30/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/10/24 – Submitted by Rep. Miller 06/20/24 – Report Made & Held by Committee 7-0-0 | Report Made |

Co-Chair Boeger requested to have Director Barnes' memo attached to the Legislative notes for this review item.

1. [F31.363](#)
\$12,685,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
001356; Transfer Station – Canal Wall
Replacement; long term repair of the existing
bulkhead; 2019 condition assessment determined
the bulkhead was in poor condition; (Source:
Federal Grant \$10,148,000.00; Bond,
\$2,537,000.00)
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
06/25/24 – Approved by the Planning
07/11/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance

**Motion to
approve 9/0/0**

- The Board’s authorization needs to be in place to support the grant application.
- The grant is reimbursement based.
- The EDA (Economic Development Administration) is funding 80% of the project and 20% is funded locally.
- The maximum length of the grant is five years.

A typo was corrected in the agenda. The Federal Grant is \$10,148,000.00.

A motion to approve Item 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

2. [F31.364](#)

GRANT RESOLUTION; Authorizing The Mayor To
Enter Into And Sign Agreements With The U.S.
Economic Development Administration For The
East Harbor Canal Retaining Wall Project
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

**Motion to
approve 9/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

3. [F31.365](#)

RESOLUTION; Amending The Capital
Budget For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 By
Adding An Appropriation Of \$12,685,000 For
The Transfer Station Canal Wall
Replacement Project And Authorizing
\$2,537,000 General Obligation Bonds Of
The City To Meet Said Appropriation
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

**Motion to
approve 9/0/0**

A typo was corrected in the agenda. The Fiscal Year is 2024 – 2025.

A motion to approve Item 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

4. [F31.366](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Motion to**
\$24,173.00 Emergency Communications 911; Stamford EMPG **approve**
Pool; funds will be utilized to purchase equipment **9/0/0**
for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) No city
funds required.
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

- FEMA funding comes from DEMHS (The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security).

A motion to approve Item 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

5. [F31.367](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to **Motion to**
sign an Agreement with the Department of **approve**
Emergency Services and public Protection for an **9/0/0**
EMPG Pool Grant
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

A motion to approve Item 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

6. [F31.368](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Motion to**
\$26,500.00 Emergency Communications 911; EMPG Pool/Non- **approve**
Capital Equipment; Funds will be used to purchase **9/0/0**
laptops for the EMD and all 5 Deputy EMD to
access all pertinent data regardless of location
during a critical incident; \$1,500 administrative costs
included
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

There were two typos corrected in the agenda. The budget is not for 911, it is for the EMPG pool funding specific to the region.

A motion to approve Item 6 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

7. [F31.369](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into and Sign Agreements with the State of CT Department of Emergency Services And Public Protection /Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Regional EMPG Pool Grant Award
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **Motion to approve 9/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 7 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

8. [F31.370](#) \$58,189.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Services Bureau; Summer youth Employment Seasonal Salaries and FICA; Summer Youth Employment Program is funded by 3 sources: Local Community Donations; The Grant from CT Dept of children and Families; and Mayor's Operating Budget
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **Motion to approve 9/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

9. [F31.371](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with CT Dept. of Children and Families for the Summer Youth Employment Program
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **Motion to approve 9/0/0**

A motion to approve Item 9 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

10. [F31.372](#) \$48,696.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Police Department; Speed & Aggressive Enforcement/Overtime/Fringe; SPD will perform special details targeting speed and aggressive driving in Stamford; Funds will be used for overtime and fringe benefits; No City funds required
06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **Motion to approve 7/0/2**

A motion to approve Item 10 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor, Co-Chair Boeger and Rep. Figueroa abstain).

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| 11. F31.373 | GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for assistance to implement a Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Project 06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | Motion to approve 7/0/2 |
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A motion to approve Item 11 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor, Co-Chair Boeger and Rep. Figueroa abstain).

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| 12. F31.374 \$17,000,000.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001396; Operations; Traffic Engineering; West Side Neighborhood Connector Project; Final Design, permitting and construction of 12' wide neighborhood greenway between Richmond Hill Ave and Pulaski Street; Federal Grant Funded 06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/25/24 – Approved by the Planning Board 07/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance | Motion to approve 9/0/0 |
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A motion to approve Item 12 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

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| 13. F31.375 | GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the U.S. Department of Transportation for the West Side neighborhood connector project 06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | Motion to approve 9/0/0 |
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A motion to approve Item 13 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

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| 14. F31.376 \$341.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Department of Health Federal Assistance; PHHSBG; Contracted Services; The grant address current preventable health-related concerns like diabetes, hypertension and obesity; funding estimated at \$38,680; actual funding \$39,021; \$341 for contracted services 06/28/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | Motion to approve 8/0/0 |
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The program provides:

- Fitness classes.
- Nutrition classes.
- Wellness checks.
- Hypertension checks.
- Discussion on diets, and recipes.

A motion to approve Item 14 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

15. [F31.377](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$2,000,000.00; Funding for Affordable Housing Trust Fund; this will support the preservation and creation of affordable housing, in line with the City's Master & Affordable Housing Plan.
06/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **No Action Taken**

Item 15 was recommitted by the Board of Finance.

16. [F31.378](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY22/23) \$1,082,000.00; Commitment of \$1,082,000.00 from the General Fund Surplus to The Capital Non-Recurring Fund- BOE; Transfer Will Reduce Future Debt And Interest Expenses Associated With Bond Funding For Approved City or Board Of Education Capital Projects
6/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **No Action Taken**

Item 16 was recommitted by the Board of Finance.

17. [F31.379](#) APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY2022-23; Funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring - BOE (Fund 57) - \$10,000,000.000
6/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **No Action Taken**

Item 17 was recommitted by the Board of Finance.

18. [F31.380](#) APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY22/23; \$6,000,000.00 from FY22/23 Surplus to the Rainy-Day Fund 6/24/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/11/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **Motion to approve 9/0/0**

- As of June 30, 2022, the current balance of the rainy-day fund was \$27,670,505.00.
- With addition of the \$6,000,000.00, the total will be \$33,670,505.00 which is 4.94% of the general fund expenditures and other financing uses in Fiscal 2022.

A motion to approve Item 18 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Co-Chair Fedeli, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Shaw, and Vandervoort in favor).

19. [F31.381](#) APPROVAL; Commitment of a portion of Prior Year General Fund Balance FY22/23; \$8,000,000.00 from the General Fund surplus to the Capital non-recurring fund; This transfer will reduce future debt and interest expenses associated with bond funding for approved City or Board of Education capital projects. 6/24/2024 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 07/11/24 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 **No Action Taken**

It was brought to the attention of the Board by Assistant Director Maguire that the Board of Finance approved the Risk Management Fund for Heart and Hypertension for \$1,750,000.00 at their June 13, 2024 meeting.

- The fund is an internal service fund that includes:
 - Worker’s compensation.
 - Legal liability and claims against the City.
 - Heart and hypertension claims.

The Committee decided to have the item placed on the full Board agenda.

Co-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).