



**Fiscal Committee -
Board of Representatives**

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Committee Meeting Report

Date: Monday, November 25, 2024
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 were Co-Chair Boeger, and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas, and Vandervoort. Also in attendance were Reps. Strain, Summerville and Walston; City Engineer Lou Casolo; Assistant Director of OPM Bill Maguire; Senior Planner Erin McKenna; Director of Human Resources Paula Russell; Director of Facilities Scott Butch; Deputy Director of Operations Josie Carpanzano; Stamford Police Department Lieutenant Seth O'Brien; OPM Management Analyst Tony Romano; Jr. Transportation Planner Luke Buttenwieser; Grants Officer Anita Carpenter, and members of the public. Co-Chair Fedeli and Committee Reps. Goldberg, and Pierre-Louis were absent or excused.

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

The agenda is as follows:

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. F31.426 \$6,515.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Den Wage Payout FY24/25-26/27; Contingency funding source; This is a request to appropriate funds from contingency to pay current year wage settlements that were recently agreed upon via a tentative agreement between the City and Dental hygienist Union 10/04/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 10/10/24 – Item withdrawn at Board of Finance 10/28/24 – No Action Taken by Committee 11/05/24 – Resubmitted by Mayor Simmons 11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance 11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0	APPROVED 8-0-0

Brief explanation of item given by Mr. Maguire. A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote of 8-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

2. F31.467 \$850,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP2750; Library - HVAC Equipment Replacement;	APPROVED 8-0-0
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Non-City Agencies: Ferguson Library; Transfer is needed to allocate the HVAC ARPA money into the HVAC account, rather than the overall building account; Funding Source: Bond (City).

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

10/29/24 – Approved by the Planning Board

11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance

11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

3. [F31.468](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital budget for FY24/25 by adding an appropriation of \$850,000 for the Library-HVAC equipment replacement and authorizing \$850,000 general obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

4. [F31.479](#) REJECTION; of Capital Project Closeout Recommendation; C56080; Main Library Building Restoration; \$850,000.00; Funding Source: Bond. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/29/24 – Approved by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – No action taken by Board of Finance
11/25/24 – No action taken by Committee

5. [F31.469](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 7-0-1**
\$201,361.17 CP3038; Government Center Renovations; Operations: Maintenance Facilities; Security Upgrades; Funding Source: Federal Grant ARP.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/12/24 – To be considered by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-1 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor. Rep. Figueroa abstained).

6. [F31.470](#)
\$593,388.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
CP5059; Pavement Management; Operations:
Traffic & Road Maintenance; Reimbursement to the
City from the Utility for their share of the paving
costs due to their construction activity for the roads
coordinated to be paved full width by the City;
Funding Source: Private Contributions.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/29/24 – Approved by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of
Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED 8-0-0

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

7. [F31.471](#)
~~\$1,500,000.00~~
\$1,000,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
CP8700; Lione Park; Operations: Maintenance
Parks; Lione Park Redesign work which will include
relocating the current parking lot and park amenities
to ensure safety and quality of life concerns.
Including additional park amenities to activate the
park; Funding Sources: Federal Grant ARP
\$300,000; State Grant ARP \$700,000
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/12/24 – To be considered by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of
Finance
**11/13/24 – Amount amendment approved by
Board of Finance 5-1-0**
**11/20/24 – Amended amount approved by Board
of Finance 5-0-0**
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED 8-0-0

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

8. [F31.472](#)
\$2,000,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
CP9238; Yerwood Center Renovations; Operations:
Engineering; Building interior renovations; structural
repairs and improvements; Fund Source: Federal
Grant ARP, \$1,300,000.00; State Grant ARP
\$700,00.00.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/12/24 – To be considered by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of
Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 3-2-1
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

APPROVED 8-0-0

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

9. [F31.473](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor enter into and sign an Agreements with the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for the State ARPA-CSFRF FY 2025 Grant FOR \$2,000,000. This Grant will fund three projects: \$600,000 for the warming centers for the homeless; \$700,000 for Yerwood Center renovations focused on improvements such as security infrastructure; \$700,000 for the Digital Technology.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED 8-0-0**

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

10. [F31.474](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 7-0-1**
~~\$1,100,000.00~~
\$500,000
001283; Nemoitin Park; Operations: Maintenance Parks; Nemoitin Park is adjacent to Hart Magnet Elementary School; A park and school playground serving the West Side and Downtown Neighborhoods; the Playground needs to be replaced and needs significant upgrades for the softball field and site drainage; Funding Source: Federal Grant ARP
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/12/24 – To be considered by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Amount amendment approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/20/24 – Amended amount approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-1 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor. Rep. Shaw abstained).

11. [F31.475](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$140,000.00
001363; Old Long Ridge Road Bridge #135007; Operations: Engineering; A grant application was submitted to CT DOT on 5/31/24; the State notified the City on 7/1/24 in a letter that this project qualifies for funding under the Local Bridge Program and is offering a conditional Commitment to Fund 50% of the eligible project costs through a State grant. The grant under Local Bridge Program provides 50% cost eligibility for the design of the bridge replacement, construction, and construction administration. Within 1 year of the date of the letter that we received on

7/1/24, the City is required to submit a Supplemental application which will need to have a progress on the design of the bridge along with Environmental Review, Right of Way coordination if needed, and applicable permits as needed that pertain to this project. The estimated cost for the design engineering fee is \$140,000.00; Funding Source: \$70,000.00 Bond (City) and \$70,000.00 State Grant.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/29/24 – Approved by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

12. [F31.476](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital budget for Fiscal year 2024-2025 by adding an appropriation of \$140,000 for the Old Long Ridge Road bridge # 135007 and authorizing \$70,000 general obligation bonds of the city to meet said appropriation.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 **APPROVED 8-0-0**

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

13. [F31.477](#) \$270,000.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); 001405; Mill Road OVER Brook Bridge No. 135008; Operations: Engineering; Request to approve an appropriation. A grant application was submitted to CT DOT on 5/31/24; the State notified the City on 7/1/24 in a letter that this project qualifies for funding under the Local Bridge Program and is offering a Conditional Commitment to Fund 50% of the eligible project costs through a State grant. The grant under Local Bridge Program provides 50% cost eligibility for the design of the bridge replacement, construction, and construction administration. Within 1 year of the date of the letter that we received on 7/1/24, the City is required to submit a Supplemental application which will need to have a progress on the design of the bridge along with Environmental Review, Right of Way coordination if needed, and applicable permits as needed that pertain to this project. The estimated cost for the design engineering fee is \$270,000.00; Funding Source: Bond (City and State Grant, \$135,000.00 each) **APPROVED 8-0-0**

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/29/24 – Approved by the Planning Board
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

14. [F31.478](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 By Adding an Appropriation Of \$270,000 For the Mill Road Over Brook Bridge No. 135008 And Authorizing \$135,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

15. [F31.480](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$58,189.00 Youth Services Bureau; Summer Youth Employment for seasonal salaries; FICA; This annual grant from the CT Department of Children and Families supports The Stamford's youth employment program. The FY2025 Summer Youth Employment program is funded by four sources:
* Local Community Donations - This is most of the funding and is in the operating budget.
* The Grant from the CT Department of Children and Families - This was not in the operating budget.
* \$25,000 from the Mayor's Budget - This is in the operating budget.
* Summer Jobs Connect - A one-time grant from the Cities for Financial Empower Fund for both payroll and non-payroll costs.
11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance
11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

16. [F31.481](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the CT Department of Children and Families for the Summer Youth Employment Grant. **APPROVED 8-0-0**

The CT Department of Children and Families is awarding \$58,189 for this project.

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance

11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

17. [F31.482](#)
\$2,798.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Stamford Police Department; Federal Funds (DOT); There is \$117,000 in the budget for this award. This is a request to approve an additional \$2,798 to reflect the actual reward amount. These funds will be used for police to conduct DUI patrols on an overtime basis, associated FICA and program supplies. No City funds are required

APPROVED 6-0-2

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance

11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-2

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 6-0-2 (Committee Reps. Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor. Co-Chair Boeger and Rep. Figueroa abstained).

18. [F31.483](#)
\$119,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); The Stamford Police Department will utilize grant funds to contract with a vendor to purchase and install advanced surveillance equipment in a city owned van for police to use for surveillance in major criminal investigative cases. The vendor will also provide training for the police on the use of the equipment. No City funds are required.

APPROVED 6-0-2

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of Finance

11/13/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 6-0-2

A motion to approve was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 6-0-2 (Committee Reps. Camporeale, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor. Co-Chair Boeger and Rep. Figueroa abstained).

19. [F31.484](#)

RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign and Agreement with the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for financial assistance for the Bryne-JAG Funding 2022-2025 Grant project. The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is awarding \$119,000.00 for this project. No City matching funds are required.

APPROVED 8-0-0

11/05/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/24 – To be considered by the Board of
Finance
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

20. [F31.486](#) RESOLUTION; Related to The Application for Non- **APPROVED 8-0-0**
Priority Solar Photovoltaic Purchase and Installation
Grant for Westover Rooftop PV Panel Installation
Project.
11/02/24 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

21. [F31.487](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for Non- **APPROVED 8-0-0**
Priority Solar Photovoltaic Purchase And Installation
Grant for Strawberry Hill Rooftop PV Panel
Installation Project.
11/02/24 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

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

22. F31.485 REVIEW; of quarterly financials **REPORT MADE**
11/05/24 – Submitted by Elda Sinani
11/25/24 – REPORT MADE

Mr. Maguire gave a brief presentation to go over the quarterly financial report data previously emailed to the Board of Representatives. A request to have a copy sent to the Board office to link to this item was placed by Co-Chair Boeger.

23. [F31.236](#) REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation **RECOMMITTED TO**
of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax **STEERING**
Purposes and Comparison of Actual Sale Amounts
Versus Appraised Value Amounts for the Last 10
Years.
06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz,
Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins,
Tomas, and Figueroa
06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0
07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0
08/28/24 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
10-0-0
09/27/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
8-0-0
10/23/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Committee
7-0-0
11/13/23 – Moved to Pending

08/12/24 – Removed from Agenda
09/09/24 – Reinstated at the Steering Committee
11/22/24 – Recommitted to Steering 8-0-0

A motion to recommit the item to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

Under a Suspension of the Rules:

24. [F31.488](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);
\$1,100,000 C56182 – FY 24/25; Federal Grant – ARP; Street
Patch and Resurfacing; Request to approve an
appropriation for funds to patch and resurface
Stamford's roadway infrastructure using accepted
engineering standards including milling, overlay,
reconstruction associated fixes to public streets and
associated subsurface replacement for drainage
system.
11/20/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/20/24 – Approved by the Board of Finance 6-0-0
11/25/24 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Suspension of the Rules was moved, seconded and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Co-Chair Boeger, Reps. Camporeale, Figueroa, Graham, Morson, Shaw, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

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

Co-Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).