



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025
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, Co-Chair Fedeli, and Committee Member Reps. Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas, and Vandervoort. Absent or excused were Committee Members Reps. Figueroa, Pierre-Louis and Shaw. Also in attendance were Reps. Adams, Matheny, Sherwood and Strain; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief; Bill Maguire, Assistant Director of OPM; Anthony Romano, Management Analyst; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Kevin McCarthy, Director of Facilities for the Board of Education; Thomas Turk, Operations Supervisor, Road Maintenance; and members of the public.

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

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. F31.504	RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approval of an extension to the Stamford Urban Transitway project previously awarded to the City of Stamford. 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons	APPROVED 8-0-0
Mr. Casolo and Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.		
A motion to approve Item #1 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).		
2. F31.505 \$1,858,719.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grant Budget) Stamford Police Department; COPS Hiring Grant Award to pay for partial costs to hire 6 new police officers; City Share \$1,108,719.00; Grant award \$125,000.00 per officer (\$750,00.00). 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/12/25 – Withdrawn by OPM	WITHDRAWN
3. F31.506	GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Department of Justice COPS Office for financial assistance for the 2022 COPS Hiring Program 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/12/25 – Withdrawn by OPM	WITHDRAWN

4. [F31.507](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
 \$3,384,000.00 Project:001425 Broad Street Corridor Improvements;
 Operations: Traffic Engineering; State funded roadway safety
 enhancements on Broad Street.
 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #4 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

5. [F31.508](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement **APPROVED 8-0-0**
 with CT DOT/LRARP for financial assistance for the Broad
 Street Safety Improvements Project
 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #5 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

6. [F31.509](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
 \$65,000.00 Transfer EG Brennan Fund Balance; Increase in E.G.
 Brennan Golf Shop's share and higher credit card transaction
 fees. (Funding Source: Fund Balance)
 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Maguire reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #6 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

7. [F31.510](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund **NO ACTION**
 Balance (FY2022-23) - \$1,500,00.00 Affordable Housing Trust **TAKEN**
 Fund.
 1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Held by Board of Finance vote 6-0-0

8. [F31.511](#) APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund **APPROVED AS**
 Balance (FY2022-23) - ~~\$21,900,00.00~~ **\$3,000,000.00** - **AMENDED**
 Funding for City/Capital Non-Recurring **7-0-1**
 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Amended to \$3M & remainder held by Board of
Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Barnes reviewed this item and stated the Board of Finance (BOF) held the item originally but at the end of their February 13, 2025 meeting returned to it and amended the amount to only approve \$3,000,000.00 of the total funds for 2 specific projects (see agenda Item #26, F31.529 for \$2,250,000.00 and Item #38, F31.541 for \$750,000.00) and to hold the remainder of General Fund Surplus (totaling \$29,400,000.00) until the BOF's regular March meeting. He also answered questions from committee members.

A motion to recommit Item #8 until the Board of Finance has fully approved the amount originally listed (\$21,900,000.00) was made, seconded, and failed by a voice vote of 1-7-0 (Rep. Boeger in favor; Reps. Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort voted nay).

A motion to approve Item #8 as amended to \$3,000,000.00 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor; Rep. Boeger abstained).

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| 9. F31.512 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) \$5,000,000.00 - Funding for Long Term School Facilities/Capital Nonrecurring - BOE (Fund57)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 10. F31.513 | APPROVAL; Appropriation of Prior Year General Fund Balance (FY2022-23) \$4,000,000.00 – Risk Management Fund
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | NO ACTION TAKEN |
| 11. F31.514
\$4,320,295.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Project: 000538 – Glenbrook TOD Implementation; Operations: Traffic Engineering - State funding for the reconstruction of the intersection of Glenbrook Road and Church Street.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 | APPROVED 8-0-0 |

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #11 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

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| 12. F31.515 | RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the CT DOT/LOTICIP for financial assistance for the Glenbrook Road and Church Street Intersection reconstruction project.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | APPROVED 8-0-0 |
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Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #12 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

13. [F31.516](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$2,878,000.00 Project: 001328 – Citywide Pedestrian Signal & Safety
Upgrades; Operations: Traffic Engineering – State funding will
upgrade pedestrian infrastructure at 40 city intersections,
including ramps, signals, and crosswalks.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #13 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

14. [F31.517](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement **APPROVED 8-0-0**
with the CT DOT/LOTICIP for financial assistance for the city
Pedestrian Signal Upgrades project.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #14 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

15. [F31.518](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **NO ACTION**
\$350,000.00 Project: 001404 East Side Library; Non-City Agencies: **TAKEN**
Ferguson Library - funding will be used for architectural design
for the East Side Library satellite branch.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Board of Finance failed item

16. [F31.519](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$2,000,000.00 Project: 001406 Washington Boulevard Safety and Mobility
Improvements; Operations: Traffic Engineering – State
funding for construction of a raised intersection at Washington
Blvd and Richmond Hill Ave and other roadway safety
improvements.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #16 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

17. [F31.520](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the CT DOT/OPM for financial assistance for the Washington Blvd and Richmond Hill Project. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #17 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

18. [F31.521](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$4,600,200.00 Project: 001427 North State Street Gateway Project –
Operations: Traffic Engineering – State funding for the
reconstruction of North State Street.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #18 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

19. [F31.522](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the CT DOT/LOTICIP for financial assistance for the North State Street Gateway Project. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #19 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

20. [F31.523](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$3,852,000.000 Project: 001428 360 Degree Video Detection System Phase 2
– Operations: Traffic Engineering – State funding for the
installation of reliable 360-degree video detection system and
upgraded traffic signal cabinet and wiring to replace the
existing unreliable equipment.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members. There was a question regarding locations for video cameras from Rep. Tomas. Mr. Petise advised that Phase 1 of

the project is already underway and he will send over a list of locations for the project to the Board for review.

A motion to approve Item #20 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

21. [F31.524](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the CT DOT/LOTICIP for financial assistance for the Gridsmart Phase 2 project. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #21 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

22. [F31.525](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **NO ACTION**
\$5,300,000.00 Project: 001429 – YMCA Acquisition & Renovation – **TAKEN**
Operations: Maintenance Facilities – Purchase of YMCA for
\$3,650,000 and Capital Improvements \$1,650,000.00.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Held by Board of Finance

23. [F31.526](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$250,000.00 Project: 001430 – Lathon Wider Property Claim – Capital Non-
Recurring funding to cover cleanup, repairs, and replacements
due to flood damage from a mechanical failure. Insurance
should pay costs beyond the deductible.
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Barnes reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members. This appropriation and the appropriation listed on agenda Item # 24 are to pay the City's insurance deductibles on claims due to the flood.

A motion to approve Item #23 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

24. [F31.527](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$250,000.00 Project: 01431 Glenbrook community Center Property Claim –
Operations: Maintenance Facilities; Capital Non-Recurring
funding restoration, cleanup, repairs, and replacements due to
flood damage from a sprinkler pipe failure. Insurance should
pay costs beyond the deductible.
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance

02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Barnes reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members. This appropriation and the appropriation listed on agenda Item # 23 are to pay the City's insurance deductibles on claims due to the flood.

A motion to approve Item #24 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

25. [F31.528](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$81,450.00 Project: C53143 – BOE Security Upgrades – Short Term
Finances: BOE – Capital – Grant Appropriation for a Capital
Project to purchase security camera equipment for Stamford
Public Schools.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. McCarthy reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #25 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

26. [F31.529](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$2,250,000.00 Project: C56182 – Street Patch & Resurfacing – Operations:
Traffic & Road Maintenance – additional funding needed to
pave roads and prepare roads.
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Turk reviewed this item (which is linked to Item #8, F31.511 on the agenda) and answered questions from committee members. He stated that any delay in receiving these funds would cause a 6-to-8-week period of no additional paving as the department had already used all of the previously allocated paving funds.

A motion to approve Item #26 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

27. [F31.530](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$9,454,918.00 Project: CP1461 – South End Transportation Improvement
Plan – Funded by the State - City's Master Plan – Lower
Atlantic Street Complete Street Enhancement. (Fund Source:
State Grant)
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members. This \$9,454,918.00 amount is broken down as follows: \$2,500,000.00 is from State of Connecticut CIF (Community Improvement Fund) bonding [see agenda Item #28, F31.531], and the remaining \$6,944,918.00 is from the CT DOT LOTCIP program [see agenda Item # 29, F31.532].

A motion to approve Item #27 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

28. [F31.531](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the CT DOT/CIF for financial assistance for the Lower Atlantic Street Reconstruction Project. (\$2,500,000.00) 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **APPROVED 8-0-0**

Mr. Petise & Ms. Carpenter stated this item #28 is the resolution portion of the CIF grant listed in agenda Item #27 (F31.530).

A motion to approve Item #28 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

29. [F31.532](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the CT DOT/LOTICIP for financial assistance for the Lower Atlantic Street Reconstruction Project. (\$6,954,918.00) 01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons **APPROVED 8-0-0**

Mr. Petise & Ms. Carpenter stated this item #29 is the resolution portion of the CT DOT/LOTICIP grant listed in agenda Item #27 (F31.530).

A motion to approve Item #29 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

30. [F31.533](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$16,667.00 Project: CP3161 – Mill River Playscape – Creation of a unique designed playscape area at the Mill River Park Carousel Pavillion. (Fund Source: State Grant)
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter presented this item #30 (F31.533) along with items # 31 (F31.534) and #32 (F31.535) together, as the grant funds are from the same state source.

A motion to approve Item #30 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

31. [F31.534](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$16,668.00 Project: CP3162 – Boys & Girls Club Stamford Playscape – rehabilitation of the playground at the Yerwood Center. (Fund Source: State Grant)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance

02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter presented this item #31 (F31.533) along with items # 30 (F31.533) and #32 (F31.535) together, as the grant funds are from the same state source.

A motion to approve Item #31 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

32. [F31.535](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$16,667.00 Project: CP3163 – Children’s Learning Center Playscape –
installation of a new playscape at the Hillandale Avenue
Location. (Fund Source: State Grant)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter presented this item #32 (F31.535) along with items # 30 (F31.533) and #31 (F31.534) together, as the grant funds are from the same state source.

A motion to approve Item #32 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

33. [F31.536](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$8,440,000.00 Project: CP5231 – Safe Routes to Schools – to build new,
safe sidewalks and create additional safe crossings which will
increase students walking to school. (Fund Source: Federal
Grant)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise presented this item and explained that the full \$8,440,000.00 consists of 3 separate buckets of funding (see agenda Items #34 (F31.537) for \$2,000,000.00, #35 (F31.538) for \$2,000,000.00 and #36 (F31.539) for \$4,440,000.00 for funding sources).

A motion to approve Item #33 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

34. [F31.537](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement **APPROVED 8-0-0**
with the USDOT FHWA for financial assistance for the Safe
Routes to Schools Sidewalks 2022 Project. (\$2,000,000.00)
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter confirmed this item is the resolution portion for one of the three funding buckets that total \$8,440,000.00 (see agenda Item #33 F31.536 for full project appropriation) of federal funding for this project.

A motion to approve Item #34 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

35. [F31.538](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the USDOT FHWA for financial assistance for the Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalks 2024 Project. (\$2,000,000.00) **APPROVED 8-0-0**
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter confirmed this item is the resolution portion for the second of the three funding buckets that total \$8,440,000.00 (see agenda Item #33 F31.536 for full project appropriation) of federal funding for this project.

A motion to approve Item #35 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

36. [F31.539](#) RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the USDOT FHWA for financial assistance for the Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalks Project. (\$4,440,000.00) **APPROVED 8-0-0**
1/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Mr. Petise and Ms. Carpenter confirmed this item is the resolution portion for the third of the three funding buckets that total \$8,440,000.00 (see agenda Item #33 F31.536 for full project appropriation) of federal funding for this project.

A motion to approve Item #36 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

37. [F31.540](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$1,084,550.00 Project: CP6763 – Traffic Signal Coordination – Upgrading and replacing 6 intersections. The original funding was approved on July 1, 2016. However, due to increased material costs, additional funding was required. (Fund Source: State Grant)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise presented this item and explained the need for the additional funding appropriation for this project.

A motion to approve Item #37 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

38. [F31.541](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$750,000.00 Project: CP8711 – Utility Paving – Additional funding is required to complete the scheduled road paving and expand to include additional roads. (Fund Source: Capital Non-Recurring)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/11/25 – To be Considered by the Planning Board
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance

02/11/25 – Unanimously recommended by Planning Board
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Turk reviewed this item (which is linked to Item #8, F31.511 on the agenda) and answered questions from committee members. He stated that any delay in receiving these funds would cause a 6-to-8-week period of no additional paving as the department had already used all of the previously allocated paving funds.

A motion to approve Item #38 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

39. [F31.542](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$15,115.93 Project: CP8711 – Lakeside Drive Bridge – Aquarion is
contributing cost to the City for the contractor to perform the
water main work on Lakeside Drive Bridge. (Funding Source:
Private Contributions)
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Casolo asked Co-Chair Fedeli if Item #39 could be heard as the second item of the meeting; she agreed. Mr. Casolo reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #39 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

40. [F31.543](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION; Grants Dept. – Workforce **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$20,800.00 Outreach Internship/seasonal – Two seasonal employees to
be hired as Diversity Research Coordinators through the State
of Connecticut's Department of Aging and Disability Services,
Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; State will reimburse 130%
of cost. This is not a Grant.
01/27/25 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
02/13/25 – To be Considered by the Board of Finance
02/13/25 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter reviewed this item and answered questions from committee members.

A motion to approve Item #40 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

Under a Suspension of the Rules:

41. F31.545 REVIEW; Audit update from Director Barnes **REPORT MADE**
02/18/25 – Submitted by Rep. Boeger

A motion to suspend the rules and hear Item #41 was made, seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Fedeli, Camporeale, Goldberg, Graham, Morson, Tomas and Vandervoort in favor).

Mr. Barnes gave a report with the following data regarding the City's audit:

- Draft of the 2023 audit was posted online on the EMMA system (the dataport on the MSRB website) Link will be provided and is available to public to visit and read

- No MDNA
- The City does not anticipate any material changes from draft to final report
- Fund balance of \$32M, of which \$3M was addressed in items on tonight's agenda
- Draft is at a place where the numbers in the audit tie to the City's ledgers
- Complete 2024 audit is on track, and it is anticipated that the City will be back on track with the 2025 audit going smoothly and in a timely fashion
- Delays were due to conversion of financial systems in 2023, which posed challenges

Co-Chair Fedeli reminded the Committee that budget season is approaching, and Co-Chair Boeger and she are working on the schedule with the Board Office.

Co-Chair Fedeli gave a general announcement to remind those present that the Board of Representatives' Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 will begin in March, with the first meeting being on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will all be hybrid (*unless otherwise noted), held both in the Democratic Caucus Room on the 4th floor of the Government Center and on Zoom webinars. The full budget hearing schedule is posted online and available to the public for review.

Co-Chair Fedeli adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).