



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Eric B. Morson, Co-Chair

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 22, 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. Present were Committee Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee member Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine. Committee Rep. de la Cruz was excused.

Also in attendance were ex-officio Rep. Camporeale and the following City staff: Tony Romano, Budget/ERP Business System Administrative Manager; Ann Brown, Supervising Engineer, WPCA; Bill Brink, Executive Director, WPCA; Bill Maguire, Assistant Director, OPM; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Planner; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Katherine LoBalbo, Director of BOE School Construction; Brandon Mark, Sustainability & Energy Manager; Prasant Tangirala, Chief Information Officer; Sammy Alemseghed, Technology Field Service Manager; and members of the public.

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

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
1. F32.001 \$107,521.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); OPM Purchase Order Requesting spending authority for prior year purchase orders to carry over several FY25 purchase orders into FY26 to maintain continuity of operations. Funding Source: Fund balance. 10/31/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED 7-0-0
Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Maguire gave a brief presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).		
2. F32.002 \$1,190,120.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project C65200: Citywide Vehicle Replacement & Upgrade; for the immediate purchase of three (3) rear-load refuse trucks and two (2) asphalt hot box machines to reduce costs, improve citizen services & decrease Fix It complaints. 10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0 12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0	APPROVED 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Romano gave a brief presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

3. [F32.003](#) **RESOLUTION;** Amending the capital budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 by adding an appropriation of \$1,190,120.00 for the citywide vehicle replacement & upgrade and authorizing \$1,190,120.00 in general obligation bonds of the city to meet said appropriation. **APPROVED 7-0-0**
10/31/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 4-2-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item is related to Item F32.002, per Mr. Romano. There was no presentation on it and no discussion; the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

4. [F32.004](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project 001459: **NO ACTION**
\$2,300,000.00 to complete Perna Lane area stormwater infrastructure and roadway improvements.
10/31/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/05/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
11/13/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – No action by Committee

Co-Chair Morson noted this item was held by the Board of Finance in their November 13th meeting, and as such, the Committee did not take any action on this item.

5. [F32.005](#) **RESOLUTION;** Amending the capital budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 by adding an appropriation of \$2,300,000.00 for the Perna Lane area stormwater infrastructure and authorizing \$2,300,000.00 in general obligation bonds of the city to meet said appropriation. **NO ACTION**
10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/13/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – No action by Committee

Co-Chair Morson noted this item was held by the Board of Finance in their November 13th meeting, and as such, the Committee did not take any action on this item.

6. [F32.006](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project C22046: **APPROVED**
\$500,000.00 Completion of the Perna Lane area sanitary sewers and unforeseen issues that occurred during construction. **7-0-0**
10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/05/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-1-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Brink gave the floor to Ms. Brown to provide the brief presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the

item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

7. [F32.007](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project C56174: **APPROVED**
\$250,000.00 Citywide Signals; Zoning Approval for 800 Long Ridge Road **7-0-0**
for upgrades to the traffic signal at Long Ridge Road and the
Site Driveway.
10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/05/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Buttenwieser stated that items 7 (F32.007) and 9 (F32.009) are related and wished to provide a brief presentation on both items simultaneously. Co-Chair Morson called for a motion to suspend the rules so item 9 could be taken out of order immediately after Item 7. A motion was made, seconded, and approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

Mr. Buttenwieser gave a brief presentation on Item 7 and after a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

8. [F32.008](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project CP4242: **APPROVED**
\$1,050,000.00 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation; Funds will be used to upgrade **7-0-0**
miscellaneous sewers, manhole frames and covers.
10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/05/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and both Mr. Brink and Ms. Brown provided the presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

9. [F32.009](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project CP7306: **APPROVED**
\$250,000.00 High Ridge Road & Long Ridge Road sidewalks; per the **7-0-0**
Zoning Approval for 800 Long Ridge Road.
10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
11/05/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Buttenwieser gave a brief presentation. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

10. [F32.010](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT);** Board of **APPROVED**
\$15,115.00 Education intern at the Welcome Center as Customer Service **7-0-0**
support located at 11 W. North Street for twelve (12) weeks

[\$30.00/hour for 30 hours/week] Board of Education Services for the Blind will reimburse 130% of costs.

10/30/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

11/13/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

11. [F32.011](#)
\$37,200.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); City of Stamford's portion for the Port Security Grant.

**APPROVED
8-0-0**

11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Maguire and Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

12. [F32.013](#)
\$148,800.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); 2025 Port Security Grant funds for the Police and Fire Departments; engine replacements, handheld radio enhancements, Jet Propulsion systems and Anti-Exposure & Rescue Swimmer PPE.

**APPROVED
8-0-0**

11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Mr. Maguire and Ms. Carpenter confirmed this item is related to Item 11 (F32.011). After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

13. [F32.014](#)

RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for 2025 Port Security Grant Program.

**APPROVED
8-0-0**

11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter confirmed this item is the matching resolution for Items 11 and 12, and did not require a separate presentation. There was no discussion on the item. The item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

14. [F32.015](#)
\$150,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project CP4000055: Strawberry Hill – Solar Panel Project – to complete the photovoltaic installation State Project 135-0292PV; construction administration services & construction contingency for potential unforeseen issues.

**APPROVED
8-0-0**

11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/02/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. LoBalbo explained that both Item 14 (F32.015) and Item 20 (F32.021) were related and asked to present on them together. Co-Chair Morson called for a motion to discuss items 14 & 20 together for discussion only. A motion was made, seconded, and was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

Ms. LoBalbo and Mr. Mark gave a brief presentation on the 2 aforementioned items. After a brief discussion, F32.015 was moved, seconded and approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

15. [F32.016](#) **RESOLUTION;** Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by adding an appropriation of \$150,000.00 for the Strawberry Hill – Solar Panel Project and authorizing \$60,000.00 of General Obligation bonds of the City to meet said appropriation. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this is the resolution for Item 14. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

16. [F32.017](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT);** For the Department of Health to implement a Public Health Approach to Address Community Gun Violence, covering program salaries, training, materials, outreach, and administrative costs. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
\$642,727.00
Funding Source: 100% State Funds (DPH).
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

17. [F32.018](#) **RESOLUTION;** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Public Health for Public Health approach to address Community Gun Violence. **APPROVED 8-0-0**
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this is the resolution for Item 16, and no discussion on the item. The item was

approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

18. [F32.019](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT);** For Stamford LGP **APPROVED**
\$600,000.00 grand-funded parent coaching support, including staffing, **7-0-1**
training and program services. Funding Source: 100% State
Funds (Shine Early Learning, Inc.)
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on it, and no discussion on the item. The item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-1 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson approved; Rep. Lapine abstained).

19. [F32.020](#) **RESOLUTION;** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign an **APPROVED**
agreement with Shine Early Learning, Inc. for School **7-0-1**
Readiness programs.
11/25/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this is the resolution for Item 18, and a brief discussion on the item. The item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-1 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson approved; Rep. Lapine abstained).

20. [F32.021](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project **APPROVED**
\$335,000.00 CP4000056: Westover – Solar Panel Project – to complete the **8-0-0**
photovoltaic installation State Project 135-0293PV;
construction administration services & construction
contingency for potential unforeseen issues.
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/02/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. LoBalbo and Mr. Mark gave a brief presentation on the 2 aforementioned items (F32.015 & F32.021). There was no discussion on the item, F32.021, which was moved, seconded and approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

21. [F32.022](#) **RESOLUTION;** Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year **APPROVED**
2025-2026 by adding an appropriation of \$335,000.00 for the **8-0-0**
Westover – Solar Panel Project and authorizing \$134,000.00 of
General Obligation bonds of the City to meet said
appropriation.
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0

Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this is the resolution for Item 20. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| 22. F32.023
\$76,500.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT); Funding is to support the purchase of non-capital equipment, maintain the equipment purchases, pay for training the Hazmat team members and provide a small administrative fee for the Grants Office as the fiduciary for the Regional Hazmat Team.
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED
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Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter presented on it. After a brief discussion, the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| 23. F32.024 | RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the Dept. of Emergency Management and U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Regional EMPG HAZMAT grant.
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED
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Co-Chair Morson read the item and called for a motion. The item was moved, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this is the resolution for Item 22. There were no questions/discussion, and the item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| 24. F32.025
\$186,400.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project C65201: Citywide technology Replacement & Upgrade – to expand and upgrade public Wi-Fi at the Lathon Wider Community Center and Boys & Girls Club of Stamford.
11/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/02/2025 – Approved unanimously by Planning Board
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 7-0-1 | APPROVED
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Item F32.025 was moved, seconded and the floor opened for Mr. Tangirala and Ms. Carpenter to present. There was brief discussion prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson approved, Rep. Lapine abstained.)

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| 25. F32.027 | APPROVAL; of an Agreement with Hi-link for IT Infrastructure Upgrades (RFP 2026.0037)
12/03/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
12/11/2025 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
12/22/2025 – Approved by Committee 8-0-0 | APPROVED
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Item F32.027 was moved, seconded and the floor opened for Mr. Tangirala to present F32.027. There were no questions or discussion prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via

unanimous voice vote (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

Co-Chair Morson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric B. Morson, Co-Chair

This meeting is available on [video](#).