



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Eric B. Morson, Co-Chair

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

Meeting Report

Date: Monday, January 26, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely ONLY due to inclement weather.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. Present were: Committee Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary; Committee members Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine. Also present were ex-officio Reps. Walston and Weinberg; invited guests Ann Brown, Supervising Engineer, WPCA; William Brink, Executive Director, WPCA; Timothy Shaw, Chief, Stamford Police Department; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; David Hoak, Town Clerk; Anthony Romano, Budget/ERP Business System Administration Manager, OPM; Bill Maguire, Assistant Director, OPM; Lou DeRubeis, Director, Public Safety, Health & Welfare; Thomas Turk, Operations Supervisor, Road Maintenance; Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Planner, Transportation, Traffic & Parking; and members of the public.

Co-Chair Zachary called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designees
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Late Submissions: Items 16, 17 & 18

Co-Chair Morson made a motion to suspend the rules to take up Item Nos. 16 and 18 (F32.040 and F32.042) out of order, which received a second (Goldberg). The motion passed via a unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

16. F32.040 \$228,905.00 \$190,755.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants) - COPS Hiring Grant to fund six seven (7) FIVE (5) new Police officers; this funds the final five months of FY26. Grant requires a City match and future FY27 funding. Officers must remain employed through September 2028 (formerly F31.610) 09/26/2025 – Mayor Simmons 10/09/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 01/08/2026 – Funding for 5 officers approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 01/26-2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.040 into the record and asked Ms. Carpenter to present on the item. During the questions in the brief discussion period, Chief Shaw responded to specifics on candidates and timelines for hiring under the grant. The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

18. F32.042 \$743,941.00 \$286,756.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating) - Police Administration; Request for additional funding to increase budgeted Police Officer positions from 217 to 230 224 222 (300 294 292 total sworn), as the department is now fully staffed and plans to fill the 43 7 FIVE (5) new positions in the upcoming Spring Academy class. (formerly F31.604) 09/26/2025 – Mayor Simmons 10/09/2025 – Held by Board of Finance 01/08/2026 – Hiring of 5 officers approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Item F32.042 was moved, seconded and the floor opened for Chief Shaw to briefly present the item. During the discussion, a question to confirm the total number of police positions were answered [292 positions, not 295, which was corrected above], as well as additional questions regarding details of the positions and hiring were addressed. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

1. F32.004 \$2,300,000.00 \$2,000,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project 001459: 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 01/08/2026 – Approved for \$2,000,000 by Board of Finance 5-0-0 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.004 into the record and asked the WPCA staff to present on the item. Director Brink introduced Ms. Brown, who gave a synopsis of the project, and there was a brief discussion period where general project status questions were addressed.

Co-Chair Zachary called for a motion to approve the item (Morson and de la Cruz), which received a second (Lapine). The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

2. F32.005	RESOLUTION; Amending the capital budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 by adding an appropriation of \$2,300,000.00 \$2,000,000.00 for the Pernal Lane area stormwater infrastructure and authorizing \$2,300,000.00 \$2,000,000.00 in general obligation bonds of the city to meet said appropriation. 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 01/08/2026 – Approved for \$2,000,000 by Board of Finance 5-0-0 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.005 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (Goldberg and de la Cruz). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

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| 3. F32.012
\$53,438.00 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING); Employee Benefits: Pay Plan Request
12/22/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.005 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (Lapine). Assistant Director Maguire gave a brief synopsis of the item, and Chief of Staff Fox gave an additional summary of the item. There was no discussion and no questions from the committee.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

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| 4. F32.028 | REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout Recommendations
Utility Paving Project No. CP8711 for \$1,223,801.59 State Grant and C56182 Street Patch & Resurfacing \$1,223,801.59
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved as no action taken by Board of Finance
01/26/2026 – Rejection failed by Committee 0-9-0 | REJECTION
FAILED
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.028 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to reject the item was made (de la Cruz), which received a second (Lapine and Morson). Mr. Romano gave a brief presentation, in which he stated that agenda item nos. 4 through 7 are related and explained how they were related. There was brief discussion, where Mr. Romano answered committee member questions to clarify the reason and details of the funding swap and to confirm the overall effect is a net zero to the City (with no additional appropriations being required).

Prior to the voice vote, Co-Chair Morson explained for the committee how a vote for a rejection works. The item failed to be rejected via unanimous voice vote of 0-9-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

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| 5. F32.029
\$1,223,801.59 | ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: CP8711
Utility Paving, requesting to replace LOCIP grant funding with bond funding, as the utility paving project is not eligible for grant funding because the project bid was not procured in accordance with applicable state or federal requirements
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0 | APPROVED
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.029 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (de la Cruz), which received a second (Lapine and Morson). A brief discussion ensued, where Mr. Romano answered additional committee member questions.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

6. [F32.030](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);** Project:C56182 **APPROVED**
\$1,223,801.59 Street Patch & Resurfacing requesting to replace bond funding **9-0-0**
with LOCIP grant funding for the street patch project, as the
project qualifies for LOCIP eligibility and complies with
applicable state procurement requirements
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.030 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Lapine), which received a second (Morson). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

7. [F32.031](#) **RESOLUTION;** Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year **APPROVED**
2025-2026 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$1,223,801.59 For **9-0-0**
The Utility Paving And Authorizing \$1,223,801.59 General
Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.031 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (Graham). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

8. [F32.032](#) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS);** Youth Services **APPROVED**
\$5,000.00 Bureau - Transportation Microgrant Funding to support the **9-0-0**
Youth Services Bureau's Pathfinders Adventure Camp by
purchasing bicycles and helmets to increase access to outdoor
and adventure-based activities for middle school youth.
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.032 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Lapine and Graham), which received a second (Goldberg). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

9. [F32.033](#) **RESOLUTION;** authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement **APPROVED**
with the Connecticut Department of Transportation. **9-0-0**
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.033 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Lapine), which received a second (Goldberg). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

10. F32.034 \$61,364.46	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS); Youth Services Bureau - Funding to support the FY2026 Summer Youth Employment Program, including seasonal salaries and associated FICA costs, through state and federal grant sources 12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.034 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson and de la Cruz), which received a second (Lapine). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

11. F32.035	RESOLUTION (GRANTS); authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the CT Department of Children and Family for Mayor's Youth Employment Program Grant 12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.035 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (de la Cruz), which received a second (Lapine). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

12. F32.036 \$125,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL); Project: C56174 Citywide Signals; Operations: Traffic Engineering - For traffic signal upgrades on Broad Street as part of the Development at 130 Broad Street 12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0 01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0	APPROVED 9-0-0
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Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.036 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (**speaker unclear*). A brief discussion ensued, where Mr. Bittenwieser gave a brief presentation on the item and answered committee member questions.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine voted against rejection).

13. F32.037 \$36,825.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANTS); Town Clerk – Request for funding from the Land Recording Fee (Historic	APPROVED 8-0-1
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Preservation Fund, Account 1000-0000-200162) to purchase compliant shelving for historical maps. (Rep. Graham abstained)
12/26/2025 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
01/08/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.037 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (Johnson). There were no questions or discussions on the item.

The item was approved via voice vote of 8-0-1 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Johnson and Lapine approved; Rep. Graham abstained).

14. [F32.038](#) **RESOLUTION;** Related To The Application For A Non-Priority Solar Photovoltaic Installation And Partial Reroofing Grant For Stamford High School. **APPROVED 9-0-0**
01/07/2026 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.038 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (**speaker unclear*). Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on the item, and there were no questions or discussion on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

15. [F32.039](#) **RESOLUTION;** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the State of Connecticut Dept. of Administrative Services and the Commission for Education Technology for CEN Connect Community Wi-Fi Grant Program **APPROVED 8-0-1**
12/19/2025 – Submitted by Anita Carpenter (Rep. Lapine abstained)
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 8-0-1

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.039 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Goldberg), which received a second (**speaker unclear*). Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on the grant where she explained this is the resolution for the same grant appropriation funding approved at December's Fiscal committee meeting. There were no questions and no discussion on the item.

The item was approved via voice vote of 8-0-1 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, and Johnson approved; Rep. Lapine abstained).

17. [F32.041](#) **RESOLUTION -** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the U.S. Dept. of Justice for COPS Hiring Program (formerly [F31.611](#)) **APPROVED 9-0-0**
09/26/2025 – Mayor Simmons
01/26/2026 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0

Co-Chair Zachary read Item F32.041 into the record and asked for a motion. A motion to approve the item was made (Morson), which received a second (**speaker unclear*). There was no additional presentation on this item, which is related to Item Nos. 16 and 18, and there was no discussion and no questions on the item.

The item was approved via unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Goldberg, Graham, Johnson, and Lapine approved).

Co-Chair Zachary called for a motion to adjourn (de la Cruz and Goldberg), which received a second (Johnson). Co-Chair Zachary adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

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