

The Special Budget Meeting of the 25th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will be held Tuesday, May 5, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Representatives in the Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

Minutes of the Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 p.m. by President Domonkos. President Domonkos read the call of the meeting, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

INVOCATION: by Rep. Poltrack.

"Dear Lord, we humbly thank you for the many blessings which you have bestowed upon our fair City. May all of the representatives and the employees of our City join together in striving for excellence in all the work we perform on behalf of the citizens in Stamford. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Conducted by President Carmen L. Domonkos.

ROLL CALL:

Conducted by Acting Clerk Ellen Mellis. There were thirty-six (36) members present and four (4) members absent. Excused were: Reps. Summerville and DePina; absent were: Reps. Lasko and Gaztambide. Note: Rep. Summerville arrived after the meeting started.

MACHINE TEST VOTE:

The machine was in good working order.

President Domonkos stated the procedure that would be followed would be that Mr. Martin will make a motion accepting the revisions to the budget that the Fiscal Committee has made. Everyone received copies yesterday evening. Then, the budget will be reviewed page by page, using the revised budget given to the Board. These pages indicate Board of Finance cuts. The books will be used for the special revenue and capital budgets.

Going page by page, Mr. Martin will indicate any pages where the Fiscal Committee has made a cut. If there is no objection to that cut, it will be accepted. If you want to make any changes or propose any cuts, in addition to the Fiscal Committee's cuts, you need to raise your hands and a vote on additional cuts will be held.

President Domonkos stated that after the page is turned, there will be no motions entertained on previous pages.

President Domonkos explained that an abstention is not a vote, as agreed by the two parliamentarians. As a result, she will not know the number of votes needed to pass an item until all abstentions have been counted.

Rep. Boccuzzi stated that an abstention is a vote. President Domonkos stated that the rules of the board are being reviewed, however, according to Robert's Rules, an abstention is not a vote.

Rep. Owens stated that he understands the ruling of the parliamentarians, however he believes an abstention is in fact a type of vote. Rep. Martin explained that to abstain means that one is not voting, and that either a representative votes Yes or No or he/she does not vote at all. You cannot vote by leaving the floor or abstaining. Robert's Rules logics is that if you counted the abstentions, they would have to be counted as no votes.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: David Martin, Chair
Bobby E. Owens, Vice Chair

Chair Martin stated that there were many representatives who attended various Fiscal Committee meetings. The Fiscal Committee met on March 15, 22, 25; April 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 19, 22 and May 1. Chair Martin stated that with a very few exceptions, he was notified of committee members who could not attend. There were never fewer than eight members present, and overall attendance was 88%. Chair Martin thanked the committee members for their hard work.

Chair Martin also stated that additional meetings were held by members of the Fiscal Committee.

1. Operating, Capital, Water Pollution Control Authority, Smith House, Grant and Police Extra Duty and E.G. Brennan Golf Course Budgets for the fiscal year 1999/2000, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 10, 1999, pursuant to **APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE (see attached).**

provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith.

Rep. Martin moved the Operating Budget as recommended by the Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives, which reduces the Operating Budget for both the City and the Board of Education by \$679,500 below the amount forwarded to it by the Board of Finance. Said motion was seconded.

President Domonkos stated the two tellers were Ralph Loglisci and Lisa Poltrack.

Office of Administration

Page 1: No cuts recommended.

Total: Page 1: \$168,378

Page 2: Chair Martin stated that the Committee recommended a reduction of \$25,000 in the program expansion line, specifically with the intent of postponing the addition of one staff member until the middle of the year.

Rep. Zelinsky stated there was no back up material regarding the program expansion, and asked what the remaining \$30,808 would be used for.

Rep. Martin stated that the Office of Policy in Management is the budget forecasting arm of the City. There have been a number of requests to improve budget information, especially how money is allocated to City departments, for example, the telephone bills. This individual will be working on these areas.

Total - Page 2: \$656,277

Page 3: Rep. Martin stated the Committee recommended a reduction of \$1,000 from the Conferences and Training line, bringing that line to \$5,780.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to cut \$1,000 from the Conferences and Training line because last year they spent \$4,390.

Rep. Martin objected to this cut in that the City is in a revaluation process, and the Assessors Office will require training relating to the revaluation.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he hoped that those hired in the Assessors Office, as well as any other department, are capable, qualified and trained in their particular expertise. He added there may be certain situations where an employee would have to attend a conference or a training session for a project above and beyond one's usual activities.

The motion failed by a machine vote of 4 Yes, 31 No and 0 abstentions.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to cut \$5,000 from the Copying and Printing line. He noted that this office spent \$17,000 in the previous year. Said motion was seconded by Rep. Terenzio.

Rep. Martin stated that the amount of printing and copying and the production of books to produce real-estate listings is expected to increase substantially due to the revaluation.

Rep. Nakian stated that in several meetings with the tax assessor, she learned they are doing a public relations program to avoid problems that occurred in past revaluations. She added that it would be silly to cut this account and run into the same problems we had last time.

Rep. Zelinsky withdrew his motion. Rep. Terenzio withdrew his second.

Total - Page 3: \$536,714.

Page 4: No cuts recommended.

Page 5: No cuts recommended.

Page 6: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 reduction from the Overtime line.

Total - Page 6: \$673,468

Running Total: \$2,432,052

Page 7: No cuts recommended.

Rep. Zelinsky asked why the Postage line increased by \$7,000. Rep. Martin stated that some lines have been reallocated, and if one looks at the Office Supply account, there is a corresponding reduction.

Total - Page 7: \$591,089

Running Total: \$3,023,141

Page 8: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 8: \$480,920

Running Total: \$3,504,061

Page 9: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a \$4,000 reduction in the Salary line.

Total - Page 9: \$191,044

Running Total: \$3,695,105

Page 10: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 10: \$120,000

Running Total: \$3,815,105

Page 11: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 11: \$1,405,325

Running Total is: \$5,220,430

Page 13: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 13: \$323,635

Running Total: \$5,544,065

Page 14: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 14: \$1,050,810

Running Total: \$6,594,875

Office of Operations

Page 15: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 15: \$7,678

Running Total: \$6,602,553

Page 17: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 17: \$2,825,242

Running Total: \$9,427,795

Page 18: No cuts recommended.

Rep. Zelinsky stated the City spent \$55,636 on traffic signs last year, and this department is requesting almost the same amount this year, \$55,757. Rep. Zelinsky asked if they were replacing all of the traffic and street signs?

Rep. Martin stated that this department is on a street sign replacement cycle, which includes all road markings sign. Rep. Martin stated that people run over signs and signs deteriorate, therefore, they are constantly replaced.

Total - Page 18: \$708,922

Running Total: \$10,136,717

Page 19: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 19: \$245,844

Running Total: \$10,382,561

Page 20: No cuts recommended.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that \$70,313 was spent last year on snow removal contractors. He questioned why they are requesting a \$50,000 increase this year.

Total - Page 20: \$739,778

Running Total: \$11,122,339

Rep. Martin stated that these are storm accounts and depending on when storms hit, this account could include expenditures encumbered in another year. He stated he does not agree with the way this account is calculated.

Rep. Zelinsky moved for a reduction of \$20,000 in the Snow Removal Contractors line. Said motion was not seconded.

Page 21: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 21: \$57,728

Running Total: \$11,180,067

Page 22: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a cut of \$2,500 to the Conference & Training line to encourage more on-site training.

Total - Page 23: \$1,721,628

Running Total: \$12,901,695

Page 24: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 24: \$189,925

Running Total: \$13,091,620

Page 25: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 25: \$798,070

Running Total: \$13,889,690

Page 26: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 26: \$984,175

Running Total: \$14,873,865

Page 27: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 27: \$1,719,938

Running Total: \$16,593,803

Page 28: No cuts recommended.

Page 29: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 29: \$2,610,297

Running Total: \$19,204,100

Page 30: No cuts recommended.

Page 31: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended two cuts from the Program Expansion line totaling \$40,000. The Committee felt the estimate for maintenance and security at the old UCONN campus was too high and reduce it by \$10,000. The Committee also eliminated an accounting clerk position at \$30,000, leaving a line total of \$120,000.

Total - Page 31: \$2,506,708

Running Total : \$21,710,808.

Page 32: No cuts recommended.

Page 33: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 33: \$538,881

Running Total: 22,249,689

Page 34: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 34: \$823,202

Running Total: 23,072,891

Page 35: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$50,000, allocated to the Budget Reduction Line.

Page No. 36: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 36: \$1,465,543

Running Total : \$24,538,434

Page 37: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 37: \$894,063

Running Total: \$25,432,497

Page 38: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 38: \$2,158,153

Running Total: \$27,590,650

Page 39: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 39: \$4,741,018

Running Total: \$32,331,668

Page 40: No cuts recommended.

Page 41: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 41: \$2,348,166

Running Total: \$34,679,834

Page 42: No cuts recommended.

Page 43: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 43: \$652,686

Running Total: \$35,332,520

Page 44: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 44: \$203,079

Running Total: \$35,535,599

Page 45: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 45: \$379,839

Running Total: \$35,915,438

Page 46: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 46: \$222,576

Running Total: \$36,138,014

Page 47: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 47: \$64,564

Running Total: \$36,202,578

Page 48: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 48: \$188,029

Running Total: \$36,390,607

Page 49: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 49: \$108,779

Running Total: \$36,499,386

Page 50: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 50: \$189,587

Running Total: \$36,688,973

Rep. Zelinsky asked what the need for \$43,200 in the Contracted Services line for the Customer Service Department was for.

Rep. Martin stated that this is to set up a computer system, and they will be hiring an outside person to set up the system.

Rep. Zelinsky asked what the \$1,000 Travel Expense line is for.

Rep. Martin replied that it is probably for car reimbursement.

Page 51: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 51: \$561,220

Running Total: \$37,250,193

Page 52: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 52: \$204,767

Running Total: \$37,454,960

Page 53: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a cut of \$1,000 from Conferences & Training.

Page 54: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 54: \$616,004

Running Total: \$38,070,964

Page 55: Rep. Martin states that the Fiscal Committee recommended a cut of \$1,000 from the Medical Supplies line.

Total - Page 55: \$235,424

Running Total: \$38,306,388

Page 56: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 56: \$89,430

Running Total: \$38,395,818

Page 57: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 57: \$25,761

Running Total: \$38,421,579

Page 58: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 58: \$497,181

Running Total: \$38,918,760

Page 59: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 59: \$267,917

Running Total: \$39,186,677

Page 60: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 60: \$55,602

Running Total: \$39,242,279

Page 61: No cuts recommended.

Rep. Zelinsky stated he thought the fireworks were donated by corporations. Rep. Martin replied that whether the funds are donated or not, it is still an expense that has to be budgeted for.

Total - Page 61: \$69,505

Running Total: \$39,311,784

Page 62: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 62: \$371,403

Running Total: \$39,683,187

Page 63: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$120,000 in the Budget Reduction Line. The rationale was that the Operations Department will have some positions become vacant during the fiscal year resulting in some savings. The Fiscal Committee added up the Operations Department salaries (with the exception of the Recreation Department), then took 1% of that as an estimate of what would be a vacancy rate.

Chair Martin stated that while the reduction is in the Administration - Salaries line, it is not intended specifically for the administration, but rather for Director Broom to distribute back to the operating departments as vacancies occur.

Rep. Zelinsky moved to reduce the Conferences & Training line by \$5,000; said motion was not seconded.

Total - Page 63: \$505,081

Running Total: \$40,188,268

Office of Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Page 64: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 64 : \$151,622

Running Total: \$40,339,890

Page 65: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 65: \$227,443

Running Total: \$40,567,333

Page 66: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$175,000 to the Salaries line in anticipation that they will not maintain the full compliment of both police and civilian staff all through the year.

Page 67: No cuts recommended.

Page 68: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 66: \$24,191,696

Running Total: \$64,759,029

Page 69: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 69: \$577,344

Running Total: \$65,336,373

Page 70: No cuts recommended.

Page 71: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 71: \$2,099,940

Running Total: \$67,436,313

Page 72: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 72: \$1,241,382

Running Total: \$68,677,695

Page 73: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 73: \$223,113

Running Total: \$68,900,808

Page 74: No cuts recommended.

Running Total: \$68,900,808

Page 75: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 75: \$1,831,423

Running Total: \$70,732,231

Page 76: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 76: \$614,058

Running Total: \$71,346,289

Page 77: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 77: \$518,019

Running Total: \$71,864,308

Page 78: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 78: \$1,301,058

Running Total: \$73,165,366

Page 79: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$123,000 to the Salaries line.

Page 80: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 80: \$19,237,300

Running Total: \$92,279,666

Page 81: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 81: \$26,500

Running Total: \$92,306,166

Page 82: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 82: \$44,184

Running Total: \$92,350,350

Page 83: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 83: \$326,279

Running Total: \$92,676,629

Page 84: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 84: \$240,446

Running Total: \$92,917,075

Page 85: No cuts recommended.

Page 85 total: \$1,184,845

Running Total: \$94,101,920

Page 86: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 86: \$411,150

Running Total: \$94,513,070

Page 87: No cuts recommended.

Page 88: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 88: \$341,498

Running Total: \$94,854,568

Page 89: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$3,000 to the Program Expansion line as the Committee felt it would take some time to fill the position.

Page 90: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 90: \$730,108

Running Total: \$95,584,676

Page 91: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 91: \$110,181

Running Total: \$95,694,857

Page 92: No cuts recommended.

Page 93: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 93: \$224,282

Running Total: \$95,919,139

Page 94: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 94: \$180,302

Running Total: \$96,099,441

Page 95: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 95: \$1,100

Running Total: \$96,100,541

Page 96: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 96: \$652,643

Running Total: \$96,753,184

Page 97: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 97: \$989

Running Total: \$96,754,173

Office of Legal Affairs

Page 98: No cuts recommended.

Page 99: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 99: \$1,090,243

Running Total: \$97,844,416

Page 100: No cuts recommended.

Page 101: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 101: \$1,018,857

Running Total: \$98,863,273

Page 102: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 102: \$115,505

Running Total: \$98,978,778

Government Services

Page 103: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 103: \$453,208

Running Total: \$99,431,986

Page 104: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 104: \$140,295

Running Total: \$99,572,281

Page 105: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 105: \$223,013

Running Total: \$99,795,294

Page 106: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$5,000 to the Budget Reduction so that both the Boards of Finance and Representatives could set an example of fiscal austerity.

Total - Page 106: \$287,625

Running Total: \$100,082,919

Page 107: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 107: \$10,960

Running Total: \$100,093,879

Page 108: No cuts recommended.

Page 109: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 109: \$598,593

Running Total: \$100,692,472

Page 110: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 110: \$58,594

Running Total: \$100,751,066

Page 111: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 111: \$549,179

Running Total: \$101,300,245

Page 112: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 112: \$60,000

Running Total: \$ 101,360,245

Page 113: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 113: \$32,500

Running Total: \$101,392,745

Page 114: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 114: \$280,420

Running Total: \$101,673,165

Community and Cultural Activities

Page 115: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 115: \$175,901

Running Total: \$101,849,066

Page 116: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 116: \$270,000

Running Total: \$102,119,066

Page 117: Rep Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction to the DSSD Ambassador Program Line of \$5,000.

Total - Page 117: \$7,420,074

Running Total: \$109,539,140

Debt Service

Page 118: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 118: \$22,794,184

Running Total: \$ 132,333,324

Employee Taxes & Insurance

Page 119: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$100,000 to the Medical & Life Insurance Line. The Fiscal Committee also recommended a reduction of \$20,000 to the Labor Contract Estimate Line.

Rep. Gasparriini moved the Labor Contract Estimate reduction be changed to \$10,000. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Loglisci stated that many representatives raised concerns over the teachers' assistants receiving more than a 2% raise. He stated he was against decreasing the recommended cut to this line.

Rep. DeLuca stated he is against the \$10,000 reduction to the recommended cut. He stated several months ago Human Resources asked for \$36,000 to cover the pay plan, and then reduced their request to \$24,000, indicating this amount would be sufficient to cover the increases for those in the pay plan. Rep. DeLuca said that this Board will be giving them \$16,000 over and above what was approved a few months ago. He stated this should be sufficient as it is higher than the 2% other unions accepted.

Rep. Lyons stated that it important for people to know that there are 23 employees in this division of pay, and a year ago there were only 13. He added that it is not in the best interest of the City to penalize those employees who are deserving of merit increases.

Rep. Gasparri stated that while he disagreed with cutting the appropriation for the teaching assistants, it differed from this situation in that it was a symbolic gesture by the Board of Representatives. Further, it was stated several times it would not affect the amount of money that the teaching assistants would receive, but merely was done to send a message regarding the Board's dissatisfaction with the way the contract was handled.

Rep. Gasparri stated that the message he got from the Mayor was that these are some of the most valuable and highest level managers that work for the city of Stamford. He pointed out that it some employees won't take higher level positions, especially in police and fire, because they lose overtime pay, which could result in a pay cut.

President Domonkos restated the motion: those in favor of reducing the Labor Contract estimate line by \$10,000 will vote yes, those opposed will vote no. The motion to reduce the line by \$10,000 rather than \$20,000 failed by machine vote: 8 Yes, 29 No, 0 Abstentions. The Fiscal Committee's motion to reduce the account by \$20,000 stands.

Total - Page 119: \$15,140,718

Running Total: \$ 147,474,042

Pensions & Retirees Benefits

Page 120: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 120: \$2,063,834

Running Total: \$ 149,537,876

Contingency

Page 121: No cuts recommended.

Board of Education

Page 122: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 122: \$137,875,000

Running Total: \$287,412,876

Rep. Loglisci moved that \$254,000 be cut from two proposed new programs: the pilot program at Stark Elementary school calling for 15 students to a classroom and the all-male Lacrosse program. Rep. Loglisci stated the Mayor, Board of Finance and Board of Representatives Fiscal Committee has left the entire Board of Education in tact. He added he is not asking for any cuts in current programs, however, he feels that while the City is searching for a new superintendent, the Board should not limit the new superintendent's leadership by calling for programs to be instituted.

Rep. Loglisci proposed the money be placed in the contingency fund by the Board of Finance for the hiring of additional school psychologists due to the reduction in the number of school psychologists available to provide assistance to students who are suffering from stress and anxiety.

President Dmonkos noted that the Board of Representatives cannot cut programs within the Board of Education budget; it can only make a bottom-line cut.

Rep. Loglisci's motion was seconded.

Rep. O'Neill believes that the pilot program is necessary for the betterment of our school population, adding that Stamford needs to address why it has so many learning disabled children in our school system. He believes that if the system identifies them early, there will be more of a chance to help them before they get into middle and high school.

Rep. Lyons stated that any activities that we offer the students of Stamford after school, whether it be sports or otherwise are both beneficial for the educational system and society in general.

Rep. Nabel stated that the Stark pilot program is a natural follow-up to pre-school education in identifying students that might be at risk.

Rep. White left the floor. The vote was by machine vote and failed: 7 Yes; 29 No; 0 abstentions.

Total Budget - Board of Education: \$137,875,000

Running Total: \$287,412,876

Rep. Boccuzzi called for a ten minute break.

E.G. Brennan Golf Course Budget

Page 354: Rep. Martin stated that the Fiscal Committee recommended a \$20,000 reduction to the Salary line, reducing that line to \$241,474 to specifically eliminate the program expansion of a starter position.

Rep. DeLuca moved to change the reduction to Seasonal Salaries account instead of the Salaries account. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Total E. G. Brennan Golf Course Budget: \$891,092

Rep. Martin moved the E. G. Brennan Golf Course Budget in the amount of \$891,092. Said motion was seconded.

Grants and Police Extra Duty Budget

Page 361: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 361: \$7,695,446

Page 370: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 370: \$4,744,200

Total Grants and Police Extra Duty Budget: \$12,439,646

Water Pollution Control Authority Budget

Page 375: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction in the Contracted Services line of \$208,000, which reflects a revised contract with the company that provides billing services.

Page 376: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction in the Miscellaneous Contingency line of \$200,000. The Committee also recommended a budget reduction of \$10,000 to reflect positions that will not be filled immediately.

Total - Page 376: \$5,525,252

Page No. 379: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 379: \$1,625,009

Running Total: \$7,150,261

Page 382: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 382: \$287,605

Running Total: \$7,437,866

Page 384: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 384: \$1,317,697

Running Total: \$8,755,563

Page 385: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 385: \$95,635

Running Total: \$8,851,198

Page 388: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 388: \$358,065

Running Total: \$9,209,263

Page 390: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 390: \$342,564

Running Total: \$9,551,827

Page 392: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 392: \$224,736

Running Total: \$9,776,563

Page 393: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 393: \$26,250

Total Water Pollution Control Authority Budget: \$9,802,813

Smith House Budget

Page 398: No cuts recommended.

Page 399: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 399: \$2,424,107

Page 401: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 401: \$122,100

Running Total: \$2,546,207

Page 403: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 403: \$148,475

Running Total: \$2,694,682

Page 405: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 405: \$190,700

Running Total: \$2,885,382

Page 407: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 407: \$601,700

Running Total: \$3,487,082

Page 409: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 409: \$153,600

Running Total: \$3,640,682

Page 411: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 411: \$897,100

Running Total: \$4,537,782

Page 413: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 413: \$4,241,575

Running Total: \$8,779,357

Page 415: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 415: \$265,100;

Total Smith House Budget: \$9,044,457

Rep. Martin remarked that while the Board questions its impact at times, he recalls that a year ago the Board raised issues regarding the Health Department's administrative structure. As a result, the staffing of the Health Department has been changed, primarily as a result of questions arising out of the Fiscal Committee. Now, the Health Department is a more efficient organization.

Years ago, the Fiscal Committee requested that the administration look at workers' compensation and other risk management accounts. Today, the City is saving over \$1 million per year.

About eight or nine months ago, Rep. DeLuca inquired as to monies owed citizens for overpayment of taxes. Now, the administration has published that list and citizens can receive refunds owed them. Further, the revaluation program has been split so that one firm is doing residential and another firm is doing commercial revaluation. This also was recommended by the Fiscal Committee.

Chair Martin has seen most committee members ask questions that caused managers to pause and occasionally reconsider their position. This is a credit to the Fiscal Committee and to the Board as a whole.

Capital Budget

Administration

Page 425: No cuts recommended.

Page 426: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 426: \$395,000

Board of Education

Page 427: No cuts recommended. The Fiscal Committee, however, requested the enormous school expansion projects. The Committee is aware of the pressing needs for seats for students, however, the Committee is still surprised by the costs and believes these costs are higher than they should be.

Page 428: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction to the Time Collection line from \$100,000 to \$0. There is some disagreement whether hand scanners should be used in the schools.

Rep. O'Neill moved to restore \$75,000 to the Time Collection Equipment line. He feels it is necessary for both good labor practices as well as public safety in that it will allow the administration to keep track of who is in schools at particular times. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Martin stated he was opposed to installing hand scanning devices or any other device that look to recognize the individual as opposed to the more traditional time and collection devices. He would support the \$75,000 if it was stipulated that these funds would purchase more traditional time collection. Rep. O'Neill concurred. Rep. Logisci requested a machine vote.

The motion passed by machine vote of 20 Yes, 17 No and 0 abstentions.

Page 429: No cuts recommended.

Page 430: No cuts recommended.

Page 431: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 432: \$21,545,000

Running Total: \$21,915,000

Ferguson Library

Page 433: No cuts recommended.

Page 434: No cuts recommended.

Page 435: No cuts recommended.

Total- Page 435: \$170,000

Running Total: \$22,085,000

Legal Affairs Human Resources

Page 436: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page. 436: \$52,000

Running Total: \$22,137,000

Mayor

Page 437: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 437: \$ 1,300,000

Running Total: \$23,437,000

Rep. Sherer abstained from voting on the Housing Development Fund and from the grand total on the Capital Budget.

Operations

Administration EGB Golf

Page 438: No cuts recommended.

Page 439: No cuts recommended.

Engineering

Page 440: No cuts recommended.

Page 441: No cuts recommended.

Page 443: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 443: \$687,000

Running Total: \$24,124,000

Engineering Traffic

Page 444: No cuts recommended.

Page 445: No cuts recommended.

Page 448: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 448: \$475,000

Running Total: \$24,599,000

Land Use

Page 449: No cuts recommended.

Page 450: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 450: \$1,315,000

Running Total: \$25,914,000

Public Service Fleet Management

Page 451: No cuts recommended.

Page 452: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 452: \$975,000

Running Total: \$26,889,000

Public Service Highway

Page 453: No cuts recommended.

Page 454: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 455: \$2,115,000

Running Total: \$29,004,000

Public Services Facilities

Page 456: No cuts recommended.

Page 457: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$50,000 to the Computer Infrastructure line to a \$0 balance and a reduction of the Safety Standards & ADA Compliance Line of \$100,000 to a \$100,000 balance.

Page 458: No cuts recommended.

Page 459: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction to the Fencing & Guard Rails line to \$50,000.

Page 460: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction to the Parking Structure Renovation line by \$50,000 to \$450,000.

Page 461: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$50,000 to a balance of \$75,000 in the Government Center Renovations line.

Total - Page 461: \$3,435,000

Running Total: \$32,439,000

Public Services Solid Waste

Page 462: No cuts recommended.

Page 463: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 463: \$330,000

Running Total: \$32,769,000

WPCA Administration

Page 464: No cuts recommended.

Page 465: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 465: \$2,195,000

Running Total: \$34,964,000

Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Health Department

Page 466: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 466: \$100,00

Running Total: \$35,064,000

Police

Page 467: Rep. Martin stated the Fiscal Committee recommended a reduction of \$50,000 to the Integrated Public Safety System to postpone those elements of the project that are not Y2K compliant. Also, a recommended reduction of \$16,000 to the Laptop Computers Line

was recommended by the Committee. The Committee wants this project held until the latter part of the fiscal year and to be a prototype project.

Total - Page 467: \$410,000

Running Total: \$35,474,000

Scofield Manor

Page 468: No cuts recommended.

Page 469: No cuts recommended.

Smith House SNF

Page 470: No cuts recommended.

Page 472: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 472: \$370,000

Running Total: \$35,844,000

Stamford Fire and Rescue

Page 473: No cuts recommended.

Page 474: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 474: \$325,000

Running Total: \$36,169,000

Volunteer Fire Companies

Page 475: No cuts recommended.

Page 476: No cuts recommended.

Total - Page 476: \$440,000

Running Total: \$36,609,000

Stamford Museum

Page 477: No cuts recommended.

GRAND TOTAL \$36,609,000

Rep. Loglisci read a minority report.

"The members of the Republican Caucus reluctantly vote favorable for acceptance of the 1999-2000 budget. For the past several years we have listened to the current administration preach that they are doing more with less, when, in reality, a head count of the budget is the same if not slightly higher than in the prior administration. The main difference is that position titles have changed which resultant higher salaries and costs. Fiscal year 97/98 ended in a \$7,700,000 surplus and the 98/99 surplus is subjected at \$3,000,000. This pattern of surplus creates a concern that we are evolving into a system of over taxation. Although with the approval of the 1999/2000 budget our taxes will increase only 1 to 1 ½ %, which is slightly below the inflation rate, we firmly believe that based upon the surpluses of the past two fiscal years, this should have been the year for a zero increase, giving Stamford taxpayers some well-deserved and needed relief. Must we always create new programs which reach into the taxpayers pockets? The Board of Education, despite a national inflation rate of less than 2%, has presented a 4.5% spending increase. A pilot program will be instituted calling for 15 students per classroom at Stark Elementary. This program has come forward without any references to the future costs in teachers, administrators, staff, classrooms or even buildings, leaving the big questions: will we be able to afford the costs of this program? Will we be able to pay for it? In summary, we believe that with the current surplus situation and continued strong economy, 1999-2000 created a true opportunity for this administration to present a budget which would not have required a tax increase, and this it failed to do. A golden opportunity missed by the administration and lost to the Stamford citizens. Respectively, the Republican Caucus, 25th Board of Representatives."

RESOLUTIONS

1. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2524, Adoption of the Operating Budget (Including the Board of Education Budget), Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$287,412,876. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

2. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2525, Adoption of the Capital Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$36,609,000. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2526, Adoption of the Water Pollution Control Authority Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$9,802,813. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2527, Adoption of the Smith House Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$9,044,457. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2528, Adoption of the Grants and Police Extra Duty Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$12,439,464. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2529, Adoption of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course Budget, Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 in the amount of \$891,092. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

7. Chair Martin read Resolution No. 2523, Authorization of Preliminary Applicationf or State School construction Grants for Board of Education Capital Projects. Chair Martin moved the resolution; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

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