

29TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
RANDALL M. SKIGEN

Clerk of the Board
ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE

Majority Leader
ELAINE MITCHELL

Minority Leader
MARY L. FEDELI

MINUTES

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and read the call of the meeting:

I, Randall M. Skigen, President of the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor
Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

to consider and act upon the following:

1. Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, E.G. Brennan Fund, Grant Funded Programs Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, Risk Management Fund, Marina Fund, WPCA Fund, Parking Fund, and Harbor Management Commission Fund and WPCA Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2016/2017, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 20, 2016, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith.

AGENDA

INVOCATION: Led by Leslie Asllani.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Randall M. Skigen

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were 36 members present and 4 absent or excused (Reps. Caterbone, DePina, Heaphy and McGarry). [See Vote Record 1870](#).

COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Monica Di Costanzo, Chair, Fiscal Committee

¹Representative Zelinsky made a motion to take the Board of Education budget out of order, which motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 21-13-2 (Reps. Adams,

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Buckman, Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, Miller, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coleman, Coppola, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, McNeil, Mitchell, Patterson, Pratt, Skigen, Summerville and Wallace opposed; and Reps. McMullen and Quinones abstaining) [See Vote Record 1871](#).

Char DiCostanzo reported that the Fiscal Committees took no action on the City's Board of Education budget. The Fiscal Committee recommended approving the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$292,426,654, which includes general fund support to the Board of Education and grant funding.

Mr. Fountain stated that the amount of the City support for the Board of Education Budget is \$263,903,563.

²Representative Cerasoli made a motion to cut \$1,200,000 from the Board of Education budget, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 7-27-1 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Franzetti, Mahoney, McMullen, Ryan and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Buckman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Hoch abstaining). [See Vote Record 1872](#).

³Representative Cerasoli made a motion to cut \$500,000 from the Board of Education budget, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 12-23-1 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Mahoney, McMullen, Nabel, Okun, Ryan and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Buckman, Coleman, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Hoch abstaining). [See Vote Record 1873](#).

⁴A motion to approve the [Board of Education Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$292,426,654, which includes \$263,903, 563 of general fund support to the Board of Education and grant funding. was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-5-1 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Mahoney, McMullen and Ryan opposed; Rep. Hoch abstaining). [See Vote Record 1874](#).

⁵Chair Di Costanzo reviewed the Fiscal Committee's [recommended cuts](#) to the City's Operating Budget and Funds Budget below:

Committee Action

OPERATING BUDGET

\$150,000 – Road
Maintenance/Snow
Removal; Supplies

APPROVED 6-5-0

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\$10,000 – Police Department / Police Administration; Purchased Professional Services – Recruitment & Hiring	APPROVED 10-0-1
\$10,000 – Human Resources; Purchased Professional Services – Recruitment & Hiring	APPROVED 8-3-0
\$2,000 – Mayor’s Office; Other – Employee Recognition Program	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$1,500 – Mayor’s Office / Professional Organizations and Activities; Supplies– Holiday Card Contest	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$7,500 – Government Services / Board of Ethics - Purchased Professional Services – Professional Legal Service	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$25,000 – Government Services / Registrar of Voters; Other – Primary Expenses – Local	APPROVED 9-1-1
\$272,805 – Debt Service - Transfer to Debt Service]	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$100,000 – Parking Fund/Transportation, Planning & Engineering / Parking - Other Salary,	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$25,000 – Citywide Employee Benefits, Deferred Compensation	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$50,000 – Citywide Utilities and Commodities, Telephone	APPROVED 11-0-0
\$20,000 – Citywide Supplies, Copying & Printing	APPROVED 7-4-0

President Skigen stated that the Board would vote to approve the report of the Fiscal Committee as a whole, and called for any motions to amend the report

⁶Representative Mitchell made a motion to restore the \$150,000 cut to Road Maintenance/Snow Removal; Supplies, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 12-23-1 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Giordano, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Patterson, Pratt, Silver, Skigen and Wallace in favor; Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Nabel, Okun, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Summerville abstaining). [See Vote Record 1875.](#)

⁷Representative Buckman made a motion to restore the \$7,500 cut to Government Services / Board of Ethics - Purchased Professional Services – Professional Legal Service, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 17-17-2 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Kolenberg, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Patterson, Pratt, Silver, Skigen, Summerville and Wallace in favor; Reps. Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giraldo, Hoch, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Savage, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Cerasoli and Quinones abstaining). [See Vote Record 1876.](#)

⁸Representative Cerasoli made a motion to cut \$556,000 from the Operating Budget, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 13-23-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Hoch, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun, Ryan and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Buckman, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed). [See Vote Record 1877.](#)

⁹Representative Quinones made a motion to restore the \$10,000 cut to Police Department / Police Administration; Purchased Professional Services, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 13-21-2 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Giraldo, McNeil, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Skigen, Summerville and Wallace in favor; Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Fedeli, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Okun, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Figueroa and Franzetti abstaining).). [See Vote Record 1878.](#)

¹⁰A motion to take a five minute recess was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. The Board took a recess at 8:21 p.m. and resumed at 8:28 p.m.

¹¹A motion to approve the Operating Budget, in the amount of \$530,334,020, which amount includes the City's general fund support of the Board of Education budget, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30-6-0 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun and Ryan opposed). [See Vote Record 1879.](#)

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¹²A motion to approve the [Operating Budget Resolution](#), in the amount of \$530,334,020, which amount includes the City's general fund support of the Board of Education budget, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30-6-0 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Liebson, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McMullen, Okun and Ryan opposed). [See Vote Record 1880](#).

¹³A motion was made to approve the Special Funds Budget in the amounts of:

\$1,355,939 – E.G. Brennan Fund
\$10,387,340 – Grants Funded Programs Fund
\$9,247,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund
\$13,795,993 – Risk Management Fund
\$370,012 – Marina Fund
\$25,838,165 – WPCA Fund
\$5,900,000 – Parking Fund
\$45,016 – Harbor Commission Management Fund

Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 33-1-2 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Reps. Franzetti and Moore abstaining). [See Vote Record 1881](#).

¹⁴A motion was made to approve the [Special Funds Budget Resolution](#) in the amounts of:

\$1,355,939 – E.G. Brennan Fund
\$10,387,340 – Grants Funded Programs Fund
\$9,247,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund
\$13,795,993 – Risk Management Fund
\$370,012 – Marina Fund
\$25,838,165 – WPCA Fund
\$5,900,000 – Parking Fund
\$45,016 – Harbor Commission Management Fund

Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 34-1-1 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1882](#).

CAPITAL BUDGET

¹⁵Chair Di Costanzo stated that the Fiscal Committee had made no recommended cuts to the City's Capital Budget which had been approved by the Committee 11-0-0.

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¹⁶Representatives Quinones made a motion to amend the Capital Budget by deleting the reference on page 95 in the Capital Budget Book under C56174; Citywide Signals to “a new signal @ High Ridge Road @ Bradley Place,” which motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

¹⁷A motion to approve the Capital Budget, in the amount of \$77,568,740, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 34-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed). [See Vote Record 1883](#).

¹⁸A motion to approve the [Capital Budget Resolution](#), in the amount of \$77,568,740, including an authorization for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$37,929,953, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 35-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed). [See Vote Record 1884](#).

¹⁹A motion to approve the WPCA Capital Budget, in the amount of \$18,775,000, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 36-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McMullen, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor). [See Vote Record 1885](#).

²⁰A motion to approve the [WPCA Capital Budget Resolution](#), in the amount of \$77,568,740, including an authorization \$18,775,000 general obligation bonds and/or revenue bonds was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 35-0-1 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Hoch, Kolenberg, Liebson, Mahoney, McNeil, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Patterson, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen abstaining). [See Vote Record 1886](#).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).

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