



## ***Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jay Fountain, Chair Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, May 21, 2015  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT  
06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Fountain, and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, De Luca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver. Absent or excused were Vice Chair Cerasoli, and Committee Member Reps. Day and Mitchell. Also present were Karen Cammarota, Grants Office; Lee Berta, OPM; Lieutenant Scott Duckworth, Police Dept.; Robert Mislow, Smith House; Michael Scacco, Operations; Lou Casolo, Engineering; and Student Intern Kiana, Engineering.

Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F29.283</a>	GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for funding assistance for a State Homeland Security Grant Program; amount of grant \$303,384, plus \$50,000 to administer (no City match). 04/05/15 - Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b>APPROVED 7-0-0</b>

Ms. Cammarota distributed a letter from Ted Jankowski regarding the Justice Assistance Grant. The City of Stamford has agreed to be the Distributor of funds voted on a regional basis. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, and Silver in favor).

13. <a href="#">F29.311</a> \$303,384.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); 2014 Homeland Security Grant for equipment, training and maintenance of assets (100% grant funded). 05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>APPROVED 7-0-0</b>
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The Committee next considered Item # 13. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>1</sup>2a. [F29.284](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
 2b. [F29.285](#) into agreement with the CT State Department of Public  
 2c. [F29.293](#) Health for:  
 2d. [F29.294](#) a. F29.284 – Lead Poisoning Prevention Program;  
 2e. [F29.295](#) amount of grant: \$33,226.  
 2f. [F29.296](#) b. F29.285 – Preventive Health Services Block  
 2g. [F29.297](#) Grant; amount of grant: \$25,259 (City match: \$0).  
 2h. [F29.299](#) c. F29.293 – AIDS Education & Risk Reduction  
 Services; amount of grant: \$150,000 (City match:  
 \$308,848).  
 d. F29.294 – Immunization Action Program; amount  
 of grant: \$88,725 (City match: \$38,751).  
 e. F29.295 – Public Health Emergency  
 Preparedness Planning; amount of grant:  
 \$59,801 (City match: \$47,599).  
 f. F29.296 – State aid to full-time health  
 department programs; amount of grant: \$149,218  
 (City match: \$79,247).  
 g. F29.297 – WIC Nutrition Program; amount of  
 grant: \$892,534 (City match: \$90,286).  
 h. F29.299 – STD/TB Treatment and Prevention  
 Services: \$85,662 (City match: \$83,217).  
 04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that these are grants the City usually gets every year. They will start July 1st, 2015. These appropriations are in the Special Revenue Budget. A motion to approve these items was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>2</sup>3. [F29.286](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
 into an Agreement with the Connecticut Department of  
 Transportation Regarding an Elderly and Disabled  
 Transportation Program; amount of grant: \$98,302 (City  
 match: \$75,000).  
 04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that funds generated from this program are used for the program where seniors can receive reduced fare coupons for taxis with part of the funds. The City match is the same as last year. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>3</sup>4a. [F29.287](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
 into Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department  
 of Education for School Readiness and Child Day care;  
 amount of grant: \$3,752,319 (City match: \$18,982).  
 04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant serves a total of 570 children at the Childcare Learning Center, St. Clements Pre-school, and the Stamford School District's Apples program. A motion to

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approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- 4b. [F29.288](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
into Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department  
of Education for Funding of the Youth Services Bureau;  
amount of grant; \$42,394 (City match: \$42,394 – total  
City contribution: \$585,591).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant serves programs such as the Mayor's Leadership Council, Education through Adventure Summer Camp, and Youth Employment program. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>4</sup>5a. [F29.289](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
into an agreement with the State of Connecticut  
Department of Education for Quality Enhancement Grant  
Program; amount of grant \$65,335 (City match \$0).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant is subgranted to the Childcare Learning Center and serves about 227 children. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- 5b. [F29.290](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to Enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
into an agreement with the State of Connecticut  
Department of Education for Quality Enhancement Grant  
Program; amount of grant \$65,335 (City match \$0).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant funds a nurse practitioner to go to family-based daycare centers, to provide training and check health records. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>5</sup>6a. [F29.291](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
into an agreement with the CT Dept. of Emergency  
Services & Public Protection for a Regional Public Safety  
Emergency Telecommunications Center; amount of grant  
\$287,992 (city match: \$0).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant helps to fund the salaries of five dispatchers at the 911 call center. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

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- 6b. [F29.292](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the CT Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection for Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; amount of grant: \$60,513 (city match: \$60,513).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **APPROVED 7-0-0**

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant comes through the State and helps to fund the salary of the Emergency Management Director. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>6</sup>7. [F29.298](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to File Application and to Enter into Agreement with the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging for a Program of Senior Health Services; amount of grant: \$24,235 (city match \$0).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **APPROVED 7-0-0**

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant to fund a part-time public health nurse who goes to Senior Housing and Senior Centers and performs blood pressure checks, gives referrals, etc. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>7</sup>8. [F29.300](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION, authorizing the Mayor to apply for funding with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services for Counseling services to the elderly; amount of grant \$51,866 (city match: \$34,970).  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **APPROVED 7-0-0**

Ms. Cammarota explained this grant helps to fund the Senior Outreach Coordinator, to help Seniors and their families on a variety of issues such as finding housing, finding a physician, etc. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver).

- <sup>8</sup>9. [F29.301](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; with the State of CT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services to Support Substance Abuse Prevention Activities Coordinated Through a Local Council; amount of grant: \$7,130 (city match: \$0)  
04/06/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **APPROVED 7-0-0**

Ms. Cammarota explained that this grant is used by the Youth Services Bureau to fund activities involving drug prevention, alcohol-free after proms, etc. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver).

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- <sup>9</sup>10. [F29.302](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with the State Department of Transportation for the Replacement of the Cedar Heights Road Bridge; amount of grant \$184,000 (City match: \$46,000). 04/15/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **APPROVED 7-0-0**

It was discussed that the item description in this notice should read “. . . for design of the replacement of the Cedar Heights Road Bridge.” The Resolution correctly states this. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver).

- <sup>10</sup>11. [F29.303](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Boys & Girls Club; Use of funds received from Brownfields Revolving Loan fund program for onsite remediation as part of Boys & Girls Club renovation project (100% grant funded). \$180,400.00 **APPROVED 7-0-1**  
04/20/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained that the City had a Brownfield Revolving Loan many years ago. The loan was paid back and the EPA said the City is free to use the Grant, approximately \$184,000, as the City wishes. The EPA recommended the funds be used for a for a Brownfield project. The Boys & Girls club is currently looking to remediate a multiple use recreational area. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor; Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

- <sup>11</sup>12. [F29.310](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); CDP/NSP; Neighborhood Stabilization Program; to Provide Loans to Developers who Acquire and Rehabilitate Foreclosed Properties for Affordable Apartments or Ownership Housing (100% grant funded). \$917,185.00 **APPROVED 7-0-1**  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Chair Fountain explained that the City loans money to developers to develop property, the developers pay back the City, the City gives the money to the State, and the State gives back the City 95% of these funds. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Fountain, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor; Rep. Coleman abstaining).

- <sup>12</sup>14. [F29.312](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); School Readiness Grant; Allocation more than budgeted; CLC, St. Clements and Apples program (100% grant funded). \$337,498.00 **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained the reimbursement per slot was increased this year, and this amount represents this increase which will be applied to the various programs. A motion to approve this

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item was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>13</sup>15. [F29.304](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);      **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
\$417,598.00      Police Overtime; to cover Mandatory Training, Regular  
Overtime, Special Response Overtime and Standby time  
through the end of the Fiscal Year.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Lieutenant Scott Duckworth explained this is to cover overtime for training required by the State, and several other overtime accounts including: Ebola procedures; State required new computerized accident reporting system; new K-9 Bomb Dog training; SWAT Team training and call-outs; and police standby. The projection shows that the Police Department will probably be within the budget, barring any unanticipated events or emergencies that arise. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>14</sup>16. [F29.305](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);      **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
\$530,362.00      Smith House; Shortfall in Nursing Services and Fuel Oil.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Mislow explained that this appropriation is a request for approximately half of what was cut from the budget last year. Smith House is utilizing more part time individuals, thus decreasing cost of benefits. Smith House must be run 24/7 and so patients require round the clock care, and the cost of oil is expensive. Mr. Mislow also stated that the Smith House has just received the best inspection rating it has received in a decade. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>15</sup>17. [F29.306](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget);      **APPROVED 7-0-0**  
\$290,000.00      Traffic & Road Maintenance; Forecasted Shortfall in  
Vehicle Maintenance Expense.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Scacco explained that it was a harsh winter and this drove up the cost of maintenance. One large truck is currently in repair. A lot of the equipment is getting older. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved 7-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>16</sup>18. [F29.309](#)      REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout; various school      **No Action Taken**  
\$510,000.00      projects totaling \$510,000.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/12/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
05/14/15 – No action taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Casolo explained these closeouts are being redirected to fund additional appropriations for BOE capital expenditures. No motions made, no action taken.

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<sup>17</sup>19. [F29.307](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
\$260,000.00 Districtwide Paving/Resurfacing; Toquam School  
entrance walkways and parking lot.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/12/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

20. [F29.308](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **APPROVED 8-0-0**  
\$250,000.00 Springdale Expansion/Code Work; Enclose 8 open  
classrooms with permanent walls and doors.  
05/04/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
05/12/15 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
05/14/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Rep. Fedeli explained there are eight open concept classrooms. Springdale Elementary is one of the over-crowded schools, and there are both noise issues and safety issues with this concept. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded, and approved unanimously (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

<sup>18</sup>21. F29.116 REVIEW; Financial Controls, Reporting Requirements **HELD IN**  
and Other Contractual Obligations between the City of **COMMITTEE**  
Stamford and Funded Third-Party Organizations  
06/03/14 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman  
06/09/14 – Held at Steering  
08/11/14 – Held at Steering  
09/29/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
10/14/14 – Held at Steering  
11/17/14 – Held in Committee  
12/22/14 – Held in Committee  
01/12/15 – Held at Steering  
03/30/15 – Held in Committee  
04/27/15 – Held in Committee

*Secondary Committee: Legislative & Rules*

<sup>19</sup>22. F29.280 REVIEW; Senior Citizen Tax Abatement. **HELD IN**  
04/08/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain **COMMITTEE**  
04/27/15 – Held in Committee

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- <sup>20</sup>1. [T29.029](#)      ORDINANCE for Public Hearing and Final Adoption;  
Amending Chapter 231, Article I, Miscellaneous  
Provisions, Section 231-7, Parking Violation Penalties, to  
Provide for New Fines for Parking Violations.  
11/20/14 – Submitted by Reps. DeLuca and Franzetti  
01/22/15 – Held in Committee  
02/17/15 – Approved by Committee  
03/02/15 – Held in Committee by Full Board  
03/17/15 – Approved by Committee  
04/06/15 – Amended by Full Board  
04/29/15 – Approved by Committee

**MOTION TO  
CONCUR 7-0-0**

The Committee next considered **Secondary Committee Item #1**. A motion to concur on this item was made, seconded, and approved 7-0-0 (Reps. Fountain, Coleman, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Figueroa, Kooris, and Silver in favor).

- <sup>21</sup>23. [F29.313](#)      REVIEW; Third Quarter Quarterly Review, Budget vs.  
Actual.      **REPORT MADE**  
05/06/15 – Submitted by Rep. Fountain

Ms. Berta explained that there is a projected \$500,000 surplus.

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Fountain, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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