



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Anzelmo Graziosi, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Graziosi and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman, Morson, Pendell and Pia. Also present were Jay Fountain and Anthony Romano, OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants; Nancy Ormsby, Engineering; and Michael Pollard, Chief of Staff.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F30.061	RESOLUTION; To Accept a \$553,795.00 CDBG-DR Grant From the State of Connecticut Department of Housing for Generator Upgrades and Equipment Cooling (25% cost share). 05/04/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	Approved 6-0-0

Ms. Cammarota explained that the Board has previously approved the \$353,795.00. The State has awarded an additional \$200,000 and the resolution needs to be amended. The cost is \$738,000 for the entire project.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor).

2. F30.067 \$87,094.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget): FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Funds will be Allocated for Equipment, Training and Maintenance of Assets to Enhance Preparedness and Response Capabilities of First Responders In Lower Fairfield County; Additional Funds for Stamford Regional Bomb Squad (100% Grant Funded). 05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 6-0-0
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Ms. Cammarota noted that this entire amount went toward the regional bomb squad.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor).

3. [F30.068](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget): Approved 5-0-1
\$57,600.00 Distracted Driving Grant; Overtime; Decrease
Fatalities and Injuries as a Result of Crashes Caused
by Driver Distraction, Especially Hand Held Mobile
Phone Use; Enforcement will be Increased on an OT
Basis (100% Grant Funded).
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained that the 2018 grant was for spot enforcement in April and August. The City just sought reimbursement for April. She will send the Committee details on that enforcement. This grant increases the number of tickets that can be issued.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Miller and Nabel in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

4. [F30.063](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget): Approved 4-1-1
\$40,000.00 to hire an executive search firm to assist in identifying
candidates to fill Director of Operations Position (from
Contingency).
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Pollard discussed this item with the Committee:

- The City began to explore possibilities to hire a new Director of Operations in March
- There are a number of issues which impact the ability of the city to fill this position on a timely basis: the position is only for 3 years; there are adverse circumstances around the contract for the prior Director of Operations; and the span of control of the position, as set out in the Charter, is greater than that of a public works director in other cities
- Several candidates have already turned down the position
- The City has received proposals from search firms – one is local, one has access to NY area candidates and two have access to national candidates
- The national search firms have said it will take 5 to 7 months to identify candidates
- There is no relocation package available, so it will be difficult to get someone to move
- The appointments process has no guarantee
- Eleven people report to the Director of Operations who is responsible for all unusual situations; e.g. coordinating storm responses among the various departments
- The responsibilities are required by the Charter
- There is no qualified person internally
- Historically, the Director of Operations has not been a public works person

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa and Miller in favor; Rep. Graziosi opposed; Rep. Nabel abstaining).

5. [F30.062](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 6-0-0
\$120,000.00 West Beach Coastal Engineering; Small Harbor
Improvement Projects Program Grant from CT Port
Authority for Design and Engineering of
Improvements to the West Beach Boat Ramp and
Channel.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/08/18 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor).

6. [F30.066](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout; CP7150 No Action Taken
\$70,918.24 Brennan Golf Course.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/08/18 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
05/10/18 – No Action Taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Romano explained that the project being closed out was completed and the funds are being moved for general capital projects at the golf course.

No action was taken on this item.

7. [F30.064](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 6-0-0
\$70,918.24 Brennan Golf Course Renovations, Reconstruction
and Improvements to Upgrade the Facilities, Utilities,
and the Course in General.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/08/18 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor).

8. [F30.070](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Approved 6-0-0
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by Increasing the
Appropriation by \$70,918.24 for the CP50054
Brennan Golf Course Project to be Funded by Close-
Outs.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor).

9. [F30.065](#) REJECTION; Capital Project Closeout; CP3680 No Action Taken
\$108,453.26 Stamford Museum & Nature Center Main building renovations.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/08/18 - Approved by [Planning Board](#)
05/10/18 – No Action Taken by Board of Finance

Mr. Romano and Ms. Ormsby-Flynn explained that the main building renovation is completed and funds are being moved toward the Educational Center & the parking lot.

No action was taken on this item.

10. [F30.071](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); Approved 5-0-1
\$108,453.26 Stamford Museum Multi-Use Building Construction, Infrastructure Improvements and Development of a Multi-Use Farmhouse Building on Heckscher Farm; Redesign of North Parking Lot, Two New Pastures, Perimeter Fencing, Site Entry and Security Improvements.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/08/18 - Approved by [Planning Board](#)
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor; Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

11. [F30.069](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Approved 5-0-1
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 by Increasing the Appropriation by \$108,453.26 for the C43034 Multi-Use Building Construction Project to be Funded by Close-Outs.
05/08/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
05/10/18 – Approved by Board of Finance

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Graziosi, Figueroa, Miller and Nabel in favor; Rep. Fedeli abstaining).

12. [F30.072](#) REVIEW; Third Quarter Financial Projections, FY Report Made
2017-18. 2017-18.
05/09/18 – Submitted by Jay Fountain

Mr. Fountain reviewed the [attached report](#) with the Committee.

- The Harbor Point TIF refinanced bonds, resulting in a \$700,000 savings to the City, which is now only paying the TIF debt service
- He will be glad to provide an additional update in June

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)