

FISCAL COMMITTEE MINUTES-November 25, 2002

The Fiscal Committee met on November 25, 2002 in the Democratic Caucus Room at 7:10 p.m. Present were committee members Cannady, DeLuca, Fedeli, Giordano, Hunter, Loglisci, Lyons, Sherer, and Skigen. Excused were members Figueroa and Mirkin. Also present were Reps. Adams, Clear, and O'Neill, as well as Fire Chief McGrath, Mike Klubek from Dial-A-Ride, Karen Cammarota of the Grants Office, Robin Stein of Land Use, Police Chief DeCarlo, Dr. Iton of the Health Dept., Tom Hamilton, Director of Administration, and four students from Trinity Catholic High School, Kathryn Mezzapelle, Nathalie Roldan, Nicole Jeffers and Rob Martin.

1. [F26.143](#)—Additional Appropriation—Operating Budget--\$300,678.00—To fund recently settled Teamsters Contract. After a discussion of this item with Director Hamilton, upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the additional appropriation.
2. [F26.145](#)—Additional Appropriation—Capital Budget--\$206,000.00—Land Use—Waterside Village Streetscape—to fund road and sidewalk improvements along Southfield Avenue from Selleck to Davenport Street; source of funds—private contributions. Robin Stein of Land Use described the project and the private funding sources. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the additional appropriation.
3. [F26.148](#)—Additional Appropriation—Capital Budget--\$894,700.00—Planning; West Park Place; Mill River Corridor; to fund land acquisition with grant funds. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 9-0-0 to hold this item until further information is provided.
4. [F26.151](#)—Additional Appropriation—Grants Budget--\$50,000.00—Cardiovascular Health Program; to fund part of epidemiologist's salary, benefits and training. Dr. Iton addressed the grant which is totally funded by the State and is designed to reduce risk factor associated with cardiovascular disease for at-risk populations in Stamford. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 9-0-0 to approve the appropriation.
5. [F26.144](#)—Resolution; Authorizing Mayor to file application and enter into agreement with State for purpose of providing the cardiovascular health program set forth in F26.151. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 9-0-0 to approve the resolution.
6. [F26.146](#)—Resolution; Approving an agreement between the State and the City for funding assistance for purchase of 2 wheelchair equipped paratransit vehicles. These vehicles have already been purchased and are in operation by Dial-A-Ride. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee voted 9-0-0 to approve the resolution.

7. [F26.152](#)—Resolution authorizing Mayor to enter into grant agreement with State for \$2586 for purchase of training mannequins. Chief McGrath stated that these mannequins are made available to the Big Five and other organizations for emergency medical training. Upon motion duly made and seconded, committee voted to approve 9-0-0.
8. [F26.149](#)—Additional Appropriation—Operating Budget; Police--\$77,000.00—Communications Maintenance—To fund contract for 24/7 maintenance on the 800 MHz trunking system. Director Barnes and Chief DeCarlo discussed this item. They hope to have bids soon for on-going maintenance of both the 800 MHz and 154 MHz communications system. This will hopefully be done in connection with a similar project by the City of Hartford which will achieve a significant cost savings. After lengthy discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, committee approved 7-0-2 (Cannady and Loglisci).
9. [F26.150](#)—Additional Appropriation—Operation Budget—Emergency Communications Center--\$112,000.00—To fund anticipated shortfall in overtime account through 6/30/03. The Board of Finance cut this requested appropriation to \$35,000.00. After a discussion with Chief DeCarlo and Director Barnes as to the causes for the increase in overtime in the 911 Center, upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee approved \$35,000.00 by a vote of 9-0-0.
10. Resolution—Approving Refunding \$127,000,000.00 in bonds—At the time of the submission of the item, the estimated savings was approximately \$2.2 million over the life of the bonds. The market has since moved so that the savings are greatly reduced. Director Hamilton asked for us to approve the refunding so that the City can move in a timely fashion when the rates are favorable. He agreed to a six month limit on the resolution and further agreed to notify the committee when a proposed refunding is about to take place. Two changes were made to the proposed resolution. The fourth sentence was changed to read as follows: “The Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and Controller, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, and be approved as to their legality by City’s Bond Counsel.” A new last sentence was also added to the resolution which reads as follows: “This resolution shall be effective for no more than six (6) months from the date it is approved by the Board of Representatives.” With the above changes, upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee approved 8-0-0.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair-Fiscal Committee