

# **29<sup>TH</sup> 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**

## **ACTION REPORT**

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., and read the call of the meeting:

I, Randall M. Skigen, President of the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4, 2015

8:00 p.m.

Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Grants Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, Risk Management Fund, Marina Fund, WPCA Fund and Parking Fund, and WPCA Capital Budgets for the fiscal year 2015/2016, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 16, 2015, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith.

## **AGENDA**

INVOCATION: Led by Pastor Blaine Edele.

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

President Skigen appointed Representative Fedeli Temporary Clerk.

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Temporary Clerk of the Board Mary L. Fedeli, There were 36 members present and 4 members absent or excused (Reps. Caterbone, Heaphy, Reeder and Summerville). [See Vote Record 1698](#).

President Skigen wished Jim Hricay a happy birthday.

COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Jay Fountain, Chair, Fiscal Committee

Chair Fountain stated that the Committee had just received some OPEB adjustments as recommended by the actuaries, as follows, and these are incorporated into the final budget amounts:

EG Brennan Fund:	\$659 reduction
Grants Funded Programs Fund	\$4,349 reduction
Risk Management Fund	\$283 reduction
Marina Fund	\$218 reduction
Parking Fund	\$2,740 reduction
WPCA Fund	\$11,320 reduction
Board of Education	\$11,650 reduction
General Fund – City	\$114,770 reduction

Chair Fountain reviewed the Fiscal Committee's [recommended cuts](#) for the City's Education and Operating Budget below:

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Committee Action

\$200,000 – Board of Education	<b>APPROVED 8-2-0</b>
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## OPERATING BUDGET

\$20,000 – Employee Benefits, UAW Training – Tuition	<b>APPROVED 10-0-0</b>
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\$15,000 – Employee Benefits, UE Training – Tuition	<b>APPROVED 10-0-0</b>
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\$15,000 – Citywide Employee Benefits, Deferred Compensation	<b>APPROVED 10-0-0</b>
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\$10,000 – Citywide Employee Benefits, College Tuition	<b>APPROVED 8-2-10</b>
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\$30,000 – Citywide Utilities and Commodities, Telephone	<b>APPROVED 10-0-1</b>
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\$10,000 – Citywide Supplies, Laundry	<b>APPROVED 8-3-0</b>
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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.

Representative Buckman made a motion to cut Non-City Agencies, Cultural & Environmental, as follows: \$3,966 from the Stamford Museum & Nature Center; \$26,602 from the Ferguson Library; \$1,555 from the DSSD Ambassador Program and \$40,750 from the Mill River Collaborative. This motion was seconded.

Representative Zelinsky made a motion to divide this resolution, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 15-21-0 (Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, de la Cruz, DePina, Figueroa, Giordano, McGarry, McMullen, Mitchell, Moore, Okun, Ryan, Savage, Silver and Zelinsky in favor; and Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Fountain, Franzetti, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McNeil, Nabel, Pratt, Quinones, Skigen, Wallace and Watkins opposed). [See Vote Record 1699.](#)

Representative DeLuca made a motion to move the question, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 23-13-0 (Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Kooris, Mahoney, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Wallace and Watkins in favor; and Reps. Buckman, Cerasoli, Coppola, Franzetti, Giraldo, Kolenberg, McGarry, McMullen, Okun, Ryan, Silver, Skigen and Zelinsky opposed). [See Vote Record 1700.](#)

The main motion to cut Non-City Agencies, Cultural & Environmental, as follows: \$3,966 from the Stamford Museum & Nature Center; \$26,602 from the Ferguson Library; \$1,555 from the DSSD Ambassador Program and \$40,750 from the Mill River Collaborative was defeated by a vote of 3-31-0 (Reps. Buckman, McGarry and Savage in favor; Reps. Briscoe, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McMullen, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed). [See Vote Record 1701.](#)

Representative Franzetti made a motion to cut the Smith House Nursing Facility budget by \$17,865,952, which motion was seconded by Representative McMullen. Representative Fountain pointed out that the Board of Finance had cut this budget by \$200,000 and made a friendly amendment to change this motion to \$17,665,952, which amendment was accepted by Representative Franzetti and Representative McMullen. This motion failed by a vote of 3-30-2 (Reps. Franzetti, McMullen and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Skigen, Wallace and Watkins opposed; Reps. McGarry and Silver abstaining). [See Vote Record 1702.](#)

Representative Cerasoli made a motion to cut \$55,000 from Operations Administration/Full Time Salary, which motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 21-13-2 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Kolenberg, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, Nabel, Okun, Quinones, Ryan, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Buckman, Di Costanzo, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kooris, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Pratt, Savage, Silver and Skigen opposed; Reps. Briscoe and DePina abstaining). [See Vote Record 1703.](#)

Representative Zelinsky made a motion to cut \$568,934 from the Board of Education budget, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 4-26-3 (Reps. Mahoney, McMullen, Ryan and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Skigen, Wallace and Watkins opposed; Reps. Buckman, DePina and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1704.](#)

Representative Zelinsky made a motion to cut Non-City Agencies, Cultural & Environmental/DSSD Ambassadors by \$69,300, which motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 1-31-2 (Rep. Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Okun, Pratt,

Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace and Watkins opposed; Reps. DePina and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1705](#).

Representative Quinones made a motion to restore the \$200,000 cut by the Fiscal Committee from the Board of Education budget. This motion was seconded and defeated by a vote of 11-23-2 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Giraldo, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen and Wallace in favor; Reps. Briscoe, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McGarry, McMullen, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Ryan, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. DePina and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1706](#).

## RESOLUTIONS

- A motion to approve the [Operating Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$269,491,373 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-4-0 (Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Mahoney, McMullen and Ryan opposed). [See Vote Record 1707](#).
- A motion to approve the [Board of Education Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$255,113,422 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-1-2 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McGarry, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed; Reps. Briscoe and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1708](#).
- A motion was made to approve the [Special Funds Budget Resolution](#) in the amounts of:

\$1,412,646 – E.G. Brennan Fund  
\$9,917,524 – Grants Funded Programs Fund  
\$9,246,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund  
\$12,745,003 – Risk Management Fund  
\$367,916 – Marina Fund  
\$26,479,535 – WPCA Fund  
\$6,720,642 – Parking Fund

Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 31-0-3 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McMullen, McNeil, Mitchell, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Briscoe, Franzetti and Moore abstaining). [See Vote Record 1709](#).

## CAPITAL BUDGET

Chair Fountain stated that the Fiscal Committee's had made no recommended cuts to the City's Capital Budget which had been approved by the Committee 9-1-0.

Representative Coppola made a motion to cut \$200,000 from the Stamford Fire Department / Scofield Area Temporary Firehouse. Said motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 7-22-5 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, McMullen, McNeil and Okun in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Fountain, Franzetti, Giordano, Giraldo, Mahoney, McGarry, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Briscoe, Buckman, Day, Kolenberg and Kooris abstaining). [See Vote Record 1710.](#)

## **CAPITAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

- A motion to approve the [Capital Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$74,304,812, including an amount for general obligation bonds in the amount of \$64,809,212, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 30-4-1 (Reps. Adams, Briscoe, Buckman, Coleman, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McGarry, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, McMullen and Okun opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1711.](#)
- A motion to approve the [Capital Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$74,304,812, including an amount for general obligation bonds and/or revenue bonds in the amount of \$3,370,000 for water pollution control projects, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-0-2 (Reps. Adams, Buckman, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Kolenberg, Kooris, Mahoney, McMullen, McNeil, Mitchell, Moore, Nabel, Okun, Pratt, Quinones, Ryan, Savage, Silver, Skigen, Wallace, Watkins and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Briscoe and Franzetti abstaining). [See Vote Record 1712.](#)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Skigen adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.