

# **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 7:30 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 9, 2016

7:00 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, 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

<sup>1</sup> Representative 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.

<sup>2</sup>Representative 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](#).

<sup>3</sup>Representative 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](#).

<sup>4</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>5</sup>Chair 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

<sup>6</sup>Representative 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.](#)

<sup>7</sup>Representative 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.](#)

<sup>8</sup>Representative 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.](#)

<sup>9</sup>Representative 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.](#)

<sup>10</sup>A 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.

<sup>11</sup>A 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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<sup>12</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>13</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>14</sup>A 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

<sup>15</sup>Chair 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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<sup>16</sup>Representatives 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.

<sup>17</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>18</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>19</sup>A 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](#).

<sup>20</sup>A 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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