



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

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Saturday, April 30, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place to review the 2016-17 budget. Present were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Also present were President Skigen, Reps. Nabel and Zelinsky; and Jay Fountain, Lee Berta and David Villalva, OPM.

The following motions were made to reduce the following appropriations:

<b><u>Operating Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Cut</u></b>	<b><u>Committee Action</u></b>
Page 34 – OPM/Mail & Duplicating [Program Detail p. 11]	\$30,000 – Purchased Property Services [Program Detail line 4400 – Equipment Rental]	<b>MOTION WITHDRAWN</b>
Page 79 – Road Maintenance/Snow Removal [Program Detail – p. 33]	\$150,000 – Supplies [Program Detail line 6505 – Salt & Sand]	<b>APPROVED 6-5-0</b> (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Quinones in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell and Silver opposed.)
Page 196– Police Department / Police Administration [Program Detail p. 106]	\$10,000 –Purchased Professional Services [Program Detail line 3302 – Recruitment & Hiring]	<b>APPROVED 10-0-1</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)
Page 219 – Stamford Fire Department/Fire Training Center [Program Detail p. 124]	\$20,000 – Professional Development [Program Detail line 3201 – Education, Training & Cert]	<b>MOTION WITHDRAWN</b>

Page 258 – Human Resources <i>[Program Detail p. 161]</i>	\$10,000 – Purchased Professional Services <i>[Program Detail line 3302 – Recruitment &amp; Hiring]</i>	<b>APPROVED 8-3-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa and Silver in favor; Reps. Miller, Mitchell and Quinones opposed.)
Page 271 – Mayor’s Office <i>[Program Detail p. 170]</i>	\$2,000 – Other <i>[Program Detail line 8816 – Employee Recognition Program]</i>	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 272 – Mayor’s Office / Professional Organizations and Activities <i>[Program Detail p. 171]</i>	\$1,500 -- Supplies <i>[Program Detail line 8862 – Holiday Card Contest]</i>	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 280 – Government Services / Board of Ethics <i>[Program Detail p. 175]</i>	\$7,500 — Purchased Professional Services <i>[Program Detail line 8815 – Professional Legal Service]</i>	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 286 – Government Services / Registrar of Voters <i>[Program Detail p. 180]</i>	\$25,000 – Other <i>[Program Detail amended to line 8808 - Primary Expenses – Local]</i>  <i>(Original motion was to cut \$40,000 from line 8810, which motion was amended and seconded as amended)</i>	<b>APPROVED 9-1-1</b> (Reps. Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Di Costanzo opposed; Rep. Mitchell abstaining.)
Page 298– Non City Agencies/Community Centers	\$7,000 – Community & Cultural <i>[Program Detail line 8890 – Multicultural Council]</i>	<b>MOTION WITHDRAWN</b>
Page 300– Non City Agencies/Cultural & Environmental	\$20,000 – Community & Cultural <i>[Program Detail line 8891 – Old Town Hal Redevelopment]</i>	<b>NO SECOND TO MOTION</b>

Page 300– Non City Agencies/Cultural & Environmental	\$7,500 – Community & Cultural [Program Detail line 8919 – Community Arts Partnership]	<b>NO SECOND TO MOTION</b>
Page 300– Non City Agencies/Cultural & Environmental	\$5000 – Community & Cultural [Program Detail line 8921– Stamford Symphony]	<b>NO SECOND TO MOTION</b>
Page 300– Non City Agencies/Cultural & Environmental	\$8,000 – Community & Cultural [Program Detail line 8925 – Stamford Center for the Arts]	<b>NO SECOND TO MOTION</b>
Page 303 – Debt Service / Administration [Program Detail p. 191]	\$272,805 – Debt Service [Program Detail line 9006 - Transfer to Debt Service]	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 363 – Parking Fund/Transportation, Planning & Engineering / Parking [Program Detail p. 191]	\$100,000 – Other Salary,	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 382 – General Fund	\$350,000 – Citywide Full Time Salary, line 1100, Salaries	<b>FAILED 1-9-1</b> (Rep. Cerasoli in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining.)
Page 382 – General Fund	\$100,000 – Citywide Other Salary, line 1203, Seasonal	<b>FAILED 1-10-0</b> (Rep. Cerasoli in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.)
Page 382 – General Fund	\$25,000 – Citywide Employee Benefits, line 1505, Deferred Compensation	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)

Page 382 – General Fund	\$22,000 – Citywide Employee Benefits, line 2400, College Tuition	<b>FAILED 5-6-0</b> (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.)
Page 386 – General Fund	\$10,000 – Citywide Professional Development, line 3202, Conferences and Training  (Original motion was to cut \$20,000, which motion was amended and seconded as amended)	<b>FAILED 5-6-0</b> (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.)
Page 386 – General Fund	\$50,000 – Citywide Utilities and Commodities, line 5301, Telephone  (Original motion was to cut \$100,000, which motion was amended and seconded as amended)	<b>APPROVED 11-0-0</b> (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor.)
Page 386 – General Fund	\$20,000 – Citywide Supplies, line 5500, Copying & Printing	<b>APPROVED 7-4-0</b> (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Quinones and Silver in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller and Mitchell opposed.)
Page 386 – General Fund	\$17,000 – Citywide Supplies, line 6100, Office Supplies & Expenses	<b>FAILED 4-7-0</b> (Reps. Cerasoli, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.)
Page 385 – General Fund	\$20,000 – Citywide Purchased Property Services, line 6610, Software Maintenance	<b>FAILED 1-10-0</b> (Rep. Cerasoli in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.)

Page 387 – General Fund      \$21,000 – Citywide  
Supplies, line 6911,  
Housekeeping Supplies

**FAILED 1-10-0** (*Rep. Cerasoli in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed.*)

Total Cuts to the Operating Budget and Debt Service: \$673,805 (including the cut to the Parking Fund budget).

A motion to approve \$1,200,000 in cuts to the Board of Education Budget was made and seconded. After discussion this motion was amended to approve \$500,000 in cuts to the Board of Education Budget. Said motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 5-6-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed).

A motion to approve \$300,000 in cuts to the Board of Education Budget was made, seconded and failed by a vote of 5-6-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Figueroa in favor; Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver opposed).

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Board of Education Budget, in the amount of \$292,426,654, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor; Rep. Cerasoli opposed).

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the City Operating and Debt Service Budget, in the amount of \$530,334,020, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the E.G. Brennan Fund Budget, in the amount of \$1,355,939; the Grants Funded Program Fund, in the amount of \$10,387,340; the Police Extra Duty Fund in the amount of \$9,247,000; the Risk Management Fund, in the amount of \$13,795,993; the Marina Fund in the amount of \$370,012; the WPCA Fund, in the amount of \$25,838,165, the Parking Fund, in the amount of \$5,900,000 and the Harbor Management Commission Fund, in the amount of \$45,016, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Capital Budget, in the amount of \$77,586,740, made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Capital Budget (WPCA), in the amount of \$18,775, was made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

Chair Di Costanzo noted that all of the budget numbers are subject to verification by OPM.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

*This meeting is on video ([Part 1](#), [Part 2](#) and [Part 3](#))*