



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

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair      Frank Cerasoli, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, April 25, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Cerasoli and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver. Also present were Reps. McNeil, Moore, Ryan, Watkins and Zelinsky; Jay Fountain, Interim Director of OPM; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; and William Brink and Tyler Peterson, WPCA.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F29.410</a> \$738,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Award from the US Bureau of Justice Assistance for acquisition of body-worn cameras for police officers and development and implementation of a policy governing their use (\$338,000 grant with 1:1 match; \$262,000 for Bridgeport; \$138,000 AA (operating) request (see Item 2); Additional \$200,000 in FY16/17 budget). 04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/14/16 – Held by the Board of Finance	<b>Held in Committee</b>
2. <a href="#">F29.406</a> \$138,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); Appropriation from contingency for a portion of City's 50/50 share of project for acquisition of police body-worn cameras and implementation of use policy. 04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 04/14/16 – Held by the Board of Finance	<b>Held in Committee</b>

- <sup>1</sup>3. [F29.411](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$308,418.00      FY 2015 Homeland Security Grant Funds for  
equipment, training and maintenance of assets to  
enhance preparedness and response capabilities of  
First Responders throughout Fairfield County (100%  
grant funded) .  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/14/16 - Approved by the Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a Federal Homeland Security Grant passed through the State which Stamford administers for the 14 towns in Region 1 (lower Fairfield County). Stamford receives \$50,000 for administering this grant. A regional committee decides how the funds are allocated, which is done by discipline, rather than by town. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- <sup>2</sup>4. [F29.412](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$131,252.00      Pool Safety Grant from Consumer Product Safety  
Commission; funds used to train City Staff and  
Public Pool Operators, Enhance Pool Inspections  
and Provide Swim Lessons and Water Safety  
Training (100% grant funded).  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/14/16 – Approved by the Board of Finance

Ms. Cammarota stated that public health inspectors will inspect public pools and the YMCA will provide safety training and swim lessons as a subcontractor, and City staff will also provide safety training and swim lessons. There is no additional cost to the City. They are aiming to inspect 100 pools. Yerwood wasn't part of the original plan because it wasn't open at the time the grant was submitted, but the children at Yerwood might be able to participate in another program at the Y. The grant mandates that 50% of the funds be used for enforcement and 50% for education. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- <sup>3</sup>5. [F29.407](#)      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);      **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$3,226,917.00      Affordable Housing Zoning Initiative; Payment  
received from developer of the Atlantic Station  
North Tower; \$3,085, 223.50 for Metro Green III  
and \$141,693.50 deposited into fund.  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/12/16 - Approved by the [Planning Board](#)  
04/14/16 - Approved by the Board of Finance

*Secondary Committee: Housing, Community Development & Social Services - **Approved 4-0-0***

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Ms. Cammarota explained that this is the second of 2 allocations from the fee-in-lieu payments. In response to questions from the Committee and the Housing and Community Development Committee, she stated that:

- Of the \$3,226,917.00, \$3,085,223.50 will be used for Metro Green III and \$141,693.50 will be deposited into the fee-in-lieu account
- The Zoning Board approved this use of the funds. She is not aware if any other developer requested the funds.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

A motion to approve this item by the Housing, Community Development Committee was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-0-0 (Reps. Mitchell, McNeil, Moore and Watkins in favor).

- <sup>4</sup>6. [F29.408](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$1,069,380.27 Carriage Drive Area Sanitary Sewer Project; For non-sanitary sewer related costs associated with the project.  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/12/16 - Approved by the [Planning Board](#)  
04/14/16 - Approved by the Board of Finance

Mr. Brink stated that this includes non-sanitary sewer related costs, such as storm drains, catch basins, curbs. This is about 30% of the cost of the project, which is the City's share. Mr. Fountain explained that these costs have already been incurred and they are a reimbursement. They should not have been charged to the WPCA. In the future, the WPCA will reach an understanding with the City for these costs prior to the project. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

- <sup>5</sup>7. [F29.404](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 11-0-0**  
\$200,000.00 Environmental Compliance; Compliance with NPDES Permit and Administrative Order under the Clean Water Act; Order requires screening and monitoring at 700 stormwater discharge pipes and location of illicit discharges.  
03/09/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
03/14/16 – Held at Steering  
03/29/16 – Approved by the [Planning Board](#)  
04/14/16 – Approved by the Board of Finance

Mr. Peterson stated that the EPA located several areas where sanitary pollutants are being conveyed into the storm sewer system. The City identified about 15 areas that need to be investigated and, if necessary, remediated at a cost of \$10,000 each. This money can be recouped from the homeowner. The actual costs are variable, depending

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upon the situation. The \$200,000 is enough to get them started in response to the EPA order. The City's initial approach is to have the property owner repair the situation, but will take action if the property owner fails to do so within six months. This money will be coming from a closeout. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

8. [F29.409](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital budget for Fiscal Year 15-16 by adding an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Environmental Compliance Project and authorizing \$200,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City to meet said appropriation.  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Jay Fountain  
04/14/16 – [Approved](#) by the Board of Finance **Approved 11-0-0**

Mr. Fountain stated that there would be a closeout for this item in the near future. A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Miller, Mitchell, Quinones and Silver in favor).

9. [F29.413](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Held in Committee**  
\$3,000,000.00 Construction of Whittingham Discovery Center in Mill River Park (100% State grant funded).  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/12/16 - Approved by the [Planning Board](#)  
04/14/16 - Held by the Board of Finance

10. [F29.414](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Held in Committee**  
\$4,000,000.00 Mill River Improvements - Phase II; Completion of Phase II of Mill River Restoration Project (100% State grant funded).  
04/06/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
04/12/16 - Approved by the [Planning Board](#)  
04/14/16 - Held by the Board of Finance

*Secondary Committee: Land Use/Urban Redevelopment*

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).