



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, May 20, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard,
Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Nabel and Pendell. Absent or excused were Reps. Coleman, Fedeli, Jacobson and Pia. Also present were Jay Fountain, OPM; Clarence Zachery, Board of Education; Jim Travers and Frank Petise, Traffic, Transportation and Parking; Bekim Ukperaj, Robert Tyska and Michael Brisco, EG Brennan Golf Commission.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Invitee(s) or Designee(s)
The Committee first took up Item No. 5		
5. F30.188	REVIEW; FY2018-19 Third Quarter Projections 05/07/19 – Submitted by Jay Fountain	REPORT MADE

Mr. Fountain reviewed the [attached report](#) with the Committee:

- The City is currently reporting about a \$2 million excess of revenue over expenses, primarily due to an increase in building permit fee applications (possibly due to the grandfather clause in the fee increase resolution) and extra revenue from the State that was not anticipated
- Unfortunately, the schools are anticipating about a \$2.2 million shortfall and the City has about \$7.5 million in additional costs due to mold remediation
- The City is about \$1.9 million under budget for expenses
- For next year, the building permit applications are not expected to continue to be over budget next year and the State revenue is not expected to be under budget

1. [F30.149](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); **Approved By**
 \$201,840.00 To Board of Education Operating Budget from Board **Committee**
 of Education Energy Reserve Account to Assist with **6-0-0**
 Electricity Costs.
 03/13/19 – Submitted by Clarence Zachery
 03/14/19 – HELD by Board of Finance
 03/25/19 – No Action Taken
 04/11/19 – HELD by Board of Finance
04/29/19 – Held by Committee
 05/09/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. Zachery stated that the Board of Education would like to access the reserve account in order to cover increased electricity costs. This is purely rate driven, not utilization driven. He discussed this with the Committee as follows:

- Mr. Zachery does not have data on the usage reduction by the switch to LED lights. The vendor stated that but-for the switch, the overage would be higher. This was not the focus of the Board of Ed. The consultant stated that the overage was due to the capitalization.
- This will wipe out the reserve account.
- The bills and usage are reviewed by an analyst in the Engineering Department
- The Committee can put an item on the agenda for review about the difference due to the switch to LED lights at both schools and other buildings.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

2. [F30.151](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved By**
~~\$1,994,188.00~~ 000539; Operations; Traffic Engineering; Springdale **Committee**
 \$1,000,000.00 TOD implementation (Transit Oriented Design **6-0-0**
 Project) to Improve Pedestrian Safety, Access To
 Transit and Enhance Economic Development (State
 Grant funded).
 04/03/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 04/09/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 04/11/19 – Approved by Board of Finance (reduced
 amount)
04/29/19 – Held by Committee 8-0-0
3. [F30.186](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved By**
 \$994,188.00 000539; Operations; Traffic Engineering; Springdale **Committee**
 TOD implementation (Transit Oriented Design **6-0-0**
 Project) to Improve Pedestrian Safety, Access To
 Transit and Enhance Economic Development (State
 Grant funded) [remaining amount of F30.151].
 05/07/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
 04/09/19 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 05/09/19 – Approved by Board of Finance

The Committee considered Item Nos. 2 and 3 together. Chair Di Costanzo noted that the Committee had held Item 2 in anticipation of Item 3. Mr. Travers explained that this grant is based upon issues raised by the community. This TOD grant funder is the same funder as the original planning study. The application had a maximum amount of

\$2,000,000. There is no City match required. It will pay for the design and a reimbursement of a clerk of the works. The entire project will fall under the competitive bid process and will require input from the community (including commuters and the Springdale Neighborhood Association).

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

4. F30.187 \$75,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Operating Budget); EG Brennan; Money from Golf Cart Revenue to be appropriated to Hole in One Pro Shop. 05/06/19 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 05/09/19 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved By Committee 6-0-1
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The Committee discussed this item with Mr. Tyska Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Ukperaj:

- The funding source for this is golf course revenue, not operating revenue or contingency
- The City does not receive funding from the general fund
- In order to better protect the revenue, when the golf course did RFPs for the cart rental and pro shop, it was set up so that all revenue goes into the EGB revenue account and the money is then paid out from that account
- There are two parts – a fee per round, which was transferred from the seasonal labor account, and the cart money which is now paid out of the revenue account because there was no budget line for it in this year's budget
- Next year's budget does include line items for the 2019-20 year
- Due to the rain this Spring, EGB has lost 2 Sundays worth of revenue so far
- As discussed in budget hearings, the new fleet of carts provides lots of great new features and benefits for golfers and the course

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Figueroa, McMullen, Miller, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. Morson abstaining).

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).