



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

Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

Lindsey Miller, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Di Costanzo, Vice Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell. Absent was Rep. Coleman. Also present were Education Committee Member Reps. Cottrell and de la Cruz; Jennifer Calder, Director of Health; Karen Cammarota, Grants Officer; Mark McGrath, Director of Operations; Anthony McCray, Fleet Supervisor; David Yanik, Controller; and Jay Fountain, OPM Director.

Chair Di Costanzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invitee(s) or Designee(s)</b>
1. <a href="#">F30.286</a> \$2,144.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Health Risk Reduction/Office Supplies; Grant Award Higher than Expected (100% grant funded). 01/29/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 02/13/20 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 8-0-0</b>

Dr. Calder explained that the City had received this grant to address hypertension and was awarded more money than originally anticipated. A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

2. <a href="#">F30.287</a> \$5,414.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); STD Clinic Grant/Part Time; Grant Award Higher than Expected (100% grant funded). 01/27/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 02/13/20 – Approved by Board of Finance	<b>Approved 7-1-0</b>
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Dr. Calder explained that the City had received this grant to be used for the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and was awarded more money than originally anticipated. The clinic does distribute condoms, but no other birth control. A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. McMullen opposed).

3. [F30.290](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Approval and Filing with the Federal Transit Administration of a Title VI Program for the City of Stamford. **Approved 8-0-0**  
02/10/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that the City receives funding for the Transitway and for the Harbor Point Shuttle, and must comply with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI in order to receive this funding. A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

4. [F30.291](#) RESOLUTION; Endorsing And Authorizing A Proposal Under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program. **Approved 8-0-0**  
02/10/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin

Ms. Cammarota explained that this is a request from WestCOG. Each town in the COG must approve the application in order for WestCOG to receive the funding for its projects. The resolution does not bind the City to any activity. Ms. Cammarota will provide a list of which cities/towns are included. A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

5. [F30.288](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**  
\$131,856.77 C65200; Citywide Vehicle Replacement & Upgrade;  
Reduce Diesel Emissions by Replacing 4 1998 Class  
6 Utility Trucks with 2020 International Maxforce  
Vehicles.  
02/04/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
02/04/20 – Approved by Planning Board  
02/13/20 – Approved by Board of Finance

Mr. McGrath and Mr. McCray stated that this is a grant to replace vehicles nearing the end of their lives with lower emission vehicles. The 4 vehicles being replaced must be destroyed and sold for scrap under the terms of the grant. The grant covers 20% of the total cost of the vehicles; the remainder has already been budgeted. A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor).

6. [F30.285](#) REVIEW; FY 2018-19 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. **Report Made**  
01/08/20 – Submitted by David Yanik  
01/27/20 – Held in Committee

Mr. Yanik reviewed the [attached pages](#) of the CAFR with the Committee. In discussions with the Committee, he noted that the Police and Fire Pension Funds may invest in alternative investments, which have possibilities of greater risk and return than other investments. The returns of prior years are shown on page RSI-10.

7. [F30.274](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 6-1-1**  
 Not to Exceed Project 001213: BOE Long Term Facilities  
 \$250,000.00 Implementation; Appropriation in the Amount not to Exceed \$250,000 for Professional Services in Support of Drafting, Evaluating and Managing Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) and Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Private Partners to Design, Construct and Manage Public School Facilities.  
 01/03/20 – Submitted by Director Handler  
 01/14/20 – Held by Board of Representatives  
 01/21/20 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
 01/27/20 – Approved by Board of Finance  
 01/27/20 – Approved by Committee 6-2-1  
 02/03/20 – Held by Full Board

**Secondary Committee: Education (Failed 2-3-0 – 1/27/20)**

Committee members discussed this Item with Dr. Lucero. Points mentioned included the following:

- There are 5 schools currently in good shape, 5-6 schools in bad shape and the rest in the middle. The Board of Education will be working on developing a long term facilities plan for all of the properties
- Whether a master plan for the schools should be developed prior to this RFP
- It will take more than a year to determine what should be in a comprehensive plan
- This is a scenario to be examined
- Which schools will be the top 5 will be a determination by the Board of Education
- There is nothing in writing that these schools will be privatized for 45 years
- The firms that have been building schools have also been making profits
- Not examining this does a disservice to students and the City
- The Board is not committing to anything beyond the RFQ
- The City has come back with what was requested and the Board should find out the results of an investigation of feasibility
- This is not the credible alternative requested

A motion to approve Item No. 7 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-1-1 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson and Nabel in favor; Rep. Miller opposed and Rep. Pendell abstaining).

Secondary Committee, Education, did not have a quorum – voting 6:15p March 3, 2020

8. [F30.292](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 6-2-0**  
Not to Exceed 001214; BOE Long Term Facilities Implementation  
\$80,000.00 – Efficacy: Project Management Services to Evaluate the Efficacy and Potential Cost Savings of Utilizing Alternative Construction Methods, Including but not Limited to Permanent Prefabrication Building Techniques in New SPS Facility Construction.  
 02/10/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  
 02/13/20 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
 02/13/20 – Approved by Board of Finance

**Secondary Committee: Education**

Dr. Lucero stated that she worked on this and the following item, as well as development of the appropriation amounts, with Rep. Lee and the presidents of the Planning Board, the Board of Finance and the Board of Representatives. These RFQs were drafted to address the concerns previously raised by the Board. If this appropriation amount is not sufficient, she will ask for additional funds.

Committee members discussed this Item with Dr. Lucero. Points mentioned included the following:

- This is a general study and is not limited to P3
- This is not the stage of developing architectural and engineering documents
- This is not aggressive enough to address retaining control of the school buildings
- This is skewed toward P3
- This is an independent inquiry from the P3 inquiry
- This is about construction techniques
- This item, along with Item 9, will help the City understand the ways other communities handle these issues
- There are 3 pieces to this: how to build and what will it cost; how to maintain; and how to finance
- This is a way to get information and does not lock the City into anything
- Nothing moves forward without Board approval
- P3 has the greater risks, therefore this is a chance to flush out all of the issues
- Should be looking at lifetime costs, not just 45-90 years

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-2-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Reps. McMullen and Miller opposed).

Secondary Committee, Education, did not have a quorum – voting 6:15p March 3, 2020

<p>9. <a href="#">F30.293</a>  <u>Not to Exceed</u>  <u>\$80,000.00</u></p>	<p>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);  001215; BOE Long Term Facilities Implementation  – Assessment and Comparison: Project  Management Services to Include an Assessment  and Comparison of Stamford’s Construction and  Maintenance Performance Relative to Other  Surrounding School Districts; Work to Include  Development of Short and Long-Range Facilities  Plan for SPS..  02/10/20 – Submitted by Mayor Martin  02/13/20 – Approved by <a href="#">Planning Board</a>  02/13/20 – Approved by Board of Finance</p>	<p><b>Approved 7-1-0</b></p>
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**Secondary Committee: Education**

Committee members discussed this Item with Dr. Lucero. Points mentioned included the following:

- This will be an invaluable source of information
- The City should have been getting this information all along; it has as to labor costs
- This is not a sufficient appropriation and is a poorly funded response to the Board’s requests

- The City would have to come back to the Boards for next steps; these are only RFQs
- Items 8 and 9 are assessments; they City would have to come back to the Boards with the information gathered
- It is important for the Board of Representatives to take the first step; if additional funding is needed the Administration can request more
- The City should do an independent facilities assessment, as was done in 2009
- More current information on all SPS facilities is on the [Asset Management Group webpage](#)

A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-1-0 (Reps. Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, McMullen, Morson, Nabel and Pendell in favor; Rep. Miller opposed).

Secondary Committee, Education, did not have a quorum – voting 6:15p March 3, 2020

10. [F30.289](#)                      REVIEW; FY 2019-20 Second Quarter Projections                      **Report Made**  
02/04/20 – Submitted by Jay Fountain

Mr. Fountain reviewed the attached draft memo with the Committee. The final report will be contained in the Budget materials.

Chair Di Costanzo adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monica Di Costanzo, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).