



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 26, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Rep. Morson. . In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Coleman, Garst, Goldberg, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Figueroa. Also present in person was Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Summerville, and Matheny; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Carmen Hughes, Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Lou Casolo; and Elda Sinani, Director of OPM.

Co-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. F31.227 \$77,553.17	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Special Revenue - Local Sales Tax; Use of First Traunch of Local Sales Tax Revenue from Cannabis Retailers to Support Local Capital Improvements Related to Climate Resiliency and Green Infrastructure; Includes Portion of Salary for Grants Accounts Analyst (Source of Funds: Sales Tax Revenue) 05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 8-0-0

Ms. Carpenter explained that the majority of the funding from cannabis revenue is in the FY 23-24 budget. These funds were received prior to the end of FY 22-23. These funds will be used for a special project for climate resiliency. The Administration will come back to the Board when it receives the funding for this project, but this approves these funds so that they are available for use.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

2. [F31.229](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
 \$15,000.00 Award to Office of IDEAS for Paid Internship from
 State of CT Aging and Disability Services (100%
 Grant Funded).
 05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Hughes explained that Ms. Hughes was able to secure grant funding for a paid internship. The funding will actually give 130% of the grant funds in order to also provide assistive devices for the intern to use. This is a training program so that the intern would be able to apply for open positions in the City.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

3. [F31.230](#) RESOLUTION; Related to the Application for **Approved 8-0-0**
 the Springdale Elementary Energy Efficiency
 Windows Replacement and Masonry Repair
 Project.
 05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons

Ms. Carpenter explained that these funds are already in the capital budget, but the State requires a resolution from the governing body approving the application of and authorizing the funds for the project.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

4. [F31.232](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **WITHDRAWN**
 \$1,595,520.00 CP0231; Citywide Dredging; Funds for Additional
 Dredging of Cove Marina and Channel (Source of
 Funds: 100% State Grant).
 05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 05/23/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0
06/26/23 – WITHDRAWN

5. [F31.233](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 8-0-0**
 \$197,427.29 CP0234CP3348; Cummings Marina; Funding
 Assistance for Engineering Designs and Regulatory
 Permitting of Replacement for Cummings Marina
 (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant).
 05/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
 05/23/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
 06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Casolo explained that this is a grant from the Small Harbor Improvements Project (“SHIP”) to fund the design and permitting of the Cummings Park Marina in anticipation of the preparation of bid documents. Mr. Romano explained that the amount of the project in the agreement is different from the appropriation because there were grant funds previously approved which will be used for this project.

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

6. [F31.234](#) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); **Approved 9-0-0**
\$20,000.00 001345; Harbor Boat Lodge; Stamford Harbor
Feasibility; Evaluation of 3 Sites for a Public Boat
Launch in Stamford Harbor (Source of Funds: 100%
State Grant).
05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
05/23/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)
06/08/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Casolo explained that this is a SHIP initiative to perform a feasibility study for an additional boat ramp in Stamford Harbor. This was initiated by the Harbor Commission.

A motion to approve Item No. 6 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Coleman, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

7. [F31.235](#) REVIEW; FY2022-23 Third Quarter Projections **Report Made**
06/07/23 – Submitted by Elda Sinani

Ms. Sinani reviewed the [attached report](#) with the Committee. She will present the 4th quarter report in a month or two.

8. F31.236 REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation **Held 9-0-0**
of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax
Purposes and Comparison of Actual Sale Amounts
Versus Appraised Value Amounts for the Last 10
Years.
06/07/23 – Submitted by Reps. de la Cruz,
Sherwood, Patterson, Bewkes, Stella, Watkins,
Garst, and Figueroa

A motion to hold Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote (Reps. Miller, Boeger, Coleman, Garst, Goldberg, Morson, Pierre-Louis, Shaw, and Tomas in favor).

Co-Chair Boeger noted that the Committee would be looking at the concerns raised by the auditors during the last Board of Finance meeting regarding to shortfalls identified as to the City's financial reporting.

Co-Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).