



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

Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

Lindsey Miller, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** *This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and also by computer.*

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance in person were Co-Chair Miller and Committee Member Reps. Fedeli and Morson. In attendance remotely were Co-Chair Boeger and Committee Member Reps. Figueroa, Garst, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw. Excused were Reps. Goldberg and Tomas. Also present in person was Anthony Romano, OPM. Also present remotely were Reps. Adams, Berns, Bewkes, de la Cruz, Summerville, and David Watkins; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer, Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Director of Health; Greg Stackpole, City Assessor; Bridget Fox, Chief of Staff; Matthew Quinones, Director of Operations; Ben Barnes, Director of Administration; Tom Cassone, Corporation Counsel; and Frank Petise and Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Traffic & Parking Bureau.

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

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">F31.265</a> \$5,888.90	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Emergency Management Performance Grant to Support Costs Related to All-Hazards Emergency Management. Funding for FY24 was increased by \$5,888.90 for a total federal award of \$71,300.90. The City is matching \$64,819.00 and the State is providing \$6,481.90 in in-kind match. The total project award is \$142,601.80., [Source of Funds: 50% Federal Grant; 50% City Match]. 07/31/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 7-0-1

Ms. Carpenter stated that this item was budgeted. This appropriation conforms the amount to the actual award.

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor; Rep. Morson abstaining).

2. [F31.266](#)  
\$1,500,000.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Approved 8-0-0  
ARPA-CSFRF; Grant to Prevent, Prepare for,  
Respond and Recover from the Coronavirus  
Pandemic; Funding will be Used Primarily for  
Operational or Direct Service Related Activities as  
Follows: Veteran's Resource Center- \$200,000;  
Technology/Equipment for Permitting - \$50,000;  
Building One Community- \$250,000; Ferguson  
Library- \$250,000; Stamford Athletic Fields-  
\$200,000; Homeless Warming Centers -  
\$225,000; Neighborhood Playgrounds - \$200,000;  
Early Childhood - \$125,000. [Source Of Funds:  
100% Federal Grant].  
09/01/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Ms. Carpenter stated that this is an allocation of ARPA funding directly from the State with direction as to where the State wants the funding to go. This has nothing to do with the allocation of the City's ARPA funding. These are new funds for the athletic fields. The funds for Building One Community, the Veteran's Resource Center, the Ferguson Library, and Homeless Warming Centers are intended to provide operating support for the non-profits due to funds lost during covid. The Technology/Equipment for Permitting funds are to streamline the process for residents to come in and access permitting through a machine. Neighborhood Playgrounds and Early Childhood are meant to support low income communities. The playgrounds have not yet been determined.

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

3. [F31.268](#)

RESOLUTION; Amending Resolution No. 4232 Approved 8-0-0  
Regarding the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year  
2022-2023 Appropriation and Bond Authorization  
for the Davenport School Roof Renovation Project  
and Authorizing \$3,383,138 General Obligation  
Bonds of the City to Meet Said Appropriation and  
for School Construction Grant.  
09/11/23 - Submitted by Anita Carpenter

Ms. Carpenter stated that the Board has already approved the budget for this project. When the resolution was approved, it only covered the additional capital. This is a corrected resolution conforming to the total budget.

A motion to approve Item No. 3 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

4. [F31.248](#)                                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);      Approved 8-0-0  
\$2,000,000.00                                      CP0114; Street Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade;  
Per DOE Pending Grant Award Letter; Additional  
Appropriation to Show City’s Commitment to  
Project Prior to the Grant Award [Source of  
Funds: \$1,000,000 Bond (City), \$1,000,000  
Federal Grant]  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/07/23 – Approved by Planning Board  
08/10/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering

Mr. Casolo explained that this funding of \$2 Million City and \$2 Million federal grant was requested through the budget process and reduced to \$1 Million City and \$2 Million federal grant. After the receiving the grant application, the DOE requires a \$4 Million authorization. This appropriation requests that additional appropriation.

A motion to approve Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

5. [F31.247](#)                                      RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for      Approved 8-0-0  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an  
Appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Street Lighting  
Infrastructure Project and Authorizing \$1,000,000  
General Obligation Bonds of the City to Meet Said  
Appropriation  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to approve Item No. 5 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

6. [F31.252](#)                                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);      Recommended to  
\$860,565.20                                      001348: EV Infrastructure Grant; Purchase and      Steering 8-0-0  
Installation of 20 Dual-Port Level 2 Chargers and  
2 Dual-Port DC Fast Chargers to be Located at  
Stamford Government Center [Source of Funds:  
\$559,367.38 State Grant; \$301,197.82 Bond  
(City)]  
08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
08/07/23 – Approved by Planning Board  
08/10/23 – Held by Board of Finance  
08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
09/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to recommit Item No. 6 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

7. [F31.251](#) RESOLUTION; Amending the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Adding an Appropriation of \$860,565.20 for the EV Infrastructure Grant Project and Authorizing \$301,197.82 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation  
 08/03/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 08/14/23 – Held at Steering  
 09/14/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0

A motion to recommit Item No. 7 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

8. [F31.263](#) \$162,480.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP56174; Citywide Signals; Balance of Zoning Contribution from the Development at 100 Tresser Blvd for the Replacement of the Traffic Signal at Washington and Tresser Boulevards [Source of Funds: 100% Private Contributions].  
 07/24/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 08/29/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
 09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise explained that this is the balance of the Zoning Board requirement from the Smith to replace the traffic signal at Washington and Tresser. The work is currently underway.

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

9. [F31.264](#) \$563,212.00 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget); CP1461; South End Transportation Improvement Plan; Transform Pacific Street into a Complete Street by Adding a New Raised Crosswalk, a Raised Intersection, and Several Bump Outs to Slow Traffic, Increase Pedestrian Safety, and Expand Sidewalk Space [Source of Funds: 100% State Grant].  
 07/28/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
 08/29/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
 09/14/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0

Mr. Petise explained that this is project to transform Pacific Street into a complete street. The City will be replacing sidewalks, adding pedestrian lighting, doing a raised intersection, and a raised crosswalk .

A motion to approve Item No. 9 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

10. [F31.228](#)  
\$68,755.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Approved 8-0-0  
EPA Air Quality; 31 Month Air Quality Monitoring  
Grant from the EPA; Program will focus on NO<sub>2</sub>,  
Particulate Matter and Ozone (Source of Funds:  
100% grant funded).  
05/30/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
06/08/23 – Held by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
06/12/23 – Held at Steering  
07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0  
08/07/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
08/28/23 – Approved by Committee 10-0-0  
09/05/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board

***As a Secondary Committee: Public Safety & Health***

Committee members discussed Item No. 10 with the invited guests.

The Board had recommitted this in order to explore expanding the grant. A letter was sent by some members of the Board to the administration requesting more funding.

Ms. Carpenter stated that this is an EPA grant. Once an award is received the likelihood of changing the scope or getting increased funding is very slim. She reached out to the EPA and was informed that there is no more funding available at this time for this grant. The EPA will entertain an increase in scope but will not entertain an increase in funding. The EPA will work with the City for funding for other neighborhoods in addition to this award but this award relates solely to the 2 neighborhoods.

The City takes air quality monitoring seriously and is committed to addressing pollutants in the future. This grant is a step in the right direction. The City can accept this grant and use it as a springboard to apply for other grants.

Typically grants need to be approved within 45 -60 days. The City is behind the eight ball with the EPA to get this approved.

The monitors have not yet been purchased and any monitors would need to be obtained through competitive bid. Built into the grant is technical support to ensure compliance.

A motion to approve Item No. 10 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

11. [F31.241](#)                      ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Capital Budget);    Approved 8-0-0  
 \$210,750.00                      Resiliency and Climate Adaptation  
    Implementation; Identify Actionable Next Steps  
    and Potential Funding Mechanisms; Includes  
    West Side, Waterside and Downtown  
    Neighborhoods; GIS-based Tree Inventories will  
    be Included (Source of Funds: 100% State Grant).  
    07/06/23 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  
    06/27/23 – Approved by [Planning Board](#)  
    07/13/23 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0  
    07/24/23 – Approved by Committee 9-0-0  
    08/07/23 – Recommitted to Steering by Full Board  
    08/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by  
    Committee 10-0-0

Ms. Carpenter stated that this grant permits the City to move forward with climate resiliency work. This grant includes a tree inventory for West Side, Waterside and Downtown Neighborhoods on City property. If the description of this item is to be changed to reflect the scope of the project, that should probably come from the Administration.

A motion to approve Item No. 11 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

12. [F31.236](#)                      REVIEW: Methodology for Establishing Valuation    Recommitted to  
    of Commercial Properties for Real Estate Tax    Steering 8-0-0  
    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,  
    Tomas, and Figueroa  
    06/26/23 – Held by Committee 9-0-0  
    07/24/23 – Recommitted to Steering 9-0-0  
    08/28/23 – Recommitted to Steering by  
    Committee 10-0-0

13. [F31.267](#)                      REVIEW; Legal Fees Related to Charter Revision    Recommitted to  
    Commission.    Steering 8-0-0  
    08/14/23 Submitted by Reps. Goldberg and Miller

A motion to recommit Item Nos. 11 and 12 to Steering was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Boeger, Miller, Fedeli, Figueroa, Garst, Morson, Pierre-Louis; and Shaw in favor).

Co Chair Boeger adjourned the meeting at 8:11p p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Sean Boeger, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)